

**Shipham Parish Council
(Incorporating Rowberrow and Star)**

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

Present: Cllrs I Shaw (in the chair), J Popham, C Riches, K Chalk, P Tratt, H Andrews, S Adams, P Downing, S Leader and the clerk S Peake

Apologies: Cllrs M Watson, J Savage and N Taylor

There were 9 parishioners present

117/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Leader declared a previously disclosed pecuniary interest in item no 122/18 (ii)

118/18 Parishioners Discussion Time

A number of parishioners raised a problem with a neighbour restricting access to their properties in Rowberrow Bottom. There have been abusive e-mails, abuse of delivery drivers, filming of all traffic and passers-by and retention of film, placing of logs on the Bridleway causing damage to cars and narrowing the bridleway, and gabions put in the stream which may be unsafe. The police are now involved and the Footpath officer at SCC has been contacted. The neighbours had been made aware that parishioners were attending the parish council meeting to highlight this issue and they have been approached with a view to repairing the bridleway but the neighbour has not wished to engage.

Although this is not a parish council matter, the parish council agreed to contact the PCSO's regarding unauthorised filming, to contact SCC bridlepath officer to ascertain any concerns they may have and to contact SDC enforcement regarding encroachment on a public right of way.

119/18. Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th November 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 having been proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Tratt, were declared correct and signed by the Chair

120/18 Matters Arising from Minutes of 19th November 2018

None not on the agenda

121/18 Planning:

(i) To consider the planning process

Meeting noted that Stuart Houlet and the AONB planning officer will be attending the January meeting. The following will be raised:

- Inconsistency in planning decisions where plans have been refused but others passed against the same criteria
- How much the AONB is protected
- How much integrity does the Village Development Boundary have.
- Conditions requested by Parish Councils are not even discussed at Development committee
- What is the planning officers view of parish council recommendations
- How do highways make their recommendations

Meeting noted that the Local Plan will probably be passed in February. A strategy for Shipham would be useful although doubts were expressed as to how much weight any plans would hold.

122/18

Finance

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

(i) Accounts payable (1)	
Clerk wages	£256.22
Office costs	£12.00
DJ Dors	£104.27
Sally Hansford (Christmas Tree)	£150.00
Kings of Wessex (Newsletter)	£47.50
SLCC (clerk membership)	£76.00
(ii) Accounts payable (2)	
Simon Leader (footpath clearance)	£25.00

Bank balance £26711.01 as at 30th November 2018

123/18

Open Spaces

- (i) To consider quote for works carried out to trees in Rowberrow**
Council resolved that this area is not parish land and therefore not a parish council matter so the Parish Council will not be paying for these works to be carried out.
- (ii) To consider electrical works to be carried out on the phone Box**
Meeting resolved to request BT to decommission the electricity in the phone box
- (iii) To consider quote for works to be carried out on the Three Wells area, Cuck Hill**

Meeting noted that the insurance company do not need a tree survey to be carried out. Cllr Chalk proposed to accept the quote for £500.00 as detailed, seconded by Cllr Downing and all in favour. Clerk to check any Tree Preservation Orders. Woodchips to be offered to allotment or spread over the brambles to keep them down.

(iv) Tubs on Templars Way

These have not been looked after and will be removed

124/18 Highways

(i) To consider further action following the removal of the running of Speed Indicator Devices by SCC

Meeting resolved to defer this, pending recommendations from the Small Improvement Scheme

(ii) To consider applying for Traffic Regulation Order outside the school

There was some debate about this given that restricting parking may move the problem elsewhere. Cllr Chalk proposed to apply for a TRO seconded by Cllr Adams and carried although not unanimously

125/18 Burial Ground

(i) To consider tree planting at the Burial Ground

Deferred for future consideration

(ii) To consider repairing and upgrading the tap at the Burial Ground

Cllr Riches proposed works to be carried out to a maximum of £50.00 seconded by Cllr Tratt and carried

126/18 Sedgemoor District Council Q & As

Cllr Downing explained Councillor allowances increases

127/18 Chairmans/Clerks report

Clerk highlighted the parish footpath vegetation cut back and the survey of sports and recreation facilities

128/18 Incident Log

Meeting were advised that two weeks ago a car coming from North Down Lane went into a van driving along Rowberrow Lane. The driver of the car had not realised that it was a junction. Meeting noted that efforts had been made to get highways to repaint the lines but to no avail. Clerk to try again

129/18 To receive a report on the Martock meeting held in November

Cllr Riches attended a meeting regarding Martock's approach to raising the precept and the services that they provide. Martock have a population of 4,500 with a precept of £330,000 and they provide a number of services e.g senior co-ordinator, youth worker, litter picker amongst others. However there was little community engagement and no objection to the size of the precept.

Council expressed an interest in this concept and will return to discuss again particularly at the next Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Adams will investigate via Somerset Intelligence the demographic of the parish

130/18 To consider " No calling Zones "

This has been raised by parishioners to the chair but it would not be possible to send stickers out to all the parish. However simply by putting up a notice (even a home made one) indicates that cold callers are not welcome and action can be taken. This will go into the next newsletter with a link to a sign and advice.

131/18 Matters of Report and Future Business

A short report was received from the Village Hall Trust

132/18 Date of Next Meeting

21st January 2019

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed:

Date: