

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 24th February 2015
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 425th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 7.00 pm

2104. 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

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs R Turner

Barry Walker – District Councillor

ALSO PRESENT PC Mark Bonici

2105. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

- 2106. REPORT FROM POLICE** – PC Bonici confirmed that he is now our Beat Officer. Has a large area to cover. The Seavingtons are still regularly visited by PCSO. Main problems in area have been non dwelling burglaries in South Petherton and anti-social behaviour between neighbours. Police considering installing CCTV in some areas in South Petherton. Councillors advised him of the meeting with Highways and concerns regarding speed through the villages. Suggested that the use of Speed Watch Teams should be re-visited. Agreed that Councillor Loxton would keep him informed of any contact made with Highways and the Police Speed Team.

2107. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

County Councillor Le Hardy – Advised that SSDC would be voting on acceptance of the Local Plan on 5th March. Confident it would be approved.

County Budget – approved at £310m. £57m capital investments agreed.

New Care Act will mean that new reforms will have to be brought in. South Petherton Junior School has new classroom. Merriot School a new Dining Hall. Road to Muchelney has been re-opened following major works by County Highways. Somerset River Authority been launched – monies received from SCC, Bath and West Society, Rivers Authority. New telephone number being introduced for County which will mean only ringing one number. Broadband tenders for second stage being received to take it up to 2017. It was suggested that all business premises within our area should keep in contact with Devon and Somerset Scheme. Writing of Highways project to be completed shortly and a copy will be sent when up-dated. Nothing has been received from Highways Agency regarding the up-grading of the A303.

- 2108. MINUTES OF THE 424th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON** Tuesday 20th January 2015 were agreed as correct and signed.
- 2109. UP-DATE ON S106 OR CIL MONIES RE LIFT WEST** - Councillor Parsons advised that she had heard from SSDC regarding any monies due and all efforts were being made to ensure that The Seavingtons received all of the monies or at least the largest share. However, concerns were raised that it would appear the planning application had stalled.
- 2110. REPORT FOLLOWING MEETING WITH COUNTY HIGHWAYS REGARDING C5021 AND DAVID'S LANE** – It was agreed that a very good meeting had been had with Gary Warren from County Highways. After meeting e-mail received agreeing the following:-
- 40mph speed limit –road safety team to erect some speed reading devices the same week as the SID (13th April).
 - Double White Line system between Lopen Head and Boxstone Cross –consultations with Police Traffic Management need to take place though in principle agreed that the 3 short sections that currently allow for overtaking should be closed off.
 - Edge of carriageway line throughout village –to be added to a lining package
 - 30 roundels/signs in the village –signage checked and it does conform to make the limit enforceable. That said, there is no reason why additional 30 signs can't be erected to assist with emphasising the speed limit, or instead roundels could be painted at appropriate locations. Thoughts on this would be welcomed.

- Davids Lane - this is on a programme though as this road is part of the salted network it won't be until the weather conditions improve before the works are done. This is primarily because the thermoplastic material does not adhere to wet/salted surfaces.

2111.REPORT BY COUNCILLOR TURNER RE OTHER HIGHWAY ISSUES

All faults notified but no works carried out to date.

2112.REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LOXTON RE NEW RANGER SCHEME

Working very well. SSDC were called as soon as the rat poison in the drain in School Lane was discovered and this was removed by The Ranger the following day after Parish Councillors had covered the entrance to the drain with strong wire mesh. Discussions were held as to how much the Parish Council should put into the Scheme for 2015/16. After the meeting, by e-mail, it was agreed that a sum of £4,500 should be ring-fenced for this purpose.

2113. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – A finger post had been blown over in the fields near Easterdown. Councillor Madge to consult with Andrew Gillard and Phil Gordon Smith and get it re-instated.

2114. **UP-DATE ON SUGGESTED SIGNAGE FOR VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Councillor Parsons reported that SSDC felt without careful wording more problems may be encountered. More thought to be given to any wording, but SSDC had advised that the Parish Council could just erect their own sign. Also suggested that perhaps a new blue 'P' sign should be acquired.

2115. **UP-DATE ON MEETING WITH SSDC RE LAND BEHIND ST MARY'S CLOSE** – Councillor Parsons reported that two residents had met with Steve Fox from SSDC Streetscene regarding what could be done with this old orchard. It was suggested that perhaps up to 21 fruit trees could be planted. SSDC would help with this and web sites offering grants for such schemes were suggested. An article will appear in the News Letter advising residents of the plans.

2116. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Councillor Parsons reiterated her concerns with regard to the Committee of the Association but acknowledged the fact that the Parish Council paying for the majority of the maintenance of the field has taken much of the pressure away for fund raising. The Association are hopeful that new members will come forward at the SPFA AGM as new blood is needed.

2117. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Shop/Cafe doing well but the cooker is now considered to be a major issue. Councillors had already seen a letter requesting a grant towards the purchase of a new cooker. [See 2123 (c) for details]

2118.PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN – No further information**2119.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT**

Replacement of tree opposite Dark Lane – a Pink Hawthorn has been planted to replace Rowan that had been damaged

Replacement of 2 Poo Bins – bin for the top of the playing field and adjacent to shop have been ordered. These are different in size and material and should last longer than the old ones.

Waste Skip Concerns were raised regarding the monthly skip – its siting and the fact that for the last two months it has been full and the waste has been left outside on the car park. Councillors to investigate.

Sport 50 – Taster sessions to be held in the Millennium Hall in April. Councillor Lake co-ordinating initially.

2120. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Councillor Loxton still working on this. Councillor Lake offered to help with putting together the final version for approval.

2121. **VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS** – Small sub-committee meeting and plans are progressing

2122. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14/05366/FUL – Mr Neil Palmer – Alterations to include conversion of part of garage into an annex and replacement of all windows. – Court House, Upton Lane - **Approved**

15/00083/COL Mr & Mrs I Patterson – Hazelwood Church Lane – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of a single storey detached garage/workshop – **Refused as building would be situated on land forward of the principal elevation of the original dwellinghouse**

15/00159/FUL – Mr M Layzell – Erection of garden store/workshop – Carpenters West Street Seavington St Mary. **Approved.**

2123. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Balances** – Current A/c £4,785.14 Business Reserved £12,287.37

(b) **Payment requests**

(c) **Grant for Community Shop re purchase of new Cooker** – After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Parsons and Seconded by Councillor Lake that a grant of £1,000 should be made to the Community Shop/Cafe. Agreed - 5 in favour and 1 abstention. Letter to be sent confirming this amount and that the only payments to be made for 2015/16 will be £500 for rent to SPFA and £300 for provision of Broadband WiFi for Community Use. Any other monies will have to be applied for.

2124. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 24th March – Also Parish Annual General Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date