

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2018 in Shipham Village hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors I Shaw (in the Chair), K Chalk, M Fiske-Jackson, C Riches, S Leader, P Tratt , P Downing and the clerk Peake.

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Adams, M Watson, J Popham, N Bisdee, J Savage and D Hill

There was one parishioner in attendance

205/17 **Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Downing declared an interest in the Planning Application items.

206/17 **Parishioners Discussion time**

The parishioner in attendance was happy to comment on the agenda item 220/17 further down the agenda

207/17 **Previous Minutes of meeting held on 15th January 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018 having been proposed by Cllr Downing and seconded by Cllr Leader they were declared correct and signed by the Chair

208/17 **Matters Arising from 15th January 2018**

The meeting noted that concerns raised by neighbours regarding the licence application for the Cider Shed had been addressed by the applicants to neighbours satisfaction. The hearing on this application had been cancelled as the Parish Council had agreed to withdraw their objections via e-mail.

209/17 **Finance**

- (i) The following accounts, having previously been circulated were proposed by Cllr Riches, seconded by Cllr Downing and unanimously approved:

Clerk wages	£314.01
Office costs	£15.00
Information Commissioner	£35.00

The clerk reported bank account stood at £23453.82

210/17 **Open Spaces**

It was noted that a fallen tree on a footpath in Rowberrow has been/will be removed by Cllr Bisdee.

211/17

Highways

(i) **To consider repairing the Somerset fingerposts**

A quote was received from Forgecraft for £380.00 plus VAT for each post. Cllr Leader proposed acceptance of this quote, seconded by Cllr Fiske-Jackson and unanimously approved.

(ii) **To consider costings sharing Speed Indicator Devices with other councils.**

Clerk reported that a number of parish councils along the A371 were proposing to share a SID. Council instructed clerk to contact these councils to see if this could extend to Shipham.

Clerk had requested the possibility of discreet SIDs from the Highways manager. Clerk to contact SCCllr Taylor and MP to progress this.

212/17

Burial Ground

(i) **Cemetery extension**

Work has almost been completed and the new part can now be used. Burials etc to begin closest to the new part next to the wall. Members agreed to supply more trees as per the budget. The clerk had received a request for a plaque to be put up in the cemetery but this will not be possible unless a plot is purchased although there maybe scope for a memorial tree to be planted. The Burial Ground regulations will be looked at to ensure that it covers most eventualities.

213/17

Planning

Cllr Downing reported that Chinslade had been refused permission at Development Committee

The new e-consultation arrangements will be introduced in April and paper plans will no longer be sent to parishes. The Village Hall Trust have kindly agreed to hire out their projector to the Council. Clerk will circulate a training document for accessing the planning applications on line and if there are any problems, to request a visit from planning officers.

214/17

Sedgemoor District Council Q & A

The Budget should be set at an extra £5.00 per year on Band B property by SDC at Full council this week.

There is a recommendation for the Inland Drainage Board to be placed in a separate category for funding.

SDC are looking to increase finances by going into commercial property investment

SDC planning department has come joint first in handling major applications. There are around 3,000 people now being employed at Hinkley Point and £2bn+ has already been spent.

A question was raised about the proposed development at Churchill and if North Somerset and Somerset have links for consultation and information but the answer is only informally.

Cluster group is on 6th March

215/17

Chairmans and clerk report

The Chair asked if anyone would like to attend the Axbridge Civic ceremony on Sunday and Cllr Fiske-Jackson may be able to do so.

216/17

Incident log

A car was stolen from Barnpool

217/17

Miners.

Clerk to contact planning enforcement again.

218/17

To discuss the library consultation

There is a consultation out regarding Cheddar library with three proposals for a way forward for the library. Council to promote as far as possible via website, newsletter and notices on noticeboards.

219/17

To discuss the provision of dog mess bins

A request had come in from the village environmental action group for extra dog bins to be placed in Lippiatt Lane. Cllr Riches has carried out a comprehensive survey of problem dog mess areas to ascertain if this is the best place for a bin. Overall the problem has improved somewhat compared to previous observations. Council will continue to monitor the situation. Meeting noted that it was around £160.00 for a bin and about £170.00 per year. Members thanked the parishioner for bringing the problem to the council attention. The Action group is lobbying to reduce plastic and generally tidy up the village and has already carried out litter picks.

220/17

Matters of report and Future Business

Clerk reported that under new legislation there will be a requirement for a Data Protection Officer by 23rd May. However both SALC and SLCC will come up with some proposals as soon as possible. Clerk does not wish to take on this responsibility.

The Annual parish meeting will hopefully be held in May and clerk to ask Cllr Taylor, the MP and the Highways member of SCC

The next meeting is on 19th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed:

Date: 19th March 2018