

SHIPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 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, S Leader, P Downing, and the clerk S Peake.

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Watson and J Savage

There were 9 parishioners in attendance

85/18 **Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Leader declared a previously declared pecuniary interest in item 90/18 (ii).
Cllr Downing declared a personal interest in the planning item

86/18 **Parishioners Discussion time**

The following concerns regarding the offer to maintain and develop the old Rowberrow cemetery were raised by a parishioner:

- Importation of top soil and tree removal
- Encouraging public access
- No legal safeguards

Chair advised that the offer to look after the plot had been withdrawn

87/18 **Previous Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2018 having been proposed by Cllr Tratt and seconded by Cllr Adams they were declared correct and signed by the Chair

88/18 **Matters Arising from 17th September 2018**

- (i) Clerk advised that the planners were clarifying justification and seeking additional details for the Miners Arms application.

Cllr Downing left the room

89/18 **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.

Council noted the applicants amendments which were made in response to planning officers recommendations including a change of design, parking/turning tweaked and lighting changes.

However, the Council objections had not been addressed and Council resolved to reiterate objections with the condition that should the application be passed, seminars should be restricted to 24 days a year to mitigate the increased traffic movements.

The Chair will also contact development management because mistakes in the Landscape officers reply have not yet been addressed.

Cllr Downing returned to the meeting

90/18 Finance

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

Clerk wages	£256.22
Office costs	£12.00
Postage	£7.63
DJ Dors (Burial Ground)	£729.89
British Legion (wreaths)	£70.00
Shipham Village Hall Trust	£72.00
Charlie Riches (plants)	£32.00

Cllr Leader left the meeting

- (ii) The following account, having previously been circulated was proposed to be paid by Cllr Popham seconded by Cllr Chalk and unanimously approved:

Simon Leader (Burial Ground)	£130.00
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Cllr Leader rejoined the meeting

The clerk reported bank account stood at £28786.79 as at 30th September

(iii) To consider the budget for 2019-20

Cllr Popham and the clerk have made a start on potential expenditure next year and Cllrs Riches, Shaw, Chalk and Popham will meet with a view to finalising for the next meeting

91/18

Open Spaces

(i) To consider landscape management of the Three Wells area

Councillors had a look at the area which is a bit overgrown and needs some management by pruning some branches. The plaque has ivy

growing over it. Cllr Bisdee agreed to run the topper over it and then Cllr Watson and the tree expert Paul Fountain to have a look if any further work will be needed

(ii) To consider parishioner objections to the tending of the Rowberrow cemetery

Council emphasised that this area is not Parish owned but have lightly maintained it over the years as and when needed. Council felt that this was probably the best way forward. Parishioner noted that work would be needed on trees there and will ask a tree surgeon for a quote. Cllr Bisdee reported that efforts had been made in the past to establish ownership but to no avail.

92/18

Highways

(i) Parking problems in the village.

This had been raised by a parishioner and duly noted by Council. However other than encouraging people to park responsibly and neighbourly the Parish Council have no powers to enforce parking and particular problems should be passed onto the police or Highways.

Council noted that the police motorbike mobile speed camera has been out and cut back some vegetation.

93/18

Burial Ground

(i) To consider the request to place a memorial bench in the new cemetery area

Council resolved to allow a memorial bench but to be placed nearer the path in the new part of the cemetery. Clerk to contact applicants to advise make of bench, positioning and base needed.

(ii) To consider banning the use of certain materials in the Burial Ground

There is a huge problem with the mess made following funerals and placing of flowers on graves as the elements scatter oasis and plastic. Cllr Riches continually clears it up and the green bin is always inappropriately used for plastic. Council resolved to ask funeral directors and florists for any possible solutions and to add to the burial conditions.

Cllr Leader suggested that the maintenance of the new cemetery plots be taken over by DJ Dors and agreed

Cllr Leader suggested replacing the beech hedges that suffered in the summer by 2 or 3 every year to reduce loss of new plants. Council extended thanks to Cllrs Leader and Riches for watering the beech trees.

Another quote was obtained for the replacement of the cemetery doors from Dave Peake for £1080 for hardwood doors. Cllr Chalk proposed acceptance of this quote, seconded by Cllr Leader and carried.

There is a missing tile on the burial ground store and a hornets nest.

94/18

Sedgemoor District Council Q & A

Cllr Downing advised the following

- The Sedgemoor Local Plan should be passed in the next couple of months.
- Cheddar PC Neighbourhood Plan was due to be discussed at Sedgemoor this week.
- There has been much debate concerning the finances of Somerset County Council but nothing has been resolved
- There is no further movement on the problem of the Magic roundabout and Cllr Tratt advised the quarry were looking into the possibility of using the Aggregate Levy

95/18

Chairmans and clerk report

Chairman advised that new lights may be needed on the Christmas Tree this year.

There is a church service followed by a lunch for Remembrance Day on 11th November organised by the Cllr Shaw, Jill Smith and Justin Vallance

Clerk advised that the Development management committee was meeting on 23rd October to discuss planning application 44/18/00010.

96/18

Incident log

Nothing to add

97/18

Miners

Covered under matters arising

98/18

To Co-opt a new parish councillor

Mr Andrews gave a short précis regarding his application

99/18

Matters of report and Future Business

Council requested clerk to contact PCSO's to attend a Council meeting

The next meeting is on 19th November 2018

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed:

Date: 19th November 2018