

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 5th August 2014
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 419th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 7.00 pm

1993.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs B Lake

Mrs P Parsons

Mrs R Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

Barry Walker – District Councillor

APOLOGIES – None

Also Present – 9 members of the Public

- 1994. CO-OPTION OF 2 NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS** – Following the resignations of Mrs Sally Cooper and Mr Peter Ashley and no parishioners requesting a by-election the Parish Council advertised that they needed to co-opt 2 new Councillors. Two residents stated their interest and accordingly Mr Nick Loxton and Mr Dennis Smith were invited to the meeting. Councillor Lake proposed and Councillor Edwards seconded the co-option of both to the Parish Council. Agreed unanimously. Councillor Madge invited them to join other Councillors and Councillor Parsons issued the necessary paperwork for completion.
- 1995. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A request was made that the Parish Council contact Highways with a view to getting the double lines from Lopen Head to the village changed to be solid both sides as on a regular basis vehicles indicating that they are turning into the farm entrances were passed. A request has been made in the past but was declined as the road was unrestricted. Now it is 40mph perhaps it could be considered again.
- 1996. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Crime figures had been circulated for the general area. Thefts have been reported from sheds in the Shepton Beauchamp area.
- 1997. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S** – Councillor Le Hardy reported that County are looking for more Foster Carers. More monies are being spent on County roads. More monies are also being put in by County to the Broadband Scheme, but at the moment there is no likelihood that The Seavingtons will have a faster broadband service within the next year.
District – Local Plan – 4 things still being looked at. Public session to end in October – hopeful it will be in place by Spring 2015. Meeting recently held at The Shrubbery in Ilminster re the A303 was in connection with Broadway to Blackdown link. Area North Meeting had awarded £6,000 to Seavington Playing Field Association as grant towards tarmac path. Malcolm Fish announced as Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Conservatives for Yeovil Ward.
- 1998. MINUTES OF THE 418th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th June** were agreed as correct and signed.
- 1999. S106 OR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES – RE LIFT WEST**
Councillor Parsons reported that she and several other villagers had raised the Parish concerns with regards to the allocation of these monies from the possible Lift West development with David Laws MP at his Village Surgery. A reply is still awaited. Generally it was felt that SSDC could re-look at the allocation.
- 2000. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES AND FLOODING** –
Good meeting held with Mike Fear regarding handover of Highways issues to Councillor Turner. Several items on list up-dated to take forward. Pavement alongside Seavington House already marked with orange lines. Jetters are due in Scotts Hill and Upton Lane to be re-surfaced, but no dates given as to when these will happen.

2001. **UP-DATE ON MEETING RE DAVID'S LANE CONCERNS** – Meeting with residents, County Highways, County Councillor and Police representative held on 26th June. Agreed that white lining would be improved and that residents would receive letter from Police re parking issues. [After meeting Highways confirmed that white lining was on job list and Police confirmed that residents had received letters.]
2002. **REPORT REGARDING LENGTHSMAN SCHEME** – Local Scheme has now finished. Councillor Parsons to request copies of final accounts.
2003. **UP-DATE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH CHRIS COOPER, JON BROWN AND STEVE FOX** – Following e-mail from Steve Fox Councillor Lake proposed and Elaine Edwards seconded and it was agreed unanimously that The Seavingtons should join SSDC Ranger Scheme and would allocate £3,000 for the coming year.
2004. **POSSIBLE USE OF COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM** – Councillor Lake reported that the Community Pay Back team had been in the village twice, but she found them very difficult to contact and receive information. First time was 3 people with 1 supervisor and the second time 6 with 1 supervisor. Often returned to the Hall sports block for refreshments from Cafe. A small area has been cleared, but the weeds are re-growing very quickly. [After meeting Councillor Parsons contacted Steve Fox re Ranger scheme who agreed to spray the area and re-seed. Unfortunately, holidays have intervened.]
2005. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report
2006. **REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK** – The Deed of Easement received from Mr & Mrs Dickers' Solicitors has been returned as there are several mistakes and queries.
2007. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Some petty vandalism had occurred again and the Police have been advised. Grants have been obtained for the tarmac path, but it is likely that this will not happen until early in the New Year.
2008. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – All going well. Employment of a Cook has increased income in Shop and Cafe.
2009. **COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER** – Mr & Mrs Turner to arrange a meeting with Charlotte Jones of SSDC.
2010. **PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – Still awaiting further information.
2011. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Chris Reyland to meet with Barn Owl project to try and acquire a barn owl box for Seavington St Michael. Already one on Manor Farm for Seavington St Mary. Councillor Parsons reported that she has a plaque similar to the ones in St Michael's and St Mary Church in memory of those who lost their lives in the First World War. Suggestion that it was cleaned and set in concrete and put between the two Millennium Oaks at the top of the Playing Field. Councillors Loxton and Madge to advise further on this.
2012. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Group are about to meet to bring the findings together in order to up-date the existing plan.
2013. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
14/02977/FUL – Installation of up to 10mw ground mounted photovoltaic solar energy generating system. Land to North of Hurcott Copse. Boxstone Hill – As there would appear to be little visual impact on The Seavingtons the Parish Council had no concerns with this proposal.
14/0146/FUL – Amended Plans for Lift West – erection of 13 dwellings - Councillors were pleased that recommendations made by County Highways, ie installation of a pavement to the front of the site and ensuring that large vehicles could enter the site, turn and leave the site had been incorporated in the new plans. Therefore Councillors had no concerns with the new plans. However, a note will be made that the Parish Council would like to see the 30mph speed limit moved further west away from the development, road signage should be improved and that perhaps the site could be lowered to reduce any impact on the nearby properties in Upton Lane.
14/03452/LBC – Change of colour of front door – Swan Thatch, Seavington St Michael – No concerns

14/03195/FUL 14/03196/LBC – Conversion, extension and rebuild of redundant farm buildings to form 3 residential units, new hay barn to form 1 residential dwelling and conversion of open barn – Pond Farm, Seavington St Michael – Councillors were unsure whether this application was to be treated as an amendment or a new application. Councillor Parsons to ascertain. The original plan had been accepted in principle but the design of the Dutch Barn caused concern and therefore the plans were refused. The new application now shows a new build ‘Hay Barn’. Councillors were concerned that they had not realised that the new driveway would only serve the Hay Barn (or Dutch Barn if approved on appeal) and that the extra driveway through the front grass area would serve the rest of the development. Concerns were expressed regarding the impact this would have on End House Cottage. [After meeting Councillor Parsons ascertained that the application could be treated as a new application and accordingly it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council supported the development but that concerns had been raised about the severe impact the new driveway would have on End House Cottage. Also the proposed new build Hay Barn should not have a detrimental effect on the flood alleviation scheme. Consideration should be given to the removal of the road bollard. Possible replacement of the walnut tree that is to be felled. A question was also asked as to what consideration Highways have given to the increased traffic from this site and the possible development at Lift West and increasing road signage.]

14/03535/FUL – Construction of slurry collection system – Land at Manor Farm, Seavington St Mary- Councillor Madge registered his interest in this application. Accordingly it was agreed that Parish Councillors would meet with Mr Madge at Manor Farm and discuss both applications in detail.

14/03672/FUL – The erection of an above ground specialist treated steel dirty water storage tank – Manor Farm Seavington St Mary – Councillor Madge registered his interest in this application.

[Following meeting Councillors met and discussed the proposal fully and visited both sites concerned with the planning. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council has no objections with these proposals. Their only reservation was that residents in Dark Lane and immediately opposite the site had not been notified by Planners. However, both Councillor Madge and others had advised many of the nearby residents.]

2014. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances – Current Account £9,971.49 credit Business Reserve - £12,283.77 credit

(b) Payment requests – J Gillard £430 and £280, Seavington Shop £15 and £28.97(re Community Pay Back Team Refreshments), Seavington Community Shop - £300 (support for provision of Wifi/Broadband), Grant Thornton - £120 (Audit fees)

Unanimously agreed to payment of all of the above.

Request from Community Shop re proposed tarmac to be put around the Shop. Request declined at the present time as insufficient knowledge of funds that Shop may have to do these works.

(c) Change of Signatories – Agreed for Councillor Edwards to be added as a signatory following resignation of Councillor Ashley. Councillors Parsons and Edwards to complete this.

(d) Ring-fenced monies – Councillor Parsons advised that the Council have promised the following - £1,200 for payment of new Sign between Hall and Shop, £300 for Blue Plaque to be installed at The Volunteer, £2,000 for possible purchase of defibulator and £2,600 grant to SPFA towards new tarmac path, and possible £3,000 for Ranger Scheme [Total £9,100] Also to possible £2,500 for grass cutting for rest of year.

2015. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7th October 2014 – note change of date

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Signed

Date