

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 418th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 7.00 pm**

1973.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mr P Ashley

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mrs R Turner

Barry Walker – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs B Lake

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

ALSO PRESENT – Mrs S Cooper and Mr N Loxton

1974.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

1975.SSDC – RE RANGER SCHEME AND ENHANCEMENT OF ROWDELL’S ORCHARD

Chris Cooper from SSDC told Councillors about the Ranger Scheme now being offered to Parishes. This is similar to the Lengthsman Scheme that The Seavingtons had bought into and managed by South Petherton PC. The Lengthsman has resigned and the Scheme is likely to finish. The cost of the Ranger Scheme is £17per hour, for a man, vehicle and equipment. Suggested meeting is arranged with Steve Fox who manages the Scheme to see what the villages would like. Councillor Parsons to arrange.

Jonathan Brown reported that the SSDC would assist with the enhancement of Rowdell’s Orchard, but it must be Community led. SSDC will provide up to 6 suitable orchard trees.

1976.REPORT FROM POLICE -

1977. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S - No Full Council Meeting held and none scheduled for July at present. Local Plan has been submitted but should not affect The Seavingtons. District Councillors hopeful it will go through. Now identified 5-year housing supply. With regard to planning applications going to Appeal, at present one Inspector makes decision. Proposals are that it should be 3.

1978. MINUTES OF THE 417th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th May 2014 were agreed as correct and signed

1979. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES AND FLOODING – Meeting to be held in David’s Lane tomorrow to discuss issues raised by Mr Collings.
Councillor Ashley to e-mail Mike Fear to try and set up a meeting with Councillor Turner regarding the change of responsibility.

1980. REPORT ON WORKS COMPLETED BY LENGTHSMAN – Still unclear as to what monies will be handed back when the Scheme finishes.

1981.POSSIBLE USE OF COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM – Should be in village early July.

1982. REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Paths across Meade Farm land have been difficult to cut and maintain.

1983. REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK – Owners of the two vehicles that are un-taxed have verbally been asked to remove them. Pardoes have instructed solicitors acting for Mr & Mrs Dicker that the Deed of Easement is to be sent directly to The Parish Council.

1984.REPORT ON SPFA – AGM to be held on Tuesday 8th July.

1985. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP – Trade is good and appointment of a paid Cook in the Cafe has increased sales.

1986.COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER – Councillor Turner to contact Charlotte Jones [SSDC].

1987.PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN – Plaque has been ordered

1988.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

Resignation of Councillor Cooper - Following the resignation of Councillor Cooper after the last meeting Notices were placed in the village giving the residents of Seavington St Michael the option to ask for a By-Election. The outcome of this will be known on 27th June. If no election is sought the Parish Council can co-opt at the next meeting.

Defibulator - Following information from Councillor Madge investigations have been made with regards to the placing of a defibulator on the wall of the Millennium Hall. One quote received is in the region of £1,950 + VAT. Councillors to investigate other sources.

1989. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – Any publication needs to be meaningful and possibly refer back to 2005 Plan.

1990. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – *Possible Community Monies from Lift West Development* – Letter received from Chief Executive of SSDC indicates that Council cannot allocate more monies to The Seavingtons as it would be against National Planning Policy. The matter will be taken further with residents being asked to make their concerns known.

Possible application for installation of Solar Panels on land owned by The Dillington Estate. Two-thirds of the development in Whitelackington, one-third in Seavington [Hurcott]. Councillors looked at plans and agreed that the site would not be seen from the Seavingtons. No decision made until formal plans received.

1991. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances – Current Account - £10,014.04 credit

Business Reserve - £12,282.24 credit

(b) Payment Request – J Gillard - £400.00 – agreed

1992. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 5th August 2014

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed

Date