

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 444th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 22nd November at 7.00 pm**

2495.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr D Smith – Vice Chair

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Mr C Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Edwards

Adam Dance – District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

2496.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2497.REPORT FROM POLICE – Nothing to report

2498.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Councillor Le Hardy reported that iAero Centre funding still on-going. Attended presentation on transformation of Health and Social Care. Social Care workers in Somerset paid slightly over the National Wage. Highways still under pressure but small improvement scheme being discussed in Lopten. Traffic census and speed initiative could help with any schemes that may be requested. Please also see November County Briefing Paper.

No report from District.

2499. MINUTES OF THE 443rd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th October 2016 were agreed as correct and signed

2500. LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT AND CLT sub-group – Nothing further to report. Agreed that Councillor Loxton should try and contact Mr Whitehouse as a meeting of the CLT has to happen in the early part of 2017.

2501.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- **Maintenance of Flood Alleviation Scheme.** Councillors Loxton and Parsons had a very useful meeting with Ian Case (Engineer SSDC). The outcome is that SSDC will investigate the drains laid across land at Hunts House and confirm who would be responsible for any maintenance works. General feeling is that most of the drains were laid during the Flood Alleviation Scheme in the late 1990s by funding received by SSDC so they would be responsible for those. One drain, down Hunts House drive installed at slightly later date and could be responsibility of County Highways. Parish Council will be kept advised.
- **Rookesmeade Lane.** Works have been carried out by Highways. Councillor Parsons met with SSDC workmen who were clearing stream(ditch) from outlet opposite playing field to Ile Bridge and a short distance into Rookesmeade Lane. This is done annually under the Flood Alleviation Scheme. Adjoining land owner responsible for rest of stream/ditch along Rookesmeade Lane. Highways has put in some concrete 'runoffs' where highway was in danger of collapsing into stream.
- **Remedial works to white lining along C5021.** Confirmed that this should be carried out by contractor.

2502. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Councillors asked to report any areas that need attention and number of visits under the scheme is reduced during the winter months. General feeling that clearing of gullies will become of major importance
2503. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Finger post at Rooksmeade Lane side of Sawpit Lane is broken. Councillor England agreed to speaking to Parish Paths Liaison Officer (Andrew Gillard) to try and arrange meeting with County Footpaths officer to clear up some concerns with regard to footpaths - West Street, Upton Lane and around Meade Farm.
2504. **VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Agreed to leave white lining now until the early spring.
2505. **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT** – Date in Village Newsletter – Saturday 10th December 11.00am. re final tree planting and celebration of the Scheme. Notices will be around village and individual invitations sent to those who have helped with the project.
2506. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Purchase of Dog Poo Bag dispenser still in hand. Information on Defibulator still awaited and training still to be arranged through St John's Ambulance Service.
2507. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Change of Chair taking place.
2508. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT**
- **Request for a PEW [Parish Environmental Warden]** Unanimously agreed that the Parish would not name one.
 - **Citizens Advice** – Poster on Parish Council Notice Board
 - **County Council Elections** – Poster on Parish Council Notice Board
 - **SSDC Public Space Protection Order** – Order to exclude all dogs from a specific area at Ninesprings. Yeovil.
2509. **UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Councillor Loxton to complete up-date and have a copy put on village web-site.
2510. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
16/04245/FUL – Mr & Mrs S Day – Amherst, The Pheasant, Seavington St Mary. – Parish Council have no concerns with this application
2511. **CONFIRMATION RE DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS**
Fourth Tuesday of month difficult for some Parish Councillors. Agreed it would be difficult to change from a Tuesday evening but possibility to move to 3rd Tuesday. Dates for next year to be circulated.
2512. **ACCOUNTS**
- (a) **Balances Current Account - £261.34 credit Business Reserve - £23,805.00 credit**
£1.08 interest applied
- (b) **Payment requests** – Ash Bros - £448.43, 415.80, and £318.92 for works to Notice Boards and village seats. Grant Thornton - £120.00 for audit of 2015/16 accounts
- (c) **Quote for grass cutting of main playing field** - Three quotes have been received and Councillor Loxton proposed, Councillor England seconded and it was unanimously agreed to accept quotation from Somerset Landscapes
- (d) Councillor Parsons handed preliminary papers to Councillors re Precept for 2017/18 for discussion at next meeting. Final decision has to be made at January 2017 meeting.
2513. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20th December 2016 [Third Tuesday of month]**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date