

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHEPTON MONTAGUE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD via ZOOM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY at 7.30pm**

**Draft minutes for approval at the next meeting**

**Present:** Paul Williams (Chair), Oliver Dowding, Julia Hunter, Richard Reed, John Sykes, Jay Bunyan (Clerk), Robin Bastable (District Councillor) and 1 member of the Parish

- 1. Apologies for absence:** were received from Anna Groskop
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** possibly OD in respect of items 3a & 3b
- 3. Minutes of previous meetings**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – agreed
  - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 - the Parish Council's thought on planning application 20/02800/S73A had been passed to SSDC. OD had asked to add to the minutes but nothing new was included. The minutes were agreed to be a correct record.
- 4. Matters Arising that are not agenda items:**
  - From 21.12.20**
    - RB regarding status of OD's site. Planning application would not change status which would remain as B. He had no idea of when a decision will be made as future planning meetings have been postponed.
  - From 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020**
    - **Wessex Internet** – Sarah Maude had been informed that work would commence in the next couple of weeks. OD reported that some properties had already been connected.
    - **Highways** – had been very helpful.
    - The Pitcombe Junction sign is beyond repair
    - The chevrons had been replaced promptly
    - **Unitary Authority plans:** RB reported that the timescale had been badly hit and no decision was expected before March.
    - **Grants from Somerset Climate Emergency Fund** – an application had been considered on behalf of the Village Hall but had been discarded.
    - **Footpaths** – on going. PW suggested that once the fingerposts are completed this could be the next 'Village Project'. It would be useful to have a proper map showing local footpaths, available on the website and notice boards. **OD and JS to liaise**
- 5. Fingerposts.** PW reported that all the signs in Stoney Stoke were OK. It was agreed to replace 2 caps and the missing arm from the signpost by the pub. There is a small balance in the Fingerpost Fund and the balance could be found in the general fund. There was also was a potential contributor to the scheme. **JS to follow up**
- 6. Accounts**
  - a. Budget for 2021 and setting of Precept**
    - a. Acceptance of the draft budget was proposed by PW, seconded by JH and agreed
    - b. Precept - It was proposed by PW, seconded by JH to request the same amount as last year (£2090) – agreed **Action – clerk**
    - c. **Charitable payments** – Proposed by PW, seconded RR that a donation of £100 be made to the Village Hall and £20 to CAB – as 2020. **Action - clerk**
    - d. **Use of CIL windfall (£1,356)**

This has to be used for the benefit of the village and it was

suggested that the notice board by the bus stop should be replaced or at least repaired. **JB to get quotes for replacement, JS to get a ball park figure for repairs.**

It was noted commercial or political items should not be placed on a community noticeboard. It was agreed that laminated maps showing footpaths would be usefully placed on the notice boards. Another suggestion was for a second dog poo bin as dog mess has become a problem. Sarah Maude offered her wall as a potential location. **SM to check with neighbours, clerk to follow up with SSDC**

**7. AOB: Highways issues.**

It was noted that the surface of Horns Lane was degraded and that the gate to the gravel storage compound at the A359/lane to Redlynch junction was broken. **Clerk to report to Highways, noting that gravel compound may be in Pitcombe Parish**

**8. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was proposed for the Annual Parish meeting and AGM and accepted – hopefully this meeting will take place in the Village Hall.

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

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