

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 415th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 25th March 2014at 7.00 pm**

1913.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr P Ashley (Acting Chair)

Mrs S Cooper

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs B Lake

Mrs P Parsons

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

Barry Walker – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr S Madge

Mrs R Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

1914.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of public present

1915.REPORT FROM POLICE – No Police officer present

1916.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

PT – Two full SSDC meetings have been held since last Parish Council meeting. Main issues have been with planning and the re-submission of the Local Plan. The Shudrick Lane option in Ilminster has been shelved in favour of the development in Canal Way. The Yeovil urban extension with one large block in East Coker still causing concerns with Inspector. SSDC have further 6 months to revise the plan in a hope to reduce numbers and move to two areas. In South Petherton employment land has been dropped by 2 hectares because of the Lopen site. Any new plan must a 5-year development plan.

BW - District Councillors are becoming very concerned by the amount of planning applications being received. There is an understanding that more houses are needed but where and numbers are also important. It is felt that green field sites should not be given preference. However, when deciding whether or not to grant permission there has to be legal reason for not agreeing to development. Sustainability has to be taken into account. Councillors are fearful that 'land banking' is taking place so they are unsure as to how many houses will actually be built.

There is an urgent need for the Local Plan to be agreed as otherwise no plan will mean direct input from Central Government.

PT – Concerns regarding drainage of water from the A303 is still on-going. It is affecting several other Parishes in the area.

Councillor Parsons raised the question of the Change in Business Rates and whether or not this may affect the zeroisation of the Millennium Hall rates and the Village Car Park. District Councillors did not have a definite answer.

1917. MINUTES OF THE 413th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th February 2014 were agreed as correct and signed

1918. MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEES – Councillors agreed as follows:-

Village Car Park – Councillors Ashley, Edwards and Parsons

Lift West houses - Councillors Ashley, Cooper, Lake and Madge

1919. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES – See Annual Report. Councillors asked whether they could be advised when Highways may be doing repairs in the villages. District Councillors indicated that they receive such a report. To be taken up with County Highways

1920.REPORT ON WORKS COMPLETED BY LENGTHSMAN – See Annual Report

- 1921. POSSIBLE USE OF COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM** - Awaiting dates confirming when the Sports Block in the Millennium Hall will be available. This should be by the beginning of May.

1922.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – See Annual Report

1923.REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK – See Annual Report

1924.REPORT ON SPFA – See Annual Report

1925.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP – See Annual Report

- 1926. COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER** – From the recent Neighbourhood Plan survey it would appear that residents would like to see The Volunteer Inn put on this Register. District Councillors advised that perhaps an SSDC officer would attend a meeting to explain what would need to be done and what it would actually mean.

- 1927. PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – Councillor Parsons to try and obtain report from The Volunteer regarding progress with this

1928.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

Councillor Parsons reported that she had had notification from Yarlington Homes regarding the property in Rowdell's Orchard that was causing concerns. Yarlington Homes representatives have called on the tenant to discuss the complaints. Visits will continue to ensure that the Tenancy Agreement is complied with

- 1929. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Sub-Committee still meeting. Results from the last questionnaire are being collated and should be published shortly.

1930. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14/00175/FUL – The Layzell Partnership – Change of use and extension to form 1 no dwelling at The Barn Yard, West Street. – Approved with several Conditions.

1931. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Current Account - £108.26 credit**

Business Reserve - £12,280.49 credit

**Payments made - £1,920.00 – SSDC Streetscene [Grass cutting of Playing Field]
£222.00 - Seavington Millennium Hall [Hire Charges]**

(b) **Meeting at West Camel re Audit changes** – Councillors Edwards, Lake and Parsons to attend

- 1932. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 22nd April 2014

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date