

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 20th January 2015
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 424th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.00 pm

2082.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mrs E Edwards – Vice Chair [Acting Chair]

Mrs B Lake

Mr N Loxton

Mrs P Parsons

Mr D Smith

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Barry Walker – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mrs R Turner

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

ALSO PRESENT – Mr Paull Robathan and Graham Gatehouse

- 2083. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – *South Petherton Neighbourhood Plan*** – Mr Robathan advised that he has been co-opted by South Petherton Parish Council to chair sub-committee that were overseeing the production of a New Neighbourhood Plan for South Petherton. He was accompanied to the meeting by Graham Gatehouse (South Petherton Parish Councillor) who was also part of the sub-committee. Neighbourhood Plans have to link into SSDC Local Plan (which has now been agreed by Inspector). It will be a legally binding document, more than a Parish Plan would be but legal lines have to be followed for production and adoption. South Petherton have major issues ie Hospital changes, Bank closing, numbers of new houses which were not in previous plan. The sub-committee will be consulting with South Petherton residents in May through a special edition of TA13 [a copy of which will be delivered to Seavington Community Shop. After discussion it was thought that possibly The Seavingtons do not require a Neighbourhood Plan but just need to up-date Parish Plan that was issued in 2005. Councillors thought the major concern for Seavington was not an increase in houses in the village but highway issues that may be caused by developments in both Ilminster and South Petherton. Agreed that when The Seavingtons plan was approved a copy would be e-mailed to Paull Robathan. It was also agreed that South Petherton would keep Seavington Parish Council informed re their plan.

- 2084. REPORT FROM POLICE** – No report received, but PCSO still calls into Shop on a regular basis. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is working and receives information from Police re any local concerns.

2085.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

CLeH – David Laws MP has registered his concerns regarding the closure of NatWest in South Petherton, but this has had no effect on the closure. From a public meeting it became obvious that RBS had no intention of changing its mind. In fact three varying statistics had been given to concerned parties regarding recent footfall.

It was agreed that the coming Election will be critical and all should participate. Various projects in the pipe-line. Full report to come shortly [will be attached to these Minutes].

Possible dualling of A303 Ilminster Bypass – Councillors asked that the 3 footpaths that cross the A303 in Seavington St Mary need to be included in the plan for any dualling.

BW - Area North meeting to be held on 28th January.

- 2086. MINUTES OF THE 423rd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th December 2014** were agreed as correct and signed.

- 2087. UP-DATE ON MEETING RE BROADBAND PROVISION - *Connecting Devon and Somerset*** – Tender for next phase in place. £40m to be received from Central Government. Seavington is still in the plan. Survey will start in October with works to finish by 2016. Parish Councillors had agreed that copies of letter sent to County Councillor Hall and his reply will be published in The February Seavingtons' News.

- 2088. S106 or CIL MONIES RE LIFT WEST SITE** - Questions will be asked as to why it appears to be illegal for Seavington to receive more of the S106 monies that may be levied on any development at the Lift West Site.
- 2089. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES** – Councillor Turner reported that she had reported pot-holes but nothing had been done. Blocked Drains had been reported in West Street, but Councillor Turner had been advised that there was no money to sort this. However, Councillor Smith reported that Highways had been working on drains opposite Layzell's. Councillor Turner to be asked to arrange a site meeting in Park Lane to discuss potholes and blocked drains.
- 2090. CONCERNS REGARDING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS CLOSE TO BOXSTONE CROSS JUNCTION** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had asked County Highways to confirm the classification of the road that goes from Cemetery Cross to Ilminster, through Seavington St Michael. Parish Councillors think this is classified as a C road and is therefore maintained according to that classification. [After meeting confirmation was received that the road is known as a 'C' road as far as County Highways are concerned. Agreed that contact should be made with both the Police and County Highways to see what can be done to limit the number of incidents.
- 2091. UP-DATE RE DAVID'S LANE CONCERNS** – Councillors were concerned that nothing has been done regarding the promised works following the meeting with residents at the end of June 2014. Councillor Le Hardy to contact Colin Fletcher to see what has delayed this.
- 2092. REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LOXTON RE NEW RANGER SCHEME** – All seems to be working well.
- 2093. REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – No problems known
- 2094. REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Councillor Parsons to contact SSDC regarding possible sign that could be erected on the Car Park and what help with management SSDC could offer.
- 2095. REPORT ON SPFA** – New Booking Clerk and Cleaner appointed. All seems to be going well. Joint fund raising with The Community Shop Committee is being considered. It was reported that the poo-bin at the top of the playing field was very rusted and metal parts could be dangerous. Streetscene to be contacted with regard to purchase of a replacement bin.
- 2096. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Councillor Edwards reported that things in the Shop and Cafe seem to be going well but that she had felt very uncomfortable at the previous Community Shop Committee Meeting. Councillor Edwards also reported that the black waste bin in the Car Park, near the Shop, had been damaged, probably by the Wastepaper skip. However, it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for a new one to be sited in a different position. Councillor Smith to investigate the cost of a new bin. If the old one can be repaired it will be placed at the top of the playing field.
- 2097. PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – No further information.
- 2098. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – A group of residents are in contact with Steve Fox SSDC, regarding a plan for the Orchard behind St Mary's Close. Review of NHS in South Petherton and surrounding areas has been delayed.
- 2099. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Councillor Loxton has sent the revised Plan to all Councillors and asked that they advise him of any amendments and observations by 1st February 2015.
- 2100. VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS PLANNED FOR JULY/AUGUST 2015.** Committee has been formed with members from SPFA and Community Shop.
- 2101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
14/05366/FUL – Mr Neil Palmer – Court House, Upton Lane, - Alterations to include conversion of part of garage into Annexe and replacement of all windows. – **No Concerns**
15/00159/FUL - Mr Michael Layzell – Carpenters, West Street – Erection of garden store/workshop – **No concerns.**

Shudrick Lane, Iminster – Concerns re traffic through the Seavingtons sent again to SSDC. However, it would seem that although development in Shudrick Lane is not in the SSDC Local Plan, now agreed by the Inspector, the proposed development will still be discussed at an Area West meeting to be held in February.

2102. ACCOUNTS

- (a) Balances – Current A/c £6,104.06 credit Business Reserve £12,286.87 credit
- (b) Payment Requests - £1017.00 (including VAT £169.50) Cheddar Signs
£301.92 (including VAT £50.32) SSDC Ranger Scheme
- (c) Precept for 2015/16 – Councillor Lake proposed and Councillor Smith seconded and agreed unanimously that precept be increased to £13,750 + £770 Council Reduction Support Grant (£14,520)
- (d) Councillor Parsons reported that she was concerned that she has not been able to obtain from South Petherton PC accounts regarding the Lengthsman Scheme. Councillor Walker promised to look into this.
- (e) Community Shop Bond has been returned.

2103. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 24th February 2015

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed

Date