

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 443rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 25th October at 7.00 pm**

2477.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr D Smith – Vice Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N England

Mr C Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

2478.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2479.REPORT FROM POLICE – Nothing to report

2480.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Councillor Le Hardy had sent his apologies but his October report had been forwarded. - Headlines are – Adult Social Care Improvement – iAero Innovation Centre Funded in Yeovil – Better Care by Working Together – County Council finances not as bad as had been reported but as with many Counties they are suffering from on-going Central Government costs. – New Regional contract for highways maintenance agreed. A full copy of the Report is attached to these Minutes and on the village web-site.

***District Council - Councillor** Dance advised on a snapshot of the key services provided by SSDC.*

***Housing and Homelessness** – Housing stock is being increased to help with the delivery of the statutory responsibilities.*

***Drain Clearance** – possibility of parishes hiring SSDC 'gully sucker' at a cost of £12 per drain. This would empty drains of silt but would not jet connecting pipe-work.*

***Responding to SCC Budget position** – possibility that this may result in the SSDC expecting additional responsibilities. The split responsibility between SCC and SSDC for vulnerable young people is raising real concerns.*

***Health and Wellbeing** – SSDC working closely with all key Health partners to ensure co-operation continues.*

***Syrian Refugees** – Two families already in area and a further 6 families to be allocated in coming months. Experience of present families has been very positive and this can only assist in the future.*

2481. MINUTES OF THE 442nd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th September were agreed as correct and signed.

2482. PROGRESS RE LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT AND CLT SUB-GROUP - nothing further to report. CLT have to meet within 6 months of incorporation so a meeting is due before February 2017.

2483.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- Maintenance of Flood Alleviation Drains that cross private land – Councillor Parsons to e-mail SSDC direct to try and take this further and ascertain the present position.
- Rooksmeade Lane – Meeting planned for Friday 28th October with County Highways. Will also discuss - condition of pavement in Church Lane – up-date on improvements to drainage in Park Lane - request received regarding yellow painted SLOW lines either side of the bend at Ile Bridge.

- Caravan outside 7 Rowdells Orchard – Council advised that the caravan has gone into winter storage but may be returning in March.
- White lining of C5021 – Contractors liable to re-instate the white-lining that was laid on loose grit. Double solid white lines west bound from village limits to Boxstone Cross as a result of recent accidents. No explanation received as to why it is not the same east bound.
- Latest SID results – west bound. Results consistently show that the majority of vehicles speed through the village.

2484. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – still working well and Parish Council grateful for the work done in front of the Rowdells Orchard bungalows. More low branches have been removed in the playing field. Work to be done on footpath leading from Gummers Castle to Seavington House.

2485. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Councillor Reyland to liaise with County footpaths officer with regard to the footpath north of Upton Lane that crosses the A303 as it would seem that the part above Branstons is now difficult to maintain and question asked as to whether the path should now be diverted. Also problems have been reported on some footpaths around Meade Farm.

2486. **UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Agreed that the white lining of the car park should be carried out as soon as possible.

2487. **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT** – Progressing well and a specimen tree has been ordered to complete the project. A formal opening will take place in December – date to be announced.

2488. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Parish Council has put in hand the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed and managed by the SPFA and Community Shop. Poo Bag dispenser still being investigated.

2489.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP -

2490.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- **Parish owned Notice Boards and Seats** - All refurbishments works now carried out
- **Possible removal of Telephone Box in St Mary's** – Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would object to the removal of this box. It has been used some 268 times over the last year.

2491. **UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Councillor Loxton to send to other Parish Councillors for any amendments and comments and then to send it to village web-site for publication.

2492. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – None received but Councillor Parsons advised that she had been told that Mr & Mrs S Day were submitting a plan for an single storey extension to 6 The Pheasant

2493. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** – C/A £2,481.27 credit **Business Reserve £23,803.92 credit**

(b) **Payment requests** - £754.80 – SSDC Ranger Scheme (Sept) £162.00 Chew Valley Trees

(c) **Up-date on quotes for grass maintenance for 2016/18** – Two received still awaiting further One. To be discussed further at November meeting.

(d) **Capping Consultation** – Agreed will not affect The Seavingtons

(e) **Rateable value for Car Park** – Increased from £440 to £590 [This is not the amount paid]

(f) **Bank form** – completed indicated that Nat West account used for the operation of Parish Council business

2494. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 22nd November 2016

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date