

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 16th December 2014
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 423rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 7.00 pm

2059.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mrs E Edwards – Vice Chair

Mrs B Lake

Mr N Loxton

Mrs P Parsons

Mr D Smith

Mrs R Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Barry Walker – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

2060.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2061.REPORT FROM POLICE – No report received but nothing of significance for Parish on web-site

2062.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

CLeH - Dualling of A358 and A303 given priority by Central Government. Councillor Le Hardy forming a group to have initial discussions and surveying residents to bring together a plan for the surrounding rural areas that will be impacted by this.

Health and Well Being monies being spent by sponsoring school groups to go to Frogmary Green Farm. *Somerset Rivers Authority* - £2m to set up coming from Central Government.

£27m in budget for Somerset Schools. Capital Investment Programme doubled. *Musgrove Park Hospital* considering taking over Weston-Super-Mare Hospital Trust.

Traffic calming in Watgore - at present, bus stops have been moved and raised platforms installed.

2063. MINUTES OF THE 422nd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th November were agreed as correct and signed.

2064. UP-DATE ON MEETING RE BROADBAND PROVISION – As at time of meeting no response received re letter sent to County Councillor Hall.

2065. UP-DATE ON MEETING RE SOUTH PETHERTON AREA HIGHWAYS REVIEW

Councillors Madge, Edwards and Lake attended the initial meeting called by Councillor Le Hardy [point 2062]. No time scales set at present but thoughts are that a plan should be drawn up regarding highway issues in and around South Petherton and surrounding parishes. Hopeful that such a plan could be incorporated in proposed dualling of A303. The Seavingtons wish to highlight on-going speeding issues, access for Branstons, classification of the road [formerly known as the A303] that passes through Seavington St Michael.

2066. S106 OR CIL MONIES – RE LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT – In abeyance as Planning Permission not yet granted. However, District Councillor Walker indicated that our Councillors were working hard to get more of the suggested sum from any developer paid to The Seavingtons.

2067. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES – None of the reported issues have been resolved, particularly potholes and state of Park Lane drains. Rubble that was fly tipped in lay-by on Long Forward Lane is still there. Works being carried out to drain in School Lane adjacent to Biddy's Barn.

- 2068. UP-DATE RE DAVID'S LANE CONCERNS** – Nothing has been done since the meeting and no response if forthcoming from County Highways regarding promised white-lining.
- 2069.REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LOXTON RE RANGER SCHEME** – Scheme working well
- 2070.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – No issues known
- 2071. REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Decision will have to be made with regard to any parking restrictions that may be implemented and the necessary signage. Councillor Parsons to contact SSDC to see what advice they can offer.
- 2072.REPORT ON SPFA** – New Booking Clerk now in post.
- 2073. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – All going well and foot-fall still increasing. Hopeful that the sign for the Shop/Hall area will soon be in place. Parish Council agreed to pay for this.
- 2074.PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – Nothing to report
- 2075. UP-DATE RE RE-SITING OF WORLD WAR 1 PLAQUE** – Concerns raised in previous minutes have not materialised so nothing further to be done. All comments received have been in appreciation.
- 2076.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT**
- 2077. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Councillor Loxton has started to pull previous Village Plan together with the new information from the recent Surveys. All Councillors to look at this and bring comments to next meeting.
- 2078. VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS OF SPFA (40 YEARS) AND SHOP (5 YEARS) PLANNED FOR JULY 2015** – Councillor Smith agreed to attend Meetings of the small group that has been formed to drive this forward. Will be jointly run by SPFA and Community Shop.
- 2079. PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - None
- 2080. ACCOUNTS**
- (A) **BALANCES** Current A/c - £8,130.14 Business Reserve £12,286.31
- (B) **PAYMENT REQUESTS** – SSDC £603.84 – Ranger Scheme
Jamie Gillard - £215.00 Grass cutting October - December
- (C) **SHOP BOND** – A letter of request had been received from Seavington Community Shop regarding the £2,500 Bond held by the Parish Council. After discussion all present agreed that the Parish Council would not be seeking repayment of this Bond and the monies could now go to the Shop. The original intention of the Parish Council was that these monies were for the Shop, but in order to protect PC monies prior to the shop being built the sum was invested in The Bond Scheme.
- (D) **CHANGE OF SIGNATORY FORMS** – Agreed that Councillors Parsons and Edwards would go to NatWest bank to get this completed.
- (E) **INITIAL DISCUSSION RE PRECEPT FOR 2015/16** – After further discussion it was agreed that the final decision would be made at the January 2015 meeting.
- 2081. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Confirmation of suggested dates for 2015
20th January, 24th February, 24th March [Also Parish AGM], 28th April, 19th May [Also Parish Council AGM – possible new Councillors following election] 23rd June, 28th July, NO AUGUST, 22nd September, 27th October, 24th November, 15th December.

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Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Date