

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 26th July 2016
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 441st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 7.00 pm

2440.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr D Smith – Acting Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Mr C Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Adam Dance – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

2441.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2442. REPORT FROM POLICE – Up-date re Cars parking on pavement – Councillor Parsons reported that a resident had reported continued parking on the pavement adjacent to the Village Car Park to the Police. The resident was asked to provide pictures as evidence and this has been done. At present the vans are not causing a problem

2443. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S – Councillor Le Hardy reported on the following matters.

- ***Devolution*** – Devon and Somerset councils have been reassured that their development proposals do not require an elected mayor.
- ***Children in care*** - Somerset’s achievements praised at annual Awards.
- ***New dimension for learning disability services - Pioneering*** plans to transfer Somerset’s Learning Disabilities services to a social enterprise given the green light.
- ***Syrian refugees*** – Six families now settled in the Frome area. Somerset has been asked to take 70 unaccompanied children over the next few years.
- ***Transport across the County*** - new project to join up transport for Children in Care, Adult Transport etc
- ***Foster parents*** – More needed throughout the County

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District Councillor Dance reported that a Vodafone 4G/3G mast was to be installed at Frogmary Green.

2444. MINUTES OF THE 440th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th June 2016 were agreed as correct and signed

2445. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING AND CLT SUB-GROUP – Nothing further to report. Still awaiting completion of the Legal process to set up CLT. Councillor Smith to contact Wessex Community Land Trust Project and Andrew Whitehouse for up-dates.

2446.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- **Maintenance of Flood alleviation Drains that cross private land** – Councillor Dance still trying to ascertain information from SSDC.
- **Rooksmeade Lane** – Report of Voles in stream made to County Council. Will be investigated during August. In the meantime Mr Jacobs has been asked not to carry out any works to ditch etc.
- **Caravan outside 7 Rowdells Orchard** – concerns have been made with Planners, Police and Highways but nothing forthcoming at present.

- **Increased traffic along C5021** – Councillor Turner raised the question of increased farm traffic along the C5021. It was reported that some, but not all, of the farm traffic is connected to Frogmary Green. Councillor Le Hardy agreed that he would meet with Nick Bragg re concerns of amount of vehicles and the speed at which some travel.

2447.REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME – Still working well

2448. REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – It was agreed that a machine could be hired to try and deal with the footpaths around Mead Farm. Hopefully this will be carried out in the next few weeks.

2449. VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE – Disabled space to be provided on Village Car Park – Proposal to white line the car park still awaiting costings.

2450.COMMUNITY ORCHARD – Concerns regarding unauthorized opening a 8 Rowdells Orchard

Councillor Parsons reported that this opening had been reported to SSDC and they were dealing with it.

2451. REPORT ON SPFA – AGM Thursday 28th July 2016 – Councillor Smith to contact Chair of SPFA to say that the Parish Council intends to send a Representative to the pre AGM meeting to be held at 7.00pm on 28th July.

2452. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP – AGM Tuesday 9th August – Councillor Smith reported that things are still going well. New grant application regarding salary for a Manager is being submitted. Hopeful that some Parish Councillors will attend the AGM.

2453. SCC – Listening, Learning, Changing – Communication for Parish input – Agreed that Councillor Parsons should send e-mail regarding this to The Seavingtons' New for publication.

2454.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- **Village Notice Boards** – awaiting quotes from Ash Bros
- **Maintenance of 3 village seats** – awaiting quotes from Ash Bros
- **Entrance Stones** – have been cleaned and Invoice submitted for payment
- **Bank from Gummers Castle to Seavington House** – Note to be put in Seavingtons' News asking for volunteers to try and tidy up this area.

2455. UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

2456. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/01568/S73 – Variation at Pond Farm – new build – no concerns as long as comments regarding maintenance of drains etc becomes part of planning consent

Shudrick Lane – Ilminster – it was reported that refusal of this development is going to Appeal

2457. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances – C/a - £11,271.09 credit Business Reserve - £17,800.89 credit

A transfer of £9,000 was made from the Current Account to the Business Reserve.

**(b) Payment requests £115.71 – Eugene Mulligan re Domain Names for web-site etc
£603.83 – SSDC – Ranger Scheme**

(c) Parishioner request re monies paid to Community Shop – Councillor Parsons advised that a request had been received regarding monies paid to Community Shop. A response had been sent to the affect that £300 was in respect of supplying WiFi to villagers and SPFA and £500 for ground rent due to SPFA. Councillors had agreed on the latter as it showed continued Parish Council support for the Shop.

(d) Up-date required re SSDC Grass cutting of playing field for 2016/17 – District Councillors agreed to try and get confirmation that the price would be held at previous years level. New quotes will be obtained in November from 3 contractors.

2458. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 27th September 2016

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Date