

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE 435<sup>th</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL  
On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00 pm**

**2318. 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**

**Crispin Raikes – District Councillor**

**APOLOGIES**

**Adam Dance – District Councillor**

**ALSO PRESENT – TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- 2319. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – The situation regarding the SPFA and Parish Council was raised. Councillor Loxton reiterated what was said at the Open Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January – that only the SPFA can make decisions as to its future. The Parish Council had to flag up its concerns as village monies are used to maintain the playing field. The SPFA are to meet on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January and it is hoped that the Association will find a way forward in order that the Playing Field and Millennium Hall can be protected for the future. Hopeful that there would be better communication between, SPFA, Shop and Parish Council

- 2320. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Only monthly figures received which covers the whole area. Nothing specific for The Seavingtons. Councillor Le Hardy advised that there is a possibility that The Police Station in Yeovil will be closed. There may be an office in another building, but the closest holding cells will probably be in Bridgwater. It was also noted that Ilminster Police Station is closing with an office being set up in the new doctor's surgery in Canal Way.

**2321. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

***District*** - Councillor Raikes advised that meetings were about to start after the Christmas Break, so nothing significant to report.

***County*** – County Plan going ahead with plans for University for Somerset, Garden Towns, Business Parks and Innovative Centres. Hopeful of an Aero Space link around Yeovilton. Any plans will have to be tied into larger Regional Areas but this may enable European funding will be available. Councillor Le Hardy hopeful that he will be able to report in February in more detail on the County Plan.

***Health and Wellbeing monies*** have been allocated for this year. No application received from The Seavingtons.

- 2322. MINUTES OF THE 434<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 were agreed as correct and signed**

- 2323. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING** – Councillors were advised that a meeting had been held with representatives from SSDC, Wessex Community Land Trust advisors, and Parish Councillors. It had been agreed that the Parish Council would like to accept the gift of 3 houses from Andrew Whitehouse but that further discussions would be needed and a village Open Meeting to agree the legal body that would be set up. The planning application will include a 'Unilateral Understanding' between the developer and Mr Whitehouse. Councillors assured those present that the people offering the assistance have been involved in similar procedures. It was felt that the organisation set up for the managing of the 3 houses would need to be accountable to village residents.

**2324. REPORT ON SITUATION REGARDING FROGMARY GREEN PLANNING APPLICATION**

Councillor Loxton welcome Nick Bragg – owner of Frogmary Green – to the meeting. Councillors were given more information regarding increased traffic through the village – primarily along the C5021. This could be a maximum of 4 – 5 lorries per day, the lorries would be under the direct control of Frogmary Green. After more discussion it was agreed that a further e-mail would be sent to SSDC Planners flagging up our concerns, but suggesting that Highways should look at various alterations to the road in order to alleviate the concerns and also linking this to the new houses at the Lift West Site and Pond Farm. It was suggested that Highways should be asked to move the 30mph signs further east and west. The two bollards moved to be closer to these signs and that the road surface should be investigated particularly through Seavington St Michael, where sometime ago cats eyes were removed and not replaced. These holes do cause problems in the cottages alongside the road if hit by large vehicles.

**2325.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES**

Councillor Loxton to contact EC Jetting re blocked drain opposite Rooks Meade Lane  
Councillor Parsons has reported Caravan permanently parked outside 7 Rowdells Orchard to Yarlington Homes who will try to get something done. If not it will be reported to Highways

**2326.REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME – Nothing new to report****2327. LITTER PICKING IN VILLAGE –** Date sent to Newsletter for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March – More details to be put in March edition.**2328.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Nothing new to report****2329. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE –** As discussed at Village Open meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January**2330. UP-DATE ON ENHANCEMENT OF LAND BEHIND ST MARY'S CLOSE –** Cheque may be required to pay for trees ordered before monies received from Wessex Water**2331.UP-DATE ON BT ADOPT A KIOSK SCHEME –** Nothing further since meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January**2332.REPORT ON SPFA –** See Public Question Time.**2333.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP –** Nothing to report**2334.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT**

(a) **Village Notice Boards** – Councillor Loxton to investigate

(b) **Entrance Stones** – Councillor England has arranged for cleaning when weather improves.

**2335. UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN –** See 11<sup>th</sup> January**2336. QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS -** Meeting to be held between SPFA, Shop and Volunteer Inn .**2337. PLANNING APPLICATIONS –** Nothing new**2338. ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Balances** Current A/c - £879.52 credit Business Reserve - £19,796.27 credit [86p interest]  
Cheque £20 to SALC outstanding

(b) **Payment requests** – None at present

(c) **2016/17 Precept** – Councillor Parsons advised that the suggestion for £14,120 be requested from Council Tax Payers + £780 due from Council Tax Reduction Support Grant – making a total amount to meet budget of £14,900 should be requested. Councillor England proposed , and Councillor Loxton seconded acceptance of this proposal. Agreed unanimously by all those present.

**2339. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016**

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**