

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

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21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 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, N Bisdee, P Downing, S Leader, M Watson, S Adams and the clerk S Peake

**Apologies:** Cllrs, J Savage, D Hill and N Taylor

There were 2 parishioners present

Cllr Chalk took the Chair until item 158/18

**149/18      Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**150/18      Parishioners Discussion Time**

There was a query regarding feedback from the planners from the last meeting but there has been no update to report.

**151/18      Minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 having been proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Tratt were declared correct and signed by the Vice- Chair

**152/18      Matters Arising from Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

Cllr Bisdee had spoken to Truespeed and the wires on the telegraph poles will be fixed in the next month or so.

Cllr Downing reported that there should be no restriction on access to the Dunball port and requested further details so SDC could investigate

Cllr Riches has contacted the Daneswood to follow up the offer of help and will contact again

The clerk reported that following investigations there was no action the Parish council could take regarding the problems reported at Rowberrow Bottom in December

**153/18      Finance**

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

**(i)      Accounts payable (1)**

Clerk wages	£256.22
Office costs	£12.00
Information Commissioners Office	£40.00
Paul Fountain ( Cuck Hill Trees)	£500.00
Shipham Village Hall Trust	£54.00

Bank balance ( £23935.17 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019)

Cllr Chalk suggested that internet banking be on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting

**154/18**

**Open Spaces**

Tree work on Cuck Hill has been carried out and looking good with the safety aspects addressed

**155/18**

**Highways**

Cllr Chalk will try and get a working party together to wash down some of the signs in the parish. Clerk to ping out an e-mail to muster troops.

**156/18**

**Burial Ground**

(i) **To consider tree planting at the Burial Ground**

Cllrs Riches and Leader suggested a silver birch and 3 maples to be bought. Cllr Riches proposed, seconded by Cllr Bisdee a budget of £300.00 to cover costs including delivery and planting and unanimously approved.

Clerk reported 2 interments in recent months

Cllrs Riches and Leader reported that the railings may be in need of attention and clerk to contact Forgecraft for a quote.

The Bier has not yet been installed in the cemetery shed but will be at some stage.

**157/18**

**Sedgemoor District Council Q & As**

Cllr Downing reported that the Sedgemoor Local Plan is up for approval at Sedgemoor Full Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

There have been a number of ongoing discussions regarding reorganisation of the Somerset Councils but nothing will be decided before May.

Cllr Shaw took the Chair for the rest of the meeting

**158/18**

**Chairmans/Clerks report**

Chair reported that the Shipham Village hall trust are running a Local organisations afternoon on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March if any councillors are around to help out.

It is also election year on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Councillors are responsible for getting their own forms in. Clerk has circulated a timetable of elections. Nominations to be in by 3<sup>rd</sup> April

159/18

**Incident Log**

It was noted that the quarry would not be gritting Shipham Hill but Somerset County Council have indicated that they will be gritting after all

A number of car body parts are lying around on Cuck Hill but incident not witnessed

160/18

**To consider dates for April/May meetings**

Council agreed to have the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the normal monthly council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May ( changed from 20<sup>th</sup> May). Then the Annual Parish Meeting to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Clerk to invite the Village Agent for the APM. Cllr Downing would like to invite Sea Cadets who are looking for volunteers to run the group. It was noted that the Shipham cubs will be needing new members to run the cub pack.

Clerk to also invite PCSO and MP

161/18

**To consider contributing to Mendip Community Transport**

Members noted that contributions are made to Churchill and Langford Minibus Society and the Shipham Community Car scheme. Clerk to invite the MCT to the APM a council meeting and investigate how much both MCT and C&L are used in the village.

162/18

**Matters of Report and Future Business**

MCT donation

APM invites

Internet banking

163/18

**Date of Next Meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed:

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019