

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 434th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 22nd December 2015 at 7.00 pm**

2297. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**PRESENT****Mr N Loxton - Chair****Mr D Smith – Vice Chair****Mrs E Edwards****Mr N England****Mrs P Parsons****Mr C Reyland****Mr C Turner****Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor****APOLOGIES****Adam Dance – District Councillor****Crispin Raikes – District Councillor****2298. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present**

- 2299. REPORT FROM POLICE** – The normal crime report for surrounding area has been received. Nothing noted for The Seavingtons.

2300. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

No District Councillors present. No report received.

County – Progress report on Children's Services shows there has been steady improvement. Road improvement schemes in South Petherton and Shepton Beauchamp.

Central Government considering more devolution down to Parish and Town Councils.

- 2301. MINUTES OF THE 433rd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th November 2015** were agreed as correct and signed

- 2302. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING** – Parish Councillors have met on two occasions with officers from SSDC and Dorset and Somerset Community Land Trust with regard to this development and to the housing needs in the villages. An Open Parish Meeting is planned for Monday 11th January 2016 to discuss the way forward.

2303. REPORT ON SITUATION REGARDING FROGMARY GREEN PLANNING APPLICATION

Councillors have been informed that part of the scheme has been Commissioned but the Retrospective Application for a larger unit has still not been passed back from County to District. An e-mail from the District Planner indicated that the Parish Council would be advised when the application had been returned and would be given an opportunity to make any further comments. Suggestion made that Nick Bragg should be invited to meeting on 19th January. Agreed by all present. Councillor Reyland to try and organise.

2304. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- **Sid Figures for last installation and dates for 2016** – Recent readings received still indicate that most vehicles speed through the village on the C5021. The SID will be installed next year on the following dates – East Bound 4th April and 22nd August
West bound 9th May and 26th September. No significant long term reduction in speed has been noticed since the SID's use. More notice is taken when the Police Speed Van is present.
- **Drains – blockage on corner opposite Rooks Meade Lane** – Suggestion made that Parish Council contact EC Jetting and get some indication as to what the problem is with this drain and may be having to pay for the work!!

- **Flower Troughs** – e-mail received indicated that licences would be needed to place the troughs on a highways verge, but the plants could go into the ground without any licence!! The Gardening Club will be advised accordingly.

2305. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Good comments are being received from residents regarding this scheme. Agreed to continue into next financial year

2306.LITTER PICKING IN VILLAGE – UP-DATE

Agreed a date – Saturday 5th March 2016. To be advertised in Village Newsletter. Ending at Volunteer with a lunch.

2307. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – No reports received on works that may be needed to be done.

2308. **UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Parish Councillors agreed that the Village Car Park should be white lined in accordance with national legislation. And perhaps the area in front of 1 Winchester Cottages should be hatched to indicate ‘No Parking’. Plan to be taken to Village Meeting on 11th January.

2309.UP-DATE ON ENHANCEMENT OF LAND BEHIND ST MARY’S CLOSE

Awaiting confirmation of date when Wessex Water will be presenting cheque.

2310. **UP-DATE ON BT ADOPT A KIOSK SCHEME** – Suggestions as to its use will be taken at Open Village Meeting.

2311. **REPORT ON SPFA** - Councillors are still feeling concerned as to the running of the present Committee. The Parish Council gives substantial financial support to the Association and feels that the opportunity to discuss the problems may be taken at The Open Village Meeting.

2312. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** - Grant applications being made, one of which is to cover the cost of a part-time Manager. New Volunteers to help in various ways are always welcome.

2313.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- **Village Notice Boards** - Councillor Loxton to check on state of boards and report back
- **Entrance Stones** – Councillor England to find out if they can be cleaned
- **Register of Electors** – New Register now with Councillor Parsons
- **PEW’s – Parish Environmental Warden** – Parish Council not appointed one as it was felt that problems such as dog fouling, litter, fly tipping etc was being reported to Streetscene SSDC.

2314. **UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** - awaiting some pictures

2315. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – 10 Winchester Cottages – Loft conversion allowed under ‘Permitted Development’.

2316. ACCOUNTS

- (a) **Balances** – Current A/c £530.48cr Business Reserve - £20,295.41cr
- (b) **Payment requests** – SALC £20 Councillor Training – SSDC 150.96 Ranger Scheme [Nov]
- (c) **Thoughts regarding precept for 2016/17** – Initially suggested 1.40% increase
- (d) **Auditing of Accounts 2015/16** - Awaiting clarification as to the Changes to the Audit procedures for Small Councils.

2317. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 11th January 2016 – Open Parish Meeting
Tuesday 19th January 2016**

Dates for Meetings in 2016 agreed as

19th January, 23rd February, 22nd March [Also Parish AGM]

26th April, 24th May [Parish Council AGM] 28th June, 26th July, AUGUST NO MEETING,

27th September, 24th October, 22nd November, 20th December

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date