

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 428th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.00 pm**

2167. 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****APOLOGIES****None received**

Chairman – Councillor N Loxton welcomed all new Councillors. See Parish Council AGM for changed officers and responsibilities.

2168. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present**2169. REPORT FROM POLICE – No one present – but e-mail received giving details of local crime****2170. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

County – Councillor Le Hardy is now member of Somerset Cabinet for Corporate Improvement – concentrating on Children/Adult Services and Highways.

Highways Project for local area – has been well received and a further report will be issued in July/August to take a longer term look at Highways. Improvements to the A303 and A358 are now back on the National Programme. Suggestion made that when improvements take place the Seavingtons should request some 'Brown Signs' indicating local services available.

Broadband – All funding now in place with 95% of areas being connected by 2017 and the other 5% by 2020. South Petherton exchange on list. The Seavingtons are included in this.

Council Tax – County not increased this but savings of some £21m have to be found.

2171. MINUTES OF THE 427th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th April 2015 were agreed as correct and signed

2172. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING – It was reported that the site has been sold to a developer. However Councillor Smith reported that Mr Whitehouse had confirmed that he still wishes to give 3 houses to The Seavingtons. Councillor Loxton to contact Mr Whitehouse and Councillor Parsons to contact Charlotte Jones – SSDC – to seek guidance as to how this can be managed.

2173. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES – No information has yet been received regarding the 4 black boxes that were fixed along the C5012. Councillor Parsons to chase. The white lining promised in June 2014 at David's Lane has still not happened. Councillor Parsons to chase this. Bottom of Upton Lane now marked as if the potholes are to be repaired.

2174. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME – Councillor Loxton to speak to Phil Gordon-Smith regarding any help needed with regard to maintenance of some of the footpaths. Councillors were asked to advise Councillor Loxton of any areas that need attention

2175. REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNITY CONTACTS – Councillor Loxton volunteered to be the Parish Council contact for this and the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator will be asked to liaise with him. Councillor Parsons to complete necessary form.

2176.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Nothing of concern reported

- 2177. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had put an article in the June Seavingtons' News regarding concerns over parking in general throughout the village. It was reported that there had once again been problems on the 'Village Car Park' opposite The Volunteer Inn. It was agreed to seek advice from SSDC with regard to what the Parish Council can do now that the site has been registered in their name and how any rules put in place could be 'policed'.
- 2178. INFORMATION RE NEW TROUGHS SUGGESTED FOR VILLAGE** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had received an e-mail indicating that County would want £515 for a licence for the troughs to be put on Highway verges. It was unanimously agreed that this was unreasonable and Councillor Le Hardy offered to seek further clarification from County Highways.
- 2179. REPORT REGARDING SPFA** – It was reported that the AGM of the Association would be held in July and that new membership of the Committee would be sought. New representatives from the 5 village organisations named on the Constitution have been requested and residents will be asked to notify the Association if they wish to be considered for election – 7 elected members needed.
- 2180. REPORT REGARDING COMMUNITY SHOP** – Things progressing well and on track for this year. AGM to be held on 4th August 2015.
- 2181. UP-DATE RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** - No further news so decision made to take item off Agenda until Licensee provides an up-date.

2182.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT - Adopt a Kiosk – Councillor Smith to investigate this.

- 2183. UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Meeting held and progress has been made. Some information still required.
- 2184. VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS OF SPFA [40YRS] SHOP [5 YRS]** - Sub-committee meeting and progress is being made.

2185. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/01023/FUL – Internal and external alterations and conversion to outbuilding at The Beeches – application granted

Change of access adjacent to 2 Southernaways, Seavington St Mary. Councillors had received concerns from residents regarding the change of an access to a field adjacent to 2 Southernaways. Planners have advised that should it be used to access the rear of the property or just for parking vehicles then Planning Permission would be needed. Councillors to keep planners advised.

2186. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances **Current A/c - £5,137.90 credit** **Business Reserve - £22,288.91 credit**

(b) Payment requests - J Gillard (grass cutting) - £460.00
 SALC - £134.34
 SSDC – Ranger Scheme - £150.96
 AON Insurance - £377.69
 All payments agreed – unanimously

(c) Redemption of 2½% Consolidated Stock - Councillor Parsons reported that the Government had announced that this Stock was to be redeemed in its entirety, at par, on 5th July 2015. Share Certificates held indicate that there is £24.30 stock designated to Seavington St Michael and £47.63 to Seavington St Mary. At present Parish Council receives dividend payments of £0.29 and £0.15 quarterly

2187. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 22nd June 2015 [NOTE CHANGE OF DATE]

It was also agreed to change July meeting to Monday 27th due to village celebrations

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

After the meeting Councillor Parsons received information regarding the proposed enhancement of the area of land behind St Mary's Close. A group of residents are working closely with SSDC, who own the land, with a proposal to plant more fruit trees. The intention is to improve the general appearance of the area and it is hoped that any work done will only make the area more enjoyable and accessible to all.

Signed

Date