

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 421st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 28th October 2014 at 7.00 pm**

2038.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton

Mrs P Parsons

Mr D Smith

Mrs R Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mrs E Edwards – Vice Chair

Mrs B Lake

Barry Walker – District Councillor

In the Absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair it was unanimously agreed the Councillor Loxton would act as Temorary Chair for this meeting.

2039.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2040.REPORT FROM POLICE – No report received and police uk web site two months out-of-date

2041.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S

District (PT) - Next Full Council meeting to take place on 6th November to approve amendments to local plan. Main concerns were housing allocations in Yeovil and Ilminster areas.

Probiotics – new unit at Lopen Head now approved. Wanted in order to keep human and animal items apart.

County (CLeH) - Review of Highway issues in South Petherton and surrounding areas. Meeting was driven by the lack of an overall plan for Highways, Access and Education. Details will be sent to all Parishes that may be affected and hopeful that any recommendations will be linked to any improvements that may be schedule for the A303.

Meeting with County Highways on 29th October when wish list will be presented.

Broadband concerns – It was generally felt that the South Petherton exchange area was dropping down the list. Councillor Le Hardy agreed to try and arrange for David Hall (SCC Cabinet Member for Infra-Structure) to come to November meeting. It was also agreed that perhaps other Parishes should be invited and the meeting should start at 6.00pm.

2042. MINUTES OF THE 420th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th October 2014
were agreed as correct and signed

2043. S106 or Community Infrastructure Levy monies re Lift West – left in abeyance until Planning decision received.

2044.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES

Councillor Turner reported that she had e-mailed Mike Fear (County Highways) and had been advised that jetting in Park Lane is on list and should happen in November. Works to drains in School Lane on list to commence in November. Part of Townsend has been patched, but the drains are blocked. Patching of the bottom of Upton Lane not in budget for this financial year. Flooding in Rooks Mead Lane – land owners responsibility to clear ditch. As Parish Councillors cannot understand why this part of Lopen Brook is the responsibility of the land owner when the rest is not, agreed that Councillor Turner would ask County Highways to inform the land owner of this. It was suggested that perhaps the Parish Council would have to have this work done. It was also reported that jetting would only happen if two consecutive drains are blocked.

2045.UP-DATE RE DAVID’S LANE CONCERNS

Nothing further heard with regards to white lining. Councillor Turner to contact County Highways.

2046.REPORT ON NEW RANGER/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

SSDC Ranger now working in village and has contact with Councillor Loxton. All seems to be going well.

2047.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Nothing to report at present

2048. REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK – Councillor Parsons advised that the Deed of Easement had been received and the amendments requested had finally been completed. Now in a position for Chair to sign and return.

2049. REPORT ON SPFA - Councillor Parsons reported that a new Bookings Clerk is to be appointed in the very near future. Councillor Parsons also requested that the Parish Council pay for the initial marking of the football pitch by SSDC (£150).

2050.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP – All going well.

2051. COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER – Councillor Turner reported that she had had a very useful discussion with Charlotte Jones from SSDC with regards to the Volunteer Inn being put on the Register. As had been previously reported, as the Parish Council are unwilling to take this forward a group of at least 22 residents (who are on the electoral roll) could be formed and make the request. This group has no other input or influences over the running of the establishment, by the current owners. The right to buy would only happen if the establishment was not being sold as a commercial usage. The group would then need to change to an active business group and have 6 months to raise the necessary monies needed for the purchase. However the vendor doesn't have to sell to the group.

2052. PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN – Nothing further to report

2053. UP-DATE ON WORLD WAR I PLAQUE - Councillor Loxton advised that the plaque was now ready to be put in place – at the top of the Playing Field in the corner between the Millennium Oaks. A note has been put in the November Newsletter informing residents that a re-dedication service will take place on Remembrance Sunday at 2.30pm.

2054.AGREEMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS – THE SEAVINGTONS’ NEWS

The Council were asked to endorse two new Members for the Committee – namely Roger Clampitt and Brian Edwards. Agreed unanimously.

2055.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

First Aid Courses – Councillor Lake has been given dates that the Millennium Hall would be available.

Bulb planting – SSDC to supply 2000 bulbs and Councillor Parsons is talking to Gardening Club to get them planted around the village. *Youth Club* – It was reported that there is a possibility of the Youth Club starting again in the New Year.

Closure of Nat West South Petherton – Councillor Parsons to send letter to David Laws MP supporting the petition from South Petherton residents.

2056. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – Almost ready to be published just needs Parish Council input to be added.

2057. SST Housing Assembly – Councillor Smith reported that the meeting was interesting but he did not feel that The Seavingtons would benefit. The main point was that there is a shortfall of affordable housing, particularly in rural areas. Details on presentations will be on web-site and circulated to all Councillors for information

2058. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14/03195/FUL – Mr Mark Simmins – Pond Farm, Seavington St Michael. – Approved but with 12 Conditions.

2059. ACCOUNTS

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(a) Balances – Current Account £9,215.56 credit Business Reserve - £12,285.32 credit

(b) Requests for payment

SSDC - £301.92 – Works completed in September by Ranger

SSDC - £180.00 – Initial marking of football field

Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset & Wiltshire Community Rehabilitation Company - £120.00

Holden Engineering - £483.50 – Works in connection with World War I plaque

Agreed unanimously

2060. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 25th November 2014

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed

Date