

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 26th April 2016
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 438th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7.00 pm

2384.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr D Smith – Vice Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Mr C Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Adam Dance – District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N England

2385.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

- 2386. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had been advised by the Avon and Somerset Police that they were considering calling a multi-agency meeting with regard to the caravan parked outside 7 Rowdells Orchard. Councillors unanimously agreed that they did not feel they should be included in such a meeting.

2387.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors advised that there was nothing new to report since last meeting. Take-over of Westlands Sports complex is almost complete. Final details of lease still to be agreed.

County Council- Probiotics International have been awarded another Queen's Award for Enterprise. Parents, Carers and Young People are being consulted on Somerset's Education Travel Policy. Somerset and Avon found wanting with regard to Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Exploitation. New One Team project being formed and will be police led. Fostering in Somerset is working very well. [These notes to be read in conjunction with County Councillor's Brief for April 2016]

- 2388. MINUTES OF THE 437th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 22nd March 2016 were agreed as correct and signed**

2389. PROGRESS RE LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT AND SUB-GROUP RE FORMATION OF CLT

Councillor Loxton reported that at the village open meeting regarding the best way forward with regard to the setting up of the legal framework for the management of the 3 houses to be gifted to the village by Andrew Whitehouse, it was unanimously agreed by all who attended the meeting that a Community Land Trust was the desired option. At the end of the meeting more residents 'signed up' to be part of the working sub-group. There are now 13 in total. The first meeting of this sub-group will take place on Thursday 28th April, 2016.

2390.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- **Accident on Bends close to Boxstone Cross** – Councillors expressed their deep concerns that yet another accident on the bends had caused a fatality. After a long discussion it was agreed that contact would be made with the Western Gazette as the numerous concerns that had been lodged to County Highways were not being dealt with. In fact a report that had been produced by Somerset Road Safety Team and dated 12th May 2015 which suggested that the Road Surface condition should be carefully examined still has not been carried out as far as the Parish Council are aware. An e-mail dated 26th November 2015 advised "that the road surface from Hayes End, South Petherton to Ilminster has been undertaken. The information is being assessed and sections being

identified for future resurfacing work by our net work surfacing project team. When I have more information on this, I will let you know.”

Councillor Le Hardy also indicated that he would ask for an urgent meeting with County Highways.

- **Gully emptying and possible jetting** – County Highways were contacted on 4th April 2016 after the gully emptying vehicle had been in the village highlighting areas where it would appear drains had been missed. The response from Highways was that “a highway superintendent has inspected the gullies that were mentioned as being blocked [particularly in West Street] and it was deemed that these were not blocked as both the inlet/outlet pipes can be clearly seen. Planned cleaning of drains takes place every two years so the next visit will be 2018. Any gully cleaning prior to this will be on a reactive basis only
- **State of Park Lane** County Highways stated that Drains in Park Lane are blocked again because the land owner (Dillington Estates) have not cleaned out their ditches. Dillington Estate is to be contact on this matter.

2391. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – SSDC have confirmed dates for the Ranger for 2016/17. We will have two different rangers due to existing workloads. Dates will be:- April 4th, 12th, 21st and 28th - May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th; June 9th, 16th, 20th, 30th; July 7th, 21st, 27th; August 1st, 11th, 18th, 26th; September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; October, 6th, 17th, 20th, 24th, November 3rd, 17th; December 8th, 19th.

2392. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – No concerns to report

2393. **VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Parking of Caravan outside Rowdells Orchard still being investigated

2394. **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT – FORMAL OPENING** - No firm date set

2395. **REPORT ON SPFA –Parish Council being named as Trustee not individual** – Still unsure of way forward

2396. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Things going well. Committee looking at fund raising events and improving footfall and goods for sale.

2397. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT**

- **Notice Boards** - Councillor Parsons to contact Ash Bros with regard to works needed to be done
- **Entrance Stones** – cleaning awaiting better weather

2398. **UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – On-going

2399. **UP-DATED VILLAGE WEB SITE** – New web-site is now live. Good reports received.

2400. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

15/05017/LBC and 15/05018/S73 – Variations to Pond Farm – approved with numerous conditions Councillor Parsons reported that a request had been received from Andrew Lambart [SCC Flood Risk Management Engineer] with a view to finding historic information on the flooding around Pond Farm. Councillor Loxton and Councillor Parsons to agree a meeting with Andrew Lambart.

2401. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Balances** - £15,557.99 credit (chq £120.76 o/s) Business Reserve £17,798.67 credit

(b) **Approval of 2015/16 Accounts**

- (i) Annual Governance Section 1 – Unanimously agreed Yes to all points (9 = N/a)
- (ii) Annual Governance Section 2 – Unanimously agreed figures correct

(c) **Request from SPFA re hedge maintenance programme** - Unanimously agreed to decline request as it was felt the SPFA already received great support from Parish Council

(d) **Up-dated quote from SSDC re grass mowing of playing field** – Unanimously agreed to investigate increase with SSDC as the quote had doubled since last year.

(e) **Grants to be made for 2016-17 to village organisations** – Unanimously agreed to pay:- Grass cutting of Playing Field – Proposed Councillor Smith, seconded Councillor Loxton

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£800 to Community Shop – Proposed Councillor Loxton seconded Councillor Edwards

£250 to Seavington Youth Club – proposed Councillor Reyland, seconded Councillor Turner

£1,250 to Parochial Church Council – Proposed Councillor England, seconded Councillor Reyland

£100 to Phil Gordon-Smith [for work on footpaths] – Proposed Councillor Parsons seconded Councillor Edwards

2402. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 28th June 2016

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed

Date