

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

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2019 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, P Downing, S Leader, and the clerk S Peake

Apologies: Cllrs S Adams, N Bisdee, M Watson, D Hill and N Taylor

In attendance: Cllr J Savage

There were 2 parishioners present

164/18 Declarations of Interest

There were none

165/18 Presentation from Mr Purcell, Churchill and Langford Minibus Society

Mr Purcell explained a brief history of the C&L minibus society which includes Winscombe, Sandford, Shipham, Banwell and Burrington. In 2016 a new minibus was provided through a grant and the bank account is healthy. The biggest problem is the lack of drivers as some regulars have reached an age where it is not realistically possible to insure them and others have had to give up for various reasons.

Meeting noted that the commitment varied depending on what commitment could be given.

166/18 Parishioners Discussion Time

No issues raised.

167/18 Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th February 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Leader were declared correct and signed by the Chair

168/18 Matters Arising from the minutes of 18th February 2019

Clerk reported that Mendip Community Transport understood that there were more local community transport scheme that Shipham funded and did not realistically expect any finance from the PC.

169/18 Finance

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

(i) Accounts payable

Clerk wages	£256.22
Office costs	£12.00
Key cut (cemetery door)	£4.99

Charlie Riches (newsletter)	£127.00
Bristol water (Burial Ground supply)	£55.18
Chew Valley Trees (Burial Ground planting)	£253.48

Bank balance (£23765.92 as at 28th February 2019)

170/18

Open Spaces

- (i) **To consider placing Woodland Trust trees in the parish**
 Cllr Andrews reported the possibility of planting free trees from the Woodland Trust. Meeting resolved to apply for 2 packs of 30 and to find somewhere to plant them. The school may be interested as well

171/18

Highways

Cllr Riches reported that there had been a number of problems with large vehicles travelling up Hind pits and Folly Lane into Top Road and one house has been damaged a number of times in particular. The residents have been in touch with the Roads and Bollards Officer at SCC who will produce a plan to help. There had also been a complaint from another resident regarding signage to prevent large vehicles damaging her property and the clerk had written to invite her to a council meeting to raise her concerns.

Cllr Leader reported that the pond outside the Swan has been cleared but the spoil has covered up the council pipes. Meeting noted that Highways had stopped cleaning out the pipes some time ago as with the pipes by the village pond.

Cllr Tratt reported that the Speedwatch sign on Cuck Hill has been damaged and should be removed. Clerk advised Highways will not take any action on this and Cllr Chalk will check as to who installed it. The other Speedwatch sign is also partially covered.

172/18

Burial Ground

- (i) **To consider works to the burial ground railings**
 Clerk reported that awaiting quote from Gerald Hellier and suggested obtaining a third quote. Forgecraft quote is £7154.00 + VAT.

Cllr Chalk reported that the bier may need ambient heat to prevent it getting mouldy. As previously discussed, there is no power to the burial ground store so this will not be possible.

Cllr Riches reported that trees had been planted in the burial ground and thanked Cllrs Bisdee and Leader

173/18

Sedgemoor District Council Q & As

The election has been called today for 2nd May.

Cllr Savage advised the meeting that SDC were carrying out good practice in respect of taxi licensing.

174/18

Chairmans/Clerks report

The Chair thanked Cllrs Watson and Popham for all their work on the Council and also Cllr Downing who will be stepping down but will still be running for District so will be attending the parish council meetings.

Chair clarified that on 13th, the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. before the normal council business meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 20th May. Clerk confirmed attendance of the Village Agent and has invited the current County and District Councillors and the MP. The police will not be able to attend.

175/18

Incident Log

None to report

176/18

To consider changing to internet banking

Clerk reported that a change would have little impact as there are so few transactions but can be revisited later.

177/18

To consider a donation to Churchill and Langford Minibus society

Meeting resolved to make no donation at this current time but will publicise the need for drivers via the newsletter, website, facebook, Catch this etc. Clerk to advise Alan Purcell of APM in case that may help.

178/18

Matters of Report and Future Business

179/18

Date of Next Meeting

15th April 2019

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

Signed:

Date: 15th April 2019