

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 420th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.00 pm**

2016.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mrs E Edwards – Vice Chair

Mr Nick Loxton

Mrs P Parsons

Mr D Smith

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Barry Walker – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs B Lake

Mrs R Turner

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

2017.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

- 2018. REPORT FROM POLICE** – E-mail from Police indicates that 37 reports for ASB have been received and dealt with in Area North, but nothing directly in The Seavingtons.

2019.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Walker – advised that the Local Plan had been re-submitted and now hopeful that a decision will be made by The Inspector before the end of the year. Full Council meeting now planned for 6th November.

Councillor Le Hardy – advised that a Highways Study of the A303 between Honiton and Stonehenge is being carried out. This would also include looking at the A358 from Ilminster to the M5 in Taunton. Hopeful of more news in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. Discussions have been taken place with regard to the Highways structure around South Petherton and surrounding areas. Hopeful of holding a second meeting on 24th October at Over Stratton at 4.00pm. More details to follow. Parish Councillors agreed that they would like Branstons to be considered in any scheme. Traffic calming through Watergore should be moving forward in the near future. This will include moving the bus stop, more white-lining and bigger signs.

Health and Well Being Fund – to be used for funding taking primary school children to visit Frogmary Green.

Broadband – Concerns have been expressed that the South Petherton exchange is being left behind [out of] and are now at the bottom of the list of areas to be covered. County have stated that 95% of the area will have 2 mbs by 2017 and 100% by 2020. No village is to be left out. Suggestion made that David Hall [Somerset County Council Cabinet Member for Infra-structure] should be invited to the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 25th November 2014. Councillor Le Hardy to try and organise.

- 2020. MINUTES OF THE 419th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON** Tuesday 5th August 2014 were agreed as correct and signed.

2021. S106 OR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES – LIFT WEST

District Councillor Walker advised that both him, Councillor Thompson and County Councillor Le Hardy were giving their full support to The Seavingtons request that more of the monies being claimed from any Developer of the Lift West site should come to Seavington and not go to surrounding areas. However, it was agreed that until the site receives planning permission it is not worth pursuing, but that it will be re-visited once a decision is made.

2022. **REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES, FLOODING AND SID INSTALLATIONS** – In the absence of Councillor Turner, Councillor Loxton reported that Councillor Turner had contacted Mike Fear [County Highways] over several issues. The broken drain cover on the pavement near Seavington House has been replaced. However, nothing has been heard regarding the re-surfacing of the bottom of Upton Lane, the numerous potholes or the promised jetting of various drains in the villages. Councillor Parsons reported that several markings have appeared in School Lane and it is supposed that this is in connection with the blocked drain opposite Biddy's Barn.
The recent SID readings westbound through the village still indicate that a high proportion of vehicles travel at over 30mph through the village.
2023. **UP-DATE ON MEETING RE DAVID'S LANE CONCERNS** – An e-mail has been received indicating that Colin Fletcher is unwell and not at work at the moment. It is hoped that his return is imminent when more information will be available. County would not support any scheme regarding the siting of a mirror so the Parish Council also agreed that they would not support this either. The e-mail also indicated that consultation would have to take place with the Police re solid double white lines from Lopen Head to the village entrance
2024. **REPORT RE NEW RANGER SCHEME** – Hopeful that Ranger Scheme would start in the near future. Agreed that a contact person should be put in place.
2025. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report.
2026. **REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK – Deed of Easement Mr & Mrs C Dicker** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had still found errors on the Deed recently received. Councillor Loxton to speak to a resident who is a retired solicitor and ask for advice (without prejudice) on this document. [After meeting – From the advice given an e-mail has been sent to Mr & Mrs Dicker's solicitors pointing out the Parish Council's concerns and request for amendments to be made]. Miss A Prichard has also requested a Deed of Easement. Councillor Madge has suggested an on-site meeting, but this offer has not yet been taken up.
2027. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Councillor Parsons reported that following a meeting the installation of the proposed tarmac path would be delayed until early next year. Hopefully this would enable more funding to be put in place. Although the SPFA have sufficient funds to complete this path it would take up most of the available funds. Two grants have already been promised - £10,000 from Awards for All and £6,000 from SSDC. A drain on any funding is the fact that SPFA cannot claim back any VAT and that monies from Millennium Hall cannot be used. Councillor Parsons also reiterated that several members of the SPFA would be standing down at the next AGM and that to date no new members have come forward.
2028. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Shop and Cafe takings still improving. Since the appointment of a Cook the Cafe income has increased.
2029. **COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER** – Landlady of The Volunteer Inn still to meet with Charlotte Jones of SSDC.
2030. **PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – No further progress made at present.
2031. **UP-DATE ON WORLD WAR I PLAQUE** – Councillor Loxton has cleaned the plaque. He has also spoken to a firm who could supply a stainless steel frame for the plaque at a cost of some £400. Agreed that the Parish Council would fund this. Councillors Loxton and Madge to install plaque at the top of the playing field, between the Millennium Oaks, hopefully in readiness for Remembrance Sunday (9th November)
2032. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – Defibulator** – New thoughts are that maybe some First Aid training may be required before any purchase made. Councillor Le Hardy to provide information on a Company that has worked in one of the other parishes in his area.
Owl Box – One has been supplied to Chris Reyland at Sunnyside Farm for Seavington St Michael.
NHS Review – of South Petherton, Martock, Stoke-sub-Hamdon and Norton-Sub-Hamdon – information received by Parish Council

- 2033. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Surveys now complete and hopeful that a document, to go as an addendum to the 2005 Plan, will be issued by the end of the Year.
- 2034. INFORMATION RE SST HOUSING ASSEMBLY** – Councillor Smith to attend meeting on 23rd October and report back.
- 2035. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
14/03452/LBC – Change of colour of front door – Swan Thatch Seavington St Michael – Approved
14/03535/FUL – Construction of slurry collection system, Manor Farm, Seavington St Mary – Approved
14/03672/FUL – Erection of an above ground specialist treated steel dirty water storage tank, Manor Farm, Seavington St Mary – Approved
- 2036. ACCOUNTS**
(a) **Balances** Current Account - £9615.56 credit Business Reserve - £12,285.32 credit
(Interest £1.55 credited)
(b) **Payment Requests** - £400 – J Gillard – Grass cutting for September - Agreed
- 2037. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 28th October 2014**

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date