

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SHEPTON MONTAGUE ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 8.15pm

(Draft minutes for approval at the next meeting)

Present: Richard Ellis, (Chair), Richard Reed, Andrew Wiley, Margaret Hill (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Williams, Janet Robinson
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were approved and signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Budget for 2017-2018 and setting of precept:** Council considered the current account balance and expenditure required for the forthcoming year. An amount of £3155.19 will be carried over into 2017/18 after all outstanding payments are made. A sum of £300 was included in the budget for the purchase of a salt/grit bin. Richard Ellis proposed that the clerk's pay be increased by £45 to £495 per annum. This was seconded by Andrew Wiley and carried unanimously. The clerk expressed her thanks and £495 was provided for in the budget. Total planned expenditure amounts to £1,995. It was decided that the precept could be maintained at the same level as last year (i.e. £1,935 plus the Council Tax Support grant of £10). Increases in Council tax are expected from both County and District.

<u>INCOME</u>	2017/18
Bal B/F	£ 3,155.19
Precept	£ 1,935.00
Govt grant	£ 10.00
Total Income	£ 5,100.19

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2017/18	
	Budget	
SALC	£ 55.00	
Village Hall	£ 100.00	
CAB	£ 20.00	
Clerk	£ 495.00	
Insurance	£ 275.00	
Audit		
Churchyard maintenance/mowing	£ 750.00	
Purchase of salt/grit bin	£ 300.00	
Total expenditure	£ 1,995.00	

Income minus expenditure	£ 3,105.19
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6. **Salt/grit bin:** There are currently four salt/grit bins in the parish:

One at the junction near the Montague Inn (purchased by Peter Costen)

One in Lower Shepton (purchased by Charles Dowding)

One in East St. opposite The Hollows (purchase by the Parish Council)

One in Stoney Stoke (purchased by Stoney Stoke residents).

It was felt that it would be appropriate to have a further salt/grit bin situated on the northern verge of the High St at the Welham end, near the signpost at the junction and, assuming Highways agree to this location and District agree to keep it filled, members resolved to buy one. **Action:** Clerk to contact Highways and District to seek their approval.

7. **Correspondence:** None.

8. **A.o.b.** It was noted that the police have had to attend several accidents where ice on the road has been a factor and the ice has been caused by blocked drains. Several gullies are blocked on Cattle Hill as well as the A371. **Action:** clerk to ask Highways if the gullies can be jetted.

9. **Open discussion.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____