

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SHEPTON MONTAGUE ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Andrew Wiley (Chair), Oliver Dowding, Julia Hunter, Richard Reed, Paul Williams, Jay Bunyan (Clerk), Anna Groskop (County Councillor)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** were received from Robin Bastable
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** these were signed as a correct record.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
  - **Speeding:** The speed gun has still not been recalibrated. **Action:** Clerk to chase up again.
  - **The Newt in Somerset:** A 'No Access to The Newt' sign was needed at the top of Cattle Hill to keep motorists on the A371. **Action:** Clerk to write to Sue Seager.
  - **Access to planning applications.** Details of how to do this on line were circulated. **Action:** Clerk to get password
  - **Defibrillator:** Whilst this was not impossible it was considered that the expense, lack of footfall, location of phone box and reduction in response time did not merit going forward. However a case will be prepared and put to the village for comment.
    - **Wessex internet.** Keep watching and be aware of any progress. **Action:** AW to write to Councillor David Hall regarding availability of grants.
    - **Parking in Wincanton:** AW letter approved
- 5. Planning Application 19/02437/FUL** *redevelopment of redundant agricultural building to provide single story accommodation of staff and short term guests.* JH queried the wording "short term guests". Whilst there were no major concerns it was noted that
  - a) the southern elevation will significantly reduce visibility on to Cattle Hill and
  - b) this could be alleviated by the introduction of a 40mph speed limit from Lily Farm to the existing Shepton Montague 30mph sign.**Action:** Clerk to notify Planning Department noting their 22/10/19 deadline
- 6. Wessex Internet in Stoney Stoke:** PW reported that cables were being laid near Redlynch barn but he had no further information at present. The plan does not appear to be confirmed and stops half way across the parish. See also item 4. **Action** Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting
- 7. Traffic Management:** Details of the availability of speed management equipment had been circulated. It was felt that
  - a) too much bureaucracy was involved and
  - b) the cost of £2,000 was prohibitive
- 8. Winter precautions:**
  - a) The gritting map had been circulated and it was encouraging to see that B3081 going north out of Bruton had been included this year.
  - b) Salt bins there are 5 in the village, some of which need topping up. AG suggested that the bins be numbered for ease of identification. **Action:** PW to let AW know which ones need filling, the Clerk to notify SSDC noting their 31/10/19 deadline

**9. SSDC Environmental Strategy:** This had been circulated and it was felt that many of the comments were not applicable to a small village. JB had attended the meeting. AW suggested that the Parish Plan could be a useful tool and should be put to the Parish. **Action** AW

**10. Correspondence:**

Lucie Donahue, a Pitcombe councilor, had asked for information on fingerposts. AW had been in touch

Parish Ranger scheme – details had been circulated but there was little interest. PW asked if this was the same as the system in Wiltshire Unitary Authority – AG said it was not.

SDSDC Tree policy – See also 9 above. It was agreed that the ‘adopt a tree’ idea was good and there had also been a good response from landowners on replacing lost trees (ash grow back etc.). This could be included in the Parish Plan.

DEFRA exit policy – agreed that the village website was the best place to circulate this – it is already there.

Age Concern Somerset information – to go on village notice boards

Invitation to Fire Night at the Newt – this should be recorded in the Hospitality Book. **Action:** Clerk to obtain a book if one not already held

**11. Bills for payment:** Mr Hibberd’s bill for maintaining the churchyard (£800) was paid and it was agreed that he should do the work in 2020. The invoice for the Clerk’s basic training (£25) was also paid

**12. A.O.B.** PW reported that the new speed chevron on B3081 by Park Wall cottage seemed to be effective.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_