

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, SHEPTON MONTAGUE ON
THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Mr. R Ellis (Chair), Mr P Williams, Mr. P Costen, Mr. R Reed, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs. M Hill (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Anna Groskop, County Councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Approved and signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - A. Planning permission granted for 14/03717/LBC for alterations at Welham House.
 - B. Planning Application: 14/03369/PAMB Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural storage building to dwelling. Dutch Barn at Higher Farm, Shepton Montague. Planning permission refused.
 - C. Following the series of cattle abortions at Lily Farm, the District Council posted up signs on footpath posts to alert dog walkers of the importance of clearing up after their dogs. Richard Reed reported that the signs were deliberately removed within days of being put up. **Action;** Dog warden to be notified and further action discussed. Clerk to let Richard know contact details.
 - D. Janet suggested that there should be a dog poo bin in the village. **Action:** Clerk to ascertain further details including cost and report back to Council for further consideration.
5. **Planning Application 14/04839/FUL Stoke Farm, Barrow Water Lane, BA9 8HR**

The erection of a replacement dwelling (amended siting) and realignment of access track.

The plans for the new dwelling have been approved (on appeal) previously. After discussion, it was agreed to return the following comments to Planning:

The Parish Council has no objection to the re-siting of the house or proposed realignment of the access road, subject to the comments below:

Council is concerned that there is no agricultural tie on this house, yet it was built specifically to be the dwelling for the farm (after the building of the B3081 cut off the original Stoke Farm House from the land).

The Parish Council would like confirmation that the current access road (being realigned) will continue to be the farm access and that no other roads are created in the future. We would therefore like to see this as a condition of the planning consent.

The documentation mentions a replacement agricultural building but we cannot see this on the plans supplied. Please could you clarify this?

6. **Budget and Precept 2015-16:** Clerk distributed the accounts for 2014-15 which show that an amount of £2,499.31 will be carried over to next year when all this year's planned expenses are met. The budget for 2015-16 was agreed and totalled £2,000 plus a potential bill for forthcoming election costs. Precept for 2015-16 was therefore set at £2,000 (a reduction of £360 on 2014-15) as there is money in reserve.

A cheque was signed for £700 to Mr Hibberd in settlement of his invoice for this year's grass cutting in the churchyard.

7. **Grit bins/Supply of salt and grit:** The clerk had checked the four grit bins in the parish on 17th November and reported to Highways that three had been filled but the Stoney Stoke bin had not been, despite previous correspondence and assurances from them that this would be done, so we are still waiting. Richard Ellis volunteered to collect the supply of salt/grit bags offered by Highways for individual use.
8. **Improvements to road signage:** Paul reported that two new big chevrons had been erected on the dangerous bend on the B3081 in Stoney Stoke. No improvements had been done in the village yet. The clerk had last emailed Colin Fletcher to enquire about these on 10th November and had not yet received a reply.
9. **Advertising meetings by email:** Richard Ellis to follow this up with those people who had raised it with him. In the meantime the clerk will continue to post the information on the village website and on the three parish noticeboards.
10. **Nominations to posts at NALC:** The clerk had previously circulated information. No-one wished to be nominated.
11. **A.o.b.**

- The clerk reported that an email had been received from Paul Rawson, Estates Manager at Hadspen House, inviting Councillors to a meeting at Hadspen on 5th December when information would be shared about the development proposals. All councillors expressed intention to attend except Janet Robinson who would not be available. **Action:** Clerk to let Paul know.
- It was noted that the two oldest Parish noticeboards are in a poor state of repair. **Action:** Clerk to ask John Hill if he would be willing to repair/refurbish them.
- There are two areas of suspected knotweed in the parish – opposite the Hollows (previously reported to SSDC) and on the bend in the lane near Knowle Rock, where the bridle path joins the lane. **Action:** Clerk to report to appropriate authority.
- Metal 'Kimber's Farm Shop' signs have appeared attached to the chevron sign near Park Wall Cottage on B3081 and on the Gillingham road sign at the triangle on the B3081 near Stoney Stoke. Council had not previously been notified of these. **Action:** Clerk to point this out to Highways.

12. Open discussion

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.39pm.