

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 433rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.00 pm**

2276.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr D Smith – Acting Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N Loxton , Mr N England, Mr C Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

2277.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2278.REPORT FROM POLICE – No report received. No knowledge of any problems

2279.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

See County Council briefing note regarding County news for November. Also briefing paper received regarding Hinkley Point progress.

Nothing of interest to The Seavingtons to report from District.

2280. MINUTES OF THE 432nd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th October 2015 after one amendment to paragraph 2261 line 5 [caused to experienced] were agreed as correct and signed

2281. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING – Following a very positive meeting with Andrew Whitehouse on 4th November a further meeting with officers from SSDC and Community Land Trust co-ordinator for Dorset and Somerset planned for 3rd December.

2282. REPORT ON SITUATION REGARDING FROGMARY GREEN PLANNING APPLICATION

Councillor Parsons confirmed that she had e-mailed SSDC Planners regarding concerns with regard to the amended planning application recently received. It would seem that SSDC had considered this application now to be more of a 'Waste Management' scheme and had handed it to County Council. However, it would now appear that County are to hand the decision back to District, but both authorities will work closely together. It is believed that 'Greener For Life' have been told to stop any further works. It was also reported that there are several piles of maize on Dillington Estates land, at the top of Whitelacking Hill, that is destined for Frogmary Green.

2283.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- Drains – blockage on corner opposite Rooks Meade Lane – Councillor Parsons has contacted Highways yet again regarding this but should no progress be made it was suggested that EC Jetting be contacted to see what may be the problem.
- Flower Troughs – No further progress regarding licence as Councillor Le Hardy not present.

2284.REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME

Working well. Councillor Smith to contact Ranger in absence of Councillor Loxton.

2285.LITTER PICKING IN VILLAGE – REQUEST FOR GROUP TO BE SET UP

A note was put in the Newsletter but to date only 1 response received.

2286.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

No concerns have been reported.

2287.UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE

Problems still being experienced in various areas of the village. Will be discussed in full at the Open Meeting planned for 11th January 2016

2288.UP-DATE ON ENHANCEMENT OF LAND BEHIND ST MARY'S CLOSE

Wessex Water have agreed a grant of £1,000 for this scheme, but it may be sometime before the monies are received. This being the case it was agreed that the co-ordinator could go ahead with the purchase of trees etc and the Parish Council would pay any monies up to the £1,000 promised.

2289.UP-DATE ON BT ADOPT A KIOSK SCHEME

Contract has now been signed and just awaiting the final formalities to be completed.

2290.REPORT ON SPFA

Councillor Edwards attended the last meeting. Only one new Committee member [apart from Representatives] has joined since the resignation of several members at the AGM.

2291.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP

Still requires more Volunteers but applications are in the pipe-line for the funding of a salary for a Manager. Still Hopeful of a meeting between Shop, SPFA, Church and Volunteer Inn regarding fund raising during 2016.

2292.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- **Village Notice Boards** – Still awaiting up-date on works required
- **Entrance Stones** – awaiting information on possible cleaning
- **Hand-over of History Web site** – Any enquiries received will be forwarded to Parish Council in the short-term
- **Up-date and Modernisation of Village Web-site** – Web Manager has been thinking of doing this as it no longer works properly on mobiles and small tablets as underlying software is getting old . Up-date to take place in the New Year but the site will still work whilst these improvements are taking place. Agreed to the expected cost of no more that £80 as this is just for the software needed and there will be no payment for time of web manager.

2293. UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Agreed a brief report on expected date of publication will be given at Open Meeting on 11th January 2016.

2294. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/05017/LBC – 15/05018/S73 - RE Pearce Properties Ltd – Revised application re Pond Farm Seavington St Michael. Application to vary conditions 2 [approved plans], 5 [finished floor levels] and 8 [parking/turning] Parish Council have no concerns over proposed alterations. Mainly alterations to internal layouts, the ridge level has been raised slightly and part of Barn 2 stepped forward because of ditch concerns.

No further news regarding Loft Conversion at 10 Winchester Cottage

2295. ACCOUNTS

- (a) **Balances – Current A/c £1,633.36 credit Business Reserve £20,294.52 [Interest £0.92 Oct]**
(b) **Payment requests** – Still awaiting invoices re Ranger and J Gillard

- (c) **Thoughts regarding precept for 2016/17** – financial papers handed out. Suggestion some thought be given to celebration of Queen’s 90th birthday. A note has been put in Newsletter asking all organisations to advise Parish Council of any funding they may need for the coming year.
- (d) Councillor Parsons to contact Internal Auditor for clarification on Procurement of Audit for Smaller Authorities.

2296. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 22nd December 2015

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Date