

**(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)**

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

**Present:** Cllrs I Shaw ( in the chair), S Leader, N Bisdee, J Popham, M Watson, C Riches, K Chalk, P Tratt, H Andrews and the clerk S Peake

**Also present:** Cllr Taylor during item 106/18

**Apologies:** Cllrs P Downing, S Adams, J Savage

There were 9 parishioners present

- 100/18 To co-opt a new councillor**  
Harry Andrews was nominated to be co-opted as councillor by Cllr Riches , seconded by Cllr Watson and carried. Cllr Andrews signed the declaration of office.
- 101/18 Introduction of PCSO Beth Harrington**  
Beth advised the meeting that the biggest crime problem in the area at the moment has been vehicle break-ins. She gave some advice as to how to protect vehicles including locking them, not leaving the keys in, not leaving bags visible, not leaving obvious evidence of sat-nav and gave some posters and her contact details to the Council. School patrols were to be started up again and the chair advised that there was a problem with speeding vehicles at school time. Beth also indicated that there was no Traffic Regulation Order on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school.  
Beth was also advised that boy racers were travelling through the village .  
The beat surgeries were starting up again.
- 102/18 Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Leader declared a previously disclosed pecuniary interest in item no 107/18 (ii)
- 103/18 Parishioners Discussion Time**  
A parishioner thanked the Council and in particular the chair for all the hard work that had gone into objecting to a recent planning application
- 104/18. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 having been proposed by Cllr Tratt and seconded by Cllr Popham were declared correct and signed by the Chair
- 105/18 Matters Arising from Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

106/18

**Planning:**

**(i) To consider the implications of planning decision of 44/18/0010**

A number of issues arose from the recent planning application as follows:

- Historically, applications had been turned down due to being in the AONB/outside the village development boundary but this has not happened in this case
- No guidance as to the balance between employment opportunities and protection of the AONB
- Balancing the Core Strategy and the Local Development Plan is unclear
- Why the AONB did not object and whether the information that was requested was received
- The way forward given that the parameters appear to have changed.

The meeting was advised by a parishioner that preliminary legal advice indicated that a Judicial Review would possibly be successful. Council noted that the Planning Officer from the AONB will attend the January meeting and will invite a planning officer from SDC to attend. Cllr Taylor introduced himself as Chair of AONB as well as Somerset County Councillor and has spoken to Jim Hardcastle ( AONB chief) regarding this particular matter.

Cllr Taylor advised he had contacted the quarry to suggest gritting down Shipham Hill. There was no update for the Small Improvement Scheme. There have been a lot of discussions regarding savings to be made at SCC.

**(ii) To consider the following planning applications:**

44/18/00002: Application for a change of use from Public House ( Use Class A4) to Residential dwelling ( Use Class C3) at the Miners Arms, The Square, Shipham, BS25 1TW for Mr Croker

This application is due to go to Development Committee and raises a number of issues.

- The planners have indicated that the property is so run down it is no longer viable which is contradicted by the offer of £350k that was refused.
- Meeting noted that a change of use will not mean a change in the condition of the property.
- Council original objections have not been addressed.
- That the application was in five months ago but the timescale for the parish Council to consider it had reduced to a couple of weeks
- That regardless of Council views, the decision had been made and it would be not be overturned

Meeting resolved that the chair forward a response for the Development committee as above and to include that at the very least the trading activities be resolved before the change of use goes ahead.

44/18/00012/LR: Application for erection of a single storey extension to side and rear elevations at Kelandi, Allens Lane

Council had no observation to make on this application

**107/18 Finance**

The following accounts, having previously been circulated were proposed to be paid by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Bisdee and unanimously approved.

**(i) Accounts payable (1)**

Clerk wages	£256.22
Office costs	£12.00
DJ Dors	£208.54
Printer Ink	£12.90
Sally Hansford ( Christmas Lights)	£63.98

Cllr Leader left the room

The following accounts, having previously been circulated were proposed to be paid by Cllr Bisdee, Seconded by Cllr Tratt and unanimously approved

**(ii) Accounts payable (2)**

Simon Leader ( New Burial Ground)	£130.00
Simon Leader ( removal of massive bush)	£185.00

Cllr Leader returned

Bank balance ( £26943.01 as at 31st October 2018)

**108/18 Open Spaces**

Cllr Bisdee has strimmed back the undergrowth at Cuck Hill and Cllr Watson will meet with Paul Fountain to ascertain any work to be carried out on the trees

**109/18 Highways**

Clerk read out two Highways letters regarding Speed Indicator Devices and the fact that no small works will be carried out by SCC until a review has been carried out. Clerk will chase SCC for the Small Improvement Scheme

**110/18 Burial Ground**

Some tree planting will need to be carried out

**111/18 Sedgemoor District Council Q & As**

Nothing reported

**112/18 Chairmans/Clerks report**

There had been a good turn out for the Remembrance service and the Chair thanked all those involved for a fantastic effort in making it a successful afternoon. The wreaths need securing and Cllr Riches will do so.

There is a Cluster Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**113/18 Incident Log**

None to report this month

**114/18 To consider the budget for 2019-20 and set the precept.**

The budget had some changes this year as follows:

- Grant to CAB to go up as funding has been cut by SCC
- Legal work component gone up to £750.00

- More in the training budget for new councillors
- More contingency money in for fencing at the Burial ground and for the Bier

There was some discussion about the snow clearance scheme given that SCC will not be gritting but it was largely felt that this community should not have to pay for other communities to use the roads.

A new defibrillator will soon be needed and a parishioner very kindly offered to fund it. He was thanked by the Council but hopefully this won't be necessary as reserves can be used in conjunction with grants.

In order to accommodate these changes, Cllr Popham proposed a 5% increase in the precept, seconded by Cllr Watson and unanimously carried

**115/18**

**Matters of Report and Future Business**

For next agenda:

To apply for a TRO outside the school

To discuss the planning process

To consider buying more trees for the Burial Ground and fixing the tap

To consider a report from the meeting held by Martock

**116/18**

**Date of Next Meeting**

December 17<sup>th</sup>

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date:**