

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 27th October 2015
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 432nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7.00 pm

2255.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

Adam Dance – District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Edwards

2256.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

- 2257. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Our PCSO was on leave but another attended in her place. No crime to report in The Seavingtons. Councillors reported the large agricultural vehicles using David's Lane over weekend of 17th October but it would seem that this is not considered a police matter. Highways to be contacted to seek their advice.

2258.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

CLeH – County still working on getting fairer funding for schools – co-operating with 40 other lowest funded authorities. Student results are improving.

Hinckley Point – final investment not yet in place but hopeful that EDF will make a decision soon. Could lead to 24,000 in area in connection with construction.

Improvement Agenda for Somerset – well on the way to being completed but Councillor Le Hardy will be seeking local in-put shortly.

Also please see County Councillors Brief for September.

CR – District have agreed to take over Sports and Leisure Complex at Westlands on a 30 year lease. Shared CEO with East Devon has now finished and District now looking at sharing services with another District Council. Sedgemoor is preferred partner at present.

- 2259. MINUTES OF THE 431st ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd September 2015** were agreed as correct and signed

- 2260. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING** – Councillor Loxton has spoken to Andrew Whitehouse who suggested that a meeting be set up between SSDC (Charlotte Jones), Builder, himself and Parish Council regarding Community Land Trust. Councillor Loxton to arrange.

- 2261. REPORT ON SITUATION REGARDING FROGMARY GREEN PLANNING APPLICATION**

Councillor Loxton advised that he had ascertained that SSDC Planners were in contact with County Council as it was felt that this was now more than just a planning application, but also waste disposal. However, it seems that County have handed decision back to District. Company involved with building are 'Greener for Life' and problems have been experienced in Cornwall by this same company. Feelings now that the scheme is becoming too big. At present Frogmary Green unable to store all materials being harvested and some of the maize crop is being transported to land owned by Dillington Estate for storage until it is needed for the digester. It is felt that the vehicles using David's Lane recently were connected to this. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that there were concerns over increased size and number of vehicles needed to serve the Digester. Agreed that if it was considered that planning had already been approved that the terms and conditions need to be

reviewed. [After meeting it was agreed that an e-mail should be sent for planners stating concerns of PC in case the application does not go for further consultation.]

2262.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- David's Lane – Numerous large agricultural vehicles using lane over weekend of 17th October had been reported to Police by a resident. Police not interested but Parish Council to contact Highways for their advice.
- Pavement from Gummers Castle to School Lane – Unsafe drain covers reported to Highways. Reply received indicates if considered Health and Safety they will be dealt with immediately if not will be programmed into 2016/17 budget
- Drains – School Lane. Request received from Highways for Ranger to keep sump empty and that 'kerbing' will be programmed into 2016/17 budget to stop mud from bank falling into drain
- Flower Troughs – Councillor Le Hardy still to ascertain why Highways request £515 for licence
- Unanimously agreed to pay for wooden posts to be installed on grass verge adjacent to playing field.

2263. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Still going well. Will only be in village once a month now and so will be concentrating on keeping drains free.

2264. **LITTER PICKING GROUP FOR VILLAGES** – Councillor Parsons to put note in Newsletter. Equipment can be borrowed from District.

2265.**REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – All assumed to be well.

2266.UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE

Following various discussions and information from Police it was decided to hold an 'Open Village Meeting' early in January 2016. As well as parking other village matters will be discussed including need for new members for Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. More information to be put in Seavingtons' News.

2267.UP-DATE ON ENHANCEMENT OF LAND BEHIND ST MARY'S CLOSE

Co-ordinator awaiting news from Wessex Water re grant request.

2268. **UP-DATE ON BT ADOPT A KIOSK SCHEME** – Going ahead but BT has advised that they would not advise moving the box.

2269. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Councillor Turner reported that he had attended meeting. Plans for Bonfire Night are in hand. Suggested that group be set up to co-ordinate village events for 2016. Councillor Turner to arrange. Committee looking at what equipment will be requested in connection with the £2,600 grant from Parish Council. Suggestion made that SPFA and Shop Committees should join.

2270. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Shop mindful that they take up many of the volunteers in the village which leaves other organisations short. Trying to work closer with SPFA.

2271.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- **Village Notice Boards** – Councillor Loxton to check and report back on work needed
- **Entrance Stones** – Councillor England to contact contractor who may be able to clean
- **Hand-over of History Web site** – Councillor Parsons to contact Eugene Mulligan with regard to management of any enquiries that may be received.
- **Poo Bins** – request received regarding number of poo bins in village. Advised that SSDC will not empty any more bins. Note to be put in Newsletter regarding positions of bins.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator** – PC advised that new Co-ordinators needed. Agreed to take to open village meeting.

2272. **UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Still on-going

2273. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Loft Conversion at 10 Winchester Cottages

Referred to planners at SSDC as Parish Council unsure that this was allowed under permitted development. Awaiting decision

2274. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** – C/A 0 £388.16 credit Business Reserve - £22,293.60 credit (int £1.01 rec'd)

(b) **Payment requests** – None received but Councillor Parsons advised that outstanding invoices are due from SSDC for Ranger and from J Gillard.

(c) **New Bank Signatories** - all now complete

(d) **Register of Interests** – Forms can now be viewed on SSDC web site. Information as to how to access to be put on web-site.

(e) **First thoughts on Precept for 2016/17** – agreed to discuss at open meeting in January. Note to be put in Newsletter asking all organisations to advise PC of amounts they may require in 2016/17.

2275. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 24th November 2015

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed

Date