

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 427th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 28th April 2015 at 7.00 pm**

2146. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mrs B Lake

Mr N Loxton

Mrs P Parsons

Mr D Smith

Mrs R Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Edwards

Barry Walker – District Councillor

2147. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

- 2148. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Councillor Parsons reported that an e-mail had been received comparing crime in South Petherton and The Hambdons area for the present year and the previous year. It would seem that thefts from both vehicles and property are increasing as is violence against the person. No further reports had been received regarding any incidents within The Seavingtons.

2149. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

No District Councillor's present, but Councillor Le Hardy reported that an Area North Meeting held recently had refused the planning application for a further 89 houses in South Petherton as the village is already over the 2028 predicted housing needs. There is a realisation now within District that large housing developments within villages are not what residents want. However, this decision could be challenged by any developers.

County – News that Children's Services still not working properly but a new Head of Service is now in place. A team is coming from Essex to take this forward. However, Somerset is not the only County with Children's Services which are failing according to Ofsted. Schools within the area are getting more investment. A sum of £6.5m set aside for improving schools.

- 2150. MINUTES OF THE 426th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th March** were agreed as correct and signed.

- 2151. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING** – It was reported that the Lift West Site has been sold. Councillor Madge has been in contact with Mr Whitehouse who confirmed that it was still his intent that the village would get 3 houses. These houses would be put into a Community Land Trust and Seavington Parish Council would be the Trustees. It was suggested that the Parish Council set up a meeting with Charlotte Jones from SSDC to take this forward.

- 2152. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES** – Some potholes have been filled. Drains have been cleared, but to date no jetting has been done in the village.

SID Installation – Councillors felt that perhaps the recent installation was not working properly. However, the figures have not yet been received but Councillor Parsons will raise the matter with County Highways and also ascertain what data was received from the 4 black boxes installed at the request of Gary Warren. Agreed that the Parish need to push for some action along the C5012 and that 'fog lines' may be the way forward.

Speeding – Councillor Loxton reported that he had contacted the unit regarding the Speed Camera Van that visits the village. It has now been agreed that as well as being on the Volunteer Car Park an area by Gummers Castle and Boxstone Cross would also be covered.

2153. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Scheme seems to be working well with the new Ranger now in post. Councillor Loxton to be advised of any areas that need attention. It was hoped that the Ranger could help with some maintenance of some of the village footpaths.
2154. **REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNITY CONTACTS** – deferred until next Meeting. It was generally agreed that perhaps the Neighbourhood Watch group could be used for this. Councillor Parsons to liaise with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and report back.
2155. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – It was unanimously agreed that a sum of £175 should be paid to Phil Gordon-Smith for works done to the footpaths during the last financial year.
2156. **REPORT ON SUGGESTED SIGNAGE FOR VILLAGE CAR PARK** No decision has yet been made with regard to signage. However, it was reported that there have been incidents recently of inconsiderate parking and arguments as to where people can park. Councillor Parsons to put a note in the Newsletter regarding parking not only on the car park but in the village in general.
2157. **INFORMATION RE NEW TROUGHS SUGGESTED FOR VILLAGE** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had been advised that the County Council (Highways) should be contacted regarding the siting of these troughs. The relevant information has been passed to those residents taking this forward.
2158. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Nothing new to report. Hopeful that the AGM will be held in June/July and that new members will be elected to the Committee. The 5 village organisations who use the facilities have already been asked to nominate a representative to attend all meetings.
2159. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – No report. However, Councillor Le Hardy suggested that perhaps when improvements along the A303 are being discussed the village should ask for some ‘Brown signage’ indicating the local facilities.
2160. **PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – Nothing to report
2161. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – *Adopt a Kiosk* – Deferred until next meeting
Meeting re Security and CCTV systems- Councillor Turner advised that a meeting was being arranged to take place on Wednesday 20th May at The Volunteer Inn to advise residents on Security of Premises.
2162. **UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Councillor Loxton has now produced a working copy which needs agreeing and finalising. It was agreed that an Action Plan is needed. Sub Committee will meet to take this forward to bring to next meeting.
2163. **VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS OF SPFA [40YRS] SHOP [5 YRS]** – Progressing slowly. Details of the week are appearing in the village Newsletter and will be advertised in other publications.
2164. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 Councillor Parsons reported that a resident had raised concerns regarding a new entrance being made by 2 Southernways. District Planners will be asked to comment on this.
2165. **ACCOUNTS**
 (a) **Balances** – c/a £6,597.90 **Business Reserve - £22,288.38**
 (b) **Approval of Accounts for 2014/15** – Acceptance of the Accounts was unanimously agreed by all present
 (c) – **Payment requests** – no requests received
 (d) **Rates for Village Car Park** - £211.20 [but Rate Relief from SSDC means no payment due]
 (e) **Annual Grant of £1,000 to Parochial Church Council** – unanimously agreed
Wifi Provision £300 and Annual Rent £500 to Seavington Community Shop - agreed
2166. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 19th May 2015 – Also Parish Council AGM

At the end of the Meeting Councillor Madge thanked Councillor Turner and Councillor Lake for all their hard work during their time as Parish Councillors as both had decided not to stand again. Councillor Madge also reported that he had not completed Nomination Papers for re-election and at the present time would not seek to be co-opted back on to the Parish Council. Councillors thanked him for all the work he had done.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date