

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2018 in Shipham Village hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors I Shaw (in the Chair), P Tratt, J Popham, C Riches, K Chalk, N Bisdee, S Adams and the clerk S Peake.

Apologies were received from Clls P Downing, S Leader, M Watson and J Savage

There were 38 parishioners in attendance who left (apart from 2 after) the planning item

70/18 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Bisdee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning item being the partner of an employee of the applicant and took no part in the discussion.

71/18 Parishioners Discussion time

Nothing to raise not already on the agenda

72/18 Previous Minutes of meeting held on 16th July 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018 having been proposed by Cllr Riches and seconded by Cllr Bisdee they were declared correct and signed by the Chair

73/18 Matters Arising from 16th July 2018

(i) Quote has been obtained from Colin Jones for the doors on the burial ground store of either £1440.00 (soft wood)or £1620.00 (hard wood)plus VAT

(ii) The flower tubs at Templars Way will be looked after by a resident

74/18 Planning:

To Consider the following application:

44/18/00010/DT: Erection of an office building with seminar and staff facilities, car parking and associated engineering works on Land to the South of, Lippiatt Lane, Shipham, Winscombe, Somerset, BS25 for Friends for Pets Ltd.

A number of points among others were made by the applicant:

- No plans to develop the site further
- Any large scale development would be refused by Highways
- Only up to 3 extra cars would be visiting the site on any given day

- Flexible jobs created for local people to walk or cycle to
- 7m of hedge to be removed but 40m to be planted
- Immediately adjoins the development boundary
- Environmental health advice followed for waste
- No extra light pollution with just a small light on the outside to be turned off at the end of the working day.

A number of points(among others) were made by objectors:

- Proposal in AONB against SDC policy guidelines
- No proven need for the business to be in this location in Shipham and detrimental to countryside tourism
- Commercial development would result in loss of tranquillity of area
- Increased traffic would have a negative effect on local residents and there would not be enough parking spaces
- Visibility splay inadequate and no pedestrian access to site
- Change of use from agricultural to business would pave the way for further development
- Concerns about the possible future increase in business
- Questions about the removal and disposal of waste

Council discussed the matter at length. Cllr Riches proposed to object to the application, seconded by Cllr Tratt and carried by 4 votes. The objections are made on the following grounds:

- Proposal outside the village development boundary
- Proposal in the AONB
- Increase in traffic and in particular at the Lippiatte Lane/Rowberrow Lane crossroads
- Concerns regarding the change of use of the field

Clerk to add the relevant policies in responding to planning and that a site visit was recommended

Council requested the clerk contact planning regarding the Miners Arms application

75/18 Finance

- (i) The following accounts, having previously been circulated were proposed to be paid by Cllr Adams seconded by Cllr Chalk and unanimously approved:

Clerk wages	£448.39
Office costs	£21.00
Colin Busby	£90.00
Charlie Riches	£125.00
S.D.C Legal work	£786.00
Jay Sparrowhawk (Burial Ground path fence)	£800.00
Simon Leader (Burial Ground)	£265.00

The clerk reported bank account stood at £24312.41 as at 31st August

76/18

Open Spaces

(i) Three wells area

Council to meet at 7.00 p.m. before next meeting on 15th October to discuss way forward

(ii) Rowberrow Cemetery

A parishioner in Rowberrow has very kindly said that she would be happy to look after this area. She intended to create a herb garden with raised beds and a seating area for people to sit. Council expressed their thanks.

(iii) Footpath off Cuck Hill

Council noted that steps had been cut into the narrow track off Cuck Hill which is rather dangerous. Cllr Watson has been chasing this up particularly as the stile on the footpath on the opposite side of the road has not been fixed

77/18

Highways

(i) Street nameplate signs

Clerk advised SDC are responsible for street name signs. They will fix ones that need fixing but will not clean them. Chair suggested an "adopt a sign" type scheme through the newsletter with a link to reporting those signs which need fixing.

78/18

Burial Ground

(i) To consider marking out grave plots

Clerk reported that this cost more than anticipated and will also involve some markings on the walls in order to make a straight line. Council agreed for the first two rows to be marked out.

(ii) More quotes will be required for replacing the Burial Ground store door.

(iii) Clerk advised Mr Foord had been interred

79/18

Sedgemoor District Council Q & A

Council noted that SCC were in a parlous financial state and would be interested to know if SDC have an impact statement on the lack of funds.

80/18

Chairmans and clerk report

Chair noted the success of the Tour of Britain coming through Shipham A Quarry liaison meeting had taken place attended by Cllr Tratt. The quarry application has been approved but the S106 has still not been agreed. There is a further problem with an application for a footpath to be upgraded to a bridleway.

The lorry reported through the village was investigated and found to be a local company

81/18

Incident log

A car parked outside Rowberrow Church was broken into and a handbag taken.

82/18

Miners

Discussed in the earlier planning item.

83/18

To Co-opt a new parish councillor

No applications received as yet so deferred.

Council noted that with the financial problems in Somerset more may be taken on by the Parish councils

84/18

Matters of report and Future Business

Parking problems in the village to be raised
Budget .

The next meeting is on 15th October 2018
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed:

Date: 15th October 2018