

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SHEPTON MONTAGUE ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm

(Draft minutes subject to approval at the next meeting)

Present: Richard Ellis (Chair), Paul Williams, Richard Reed, Andrew Wiley and Margaret Hill (clerk) and three members of the Parish.

1. **Apologies for absence:** had been received from Anna Groskop (County Councillor) and Janet Robinson.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

- Planning application 15/03810/FUL Demolition of existing 2 no. dwellinghouses and erection of 2 no. replacement dwellinghouses. 3 and 4 Townsend Higher Shepton Road – Permission refused due to development's location, scale, mass and design having an adverse harm on local character and appearance and by virtue of its location on site and projection forward.
- Planning application 15/04325/DPO and 15/04321/DPO Application to discharge section 106 agreement – Application granted.
- 10 bags of salt have been collected by Richard Ellis for use within the Parish, in addition to the 4 salt/grin bins located around the village which should all be full. Richard's telephone number to be put on the village website so he can be contacted by villagers should they need some for use in winter conditions.
Action: clerk to send his number to Peter Gane, Webmaster, for adding to website.

5. Planning Application: 15/04605/FUL Erection of single storey timber summerhouse at Trendle, Stoney Stoke, BA9 8HY

Council had no objections to this proposal. **Action:** Clerk to return this comment to Planning

6. **Parish noticeboard:** On 6th November Les Veryard had reported that the Perspex on the noticeboard in the village (which sits in his garden) had been smashed by persons unknown. John Hill removed the board, refurbished it and put new Perspex in the front. Whilst doing repairs he also put new Perspex in the Stoney Stoke noticeboard and refurbished it so that water no longer accumulates in it. Council thanked John for his work and agreed to reimburse him for the cost of materials used. The clerk presented council with details of costs together with invoices, and a cheque was written in the sum of £129.74.

7. **Village website:** Peter Gane has recently taken over as Webmaster of the village website and kindly attended the meeting to explain how the website could be useful both to the villagers and the Parish Council. Peter had already sent out an email to many parish residents using addresses that were available, inviting people to subscribe to the website and therefore receive automatic notification of any updates made to it. This would mean that anyone subscribing would immediately know about Parish Council meetings for example without having to keep checking the village noticeboards. 27 are now registered on the site. However, the website will only be fully effective if everyone who might be interested knows they have the opportunity to register to receive a copy of new site content. A Parish resident present at the meeting, agreed to provide Peter with an additional church list of email addresses that could be used to reach more people. Peter said he would place a poster on the village noticeboards and on the board in the pub in order to further advertise this opportunity. Richard Ellis offered to visit people in the parish to let them know, especially new people.

8. Correspondence

- The clerk passed round the latest statistics received for the Speed Indicator Device in the village.
- An invitation had been received from SSDC to the annual SSDC/Parish meeting.
- Council resolved to purchase a dog poo bin back in March this year, and the clerk said she had received an email from the Dog Warden in response to her query as to whether Shepton Montague can now be approved for a dog poo bin, (following previous contact, the posting of leaflets in the village and liaison with Highways regarding the proposed location of the bin). The email merely re-iterated the procedure for obtaining a bin, so the clerk felt that we were going round in circles. Members felt this should be pursued. **Action:** Clerk to liaise further with Dog Warden.

9. **a.o.b.** None

10. Open discussion

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.