

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 416th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 26th April 2014 at 7.00 pm**

1933. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mr P Ashley

Mrs S Cooper

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs B Lake

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

Barry Walker – District Councillor

NON ATTENDANCE

Mrs R Turner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – 14 members of the public

1934. PLANNING

Detailed plans of both developments were on display for inspection before meeting commenced.

14/01461/FUL – Demolition of Existing building and erection of 13 dwelling houses – Lift West Ltd - Seavington St Mary

A lively discussion took place regarding the above application. Concerns raised were primarily reduced privacy in some of the houses in Upton Lane and finished levels of the boundary fences. Concerns were also raised with regard to the Services into the site ie Water and Sewerage. At present the water supply is from a pipe in Upton Lane which runs through gardens to the rear of the site. After the meeting it was discovered that Wessex Water had stated that a new water supply and waste water connections would be required to serve this development. Also a separate sewer system would have to be installed. Parish Councillors were asked for their opinion and all present were in favour of the development. Response to go to SSDC as follows “This application has the full support of the Parish Council. However, following a public meeting residents backing onto the site showed concerns for visual impact on their properties and expressed concerns over water and sewerage supply. The Parish Council presumes that Building Regulations will make any developer install a new water supply and separate sewer system, as suggested by Wessex Water, as the old pipe in Upton Lane would not be substantial enough for this site of residential development.”

14/01336/LBC – 14/01335/FUL – Conversion, extension and rebuild of redundant farm buildings to form 3 residential units, new dutch barn to form 1 residential dwelling and conversion of open barn – Pond Farm – Seavington St Michael

Members of the public present raised concerns over the proposed development of the Dutch Barn but no planning concerns were raised, therefore the Parish Council response was “Full support of the development”

In conjunction with the above developments and on-going concerns about many of the junctions in the village onto the old A303 (which is now classified as a “C” road) parking at road junctions and the speed of traffic were raised. It would seem that the Police cannot enforce the Highway Code rule of not parking close to a road junction. The recently installed SID’s, both east and west bound along the road show that traffic is consistently speeding. West Bound (SID placed near the junction of School Lane – 15th April to 29th April) show that the 85% is 41mph. Out of a total count of 21,069 only 2,513 vehicles were travelling at less than 30mph.. East Bound (SID placed outside of The Jays – 1st to 10th April) – the 85% is 39mph. Out of a total count of 12,902 vehicles only 2,715 were travelling at less than 30mph. It was generally agreed that the villages suffer from speeding because the road was the A303 and that it is still used when the Ilminster By-pass is closed. However, it was felt that this should not be an excuse for making all roads in the villages safer for both drivers and pedestrians. Parish Councillors agreed that this information would be taken forward to Highways in conjunction with the above planning applications to try and get some sort of traffic calming measures.

1935. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No further items for discussion

- 1936. REPORT FROM POLICE – PCSO present** and confirmed that the Police had investigated the parking at the entrance to David's Lane and School Lane but that nothing could be enforced. The Police Authority are now managing the speed cameras and will have 4 static cameras in place throughout the County. The Speed camera van will continue to visit the village whilst there is a speeding problem.

Also reported were the increasing number of burglaries in non-dwellings – ie sheds and garages particularly in the South Petherton area. Police still visit the villages on a regular basis and will be doing so during the summer months as several incidents took place in the villages last year at this time of year.

1937.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Up-dated list of flooding and highways issues was dated 24th April. Councillors agreed that this was working well but it did seem that The Seavingtons should be having 'the jetter' to complete works that have been outstanding for a long time – gully emptying will no longer solve the issues.

Monies are now being received by County for water damage caused during the winter flooding.

Also agreed that a case will have to be drawn up for traffic calming .

Shop monies for the dishwasher have been approved.

Future projects to include solving smoking and obesity issues.

Children in Care in Somerset now number 560.

Attended re-opening of Haynes Museum, and Any Questions at Chard. Also a meeting at Monk's Yard re Superfast Broadband. 95% of County should have 2 megabytes per second over next 2 years. This should have a direct impact on Businesses.

Military Tattoo to be held for Army Benevolent Fund at Taunton Race Course.

- 1938. MINUTES OF THE 415th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON** Tuesday 25th March 2014 were agreed as correct and signed

- 1939. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES** – Many of the issues still outstanding. Some potholes filled in in Longforward Lane. Flooding in Park Lane and issue but needs drains to be emptied and jetted.

1940.PARKING ISSUES IN DAVID'S LANE AND SCHOOL LANE – See 1934 and 1936.

- 1941. REPORT ON LENGTHSMAN SCHEME AND WORKS COMPLETED** – Has completed all he can do on Church Lane Path but more work is needed to replace and relay slabs. Back to grass cutting.

- 1942. POSSIBLE USE OF COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM** – Date to be arranged when football season is completed. Probably late June/July.

- 1943.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report

- 1944. REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Nothing received from residents who want Deed of Easements to allow access over Car Park.

- 1945. REPORT ON SPFA** – Letter received asking for 10% grant (£2,600) towards new tarmac path project. Agreed. Still awaiting news from Awards for All regarding any funding.

1946.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP – Now shared between Councillors Madge and Edwards.

- 1947. COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER** – Further discussion to be had regarding the placing of The Volunteer Inn on this register.

1948.PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN – No further information received

1949.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – South Somerset Housing Fair – Councillor Madge to attend

- 1950. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – No further news. Representative to attend next meeting?

- 1951. PLANNING APPLICATIONS 14/00596/FUL - Mrs Karen Day** – Erection of Porch at 6 The Pheasant - granted

1952. ACCOUNTS

(a) Current Account - £14,038.70 credit

(Precept of £13,930 received – this includes £930 Council Tax Support Grant)

Business Reserve - £12,282.24

(b) **Approval of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2014** – Councillors were given information and agreed that Accounts could go to Internal Auditor.

(c) **Accounts to pay – J Gillard - £205.00** (grass cutting in various parts of villages)

1953. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 27th May 2014 [Also Annual Parish Council Meeting]

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date