

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 431st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 7.00 pm**

2232.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr D Smith – Vice Chair

Mrs E Edwards

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

2233.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

- 2234. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Our PCSE is on annual leave but another came in her place. There was no reported crimes in The Seavingtons but there had been several incidents of sheds being broken in to in nearby villages. Suggested that some ride-on mowers are being stolen to order. Incident regarding group of men jumping on a car bonnet in Martock and using threatening behaviour. Councillor Parsons reported that a comprehensive report had been received regarding parking issues in the villages, but it seems they have no powers to do anything unless vehicles are causing an obstruction or blocking pathways.

2235.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

AD - Reported that Area North are discussing the possible take-over of The Westlands Sports Centre. Five-year Land Supply cannot be proved and will need further investigation. However, The Seavingtons unlikely to be affected.

Discussions are being held to enable the Somerset Rivers Authority to become a 'Precepting Body'. Both SSDC and SCC are voting on this and then an Act of Parliament would have to be passed. It could mean a precept of some £12.50 for a Band D property, but all monies would be ring-fenced to maintain all waterways in Somerset and would be in addition to any monies that may come from Central Government. Concerns were raised that this could lead on year on year increased but also lead to other services becoming 'precepted'.

CLeH – County concentrating on Children's Services with new legislation being introduced. August Report has been sent. School's Admissions programme going well. Road's Minister has indicated that improvements on the single carriage ways of the A303 ie Podimore to Sparkford, Salisbury Plain, will happen before Ilminster By-Pass. The A358 will also be improved before by-pass.

Health and Well Being monies can now be applied for. Small road improvement scheme to be re-launched. Somerset have pushed for fairer funding for schools. Somerset at present receives £4,800 per child per year whilst Tower Hamlets received £8,216.

The Seavingtons children school catchment area is Ilminster then Crewkenre and Councillor Parsons raised concerns regarding Schools in Ilminster. A new primary school was promised some years ago and it would now seem that the catchment area for Neroche [Broadway] has increased to take in the new development in Canal Way, Ilminster. Agreed that Parish Council will send letter to ask what is happening as it was thought that land had been set aside for a new school close to the recently built doctors' surgeries.

- 2236. MINUTES OF THE 430th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th July 2015 were agreed as correct and signed.**

- 2237. UP-DATE ON LIFT WEST PLANNING** – Councillor Loxton has spoken to Andrew Whitehouse and believes an exchange of contracts is imminent. Mr Whitehouse is still adamant that the development will have low cost housing and 3 will be made over to the village. Thought that this will involve a Community Land Trust.
- 2238. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES** – Still awaiting meeting with Highways Officer as he is on sick leave. Flooding on Barrington Main has been noted. Some potholes have been filled-in in Park Lane. Councillor Parsons advised that she had been informed that a local resident is trying to ascertain whether Dillington Estates feel they are responsible for the off-road erosion or whether they feel this should be the responsibility of County Highways.
- 2239. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – still going well. Broken paving stones in Church Lane to be investigated.
- 2240. REQUEST FOR LITTER PICKING GROUP TO BE SET UP** Councillor Parsons reported that she had been approached with regard to setting up a group. Note to be put in Seavingtons' News.
- 2241. REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report at present. Ranger now cutting some paths. Meade Farm have assured PC that a sign will be put up should a bull be in any of their fields that have footpaths running through them.
- 2242. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Councillor Loxton has spoken to SSDC officers and has been given information on a possible way forward. Suggestion has been made that the area if white-lined.
- 2243. DISCUSSION RE 'TRACTORS THROUGH VILLAGES'** – This follows receipt of an e-mail from SALC which indicated that some villages are experiencing problems. It was generally felt that local farmers do not cause a problem. It is the large vehicles used by contractors. Councillor Reyland reported that tractors are limited to a speed of 27mph but there are some exemptions. Some police forces are now enforcing new laws. Agreement that there is probably very little the PC can do.
- 2244. UP-DATE ON LAND ADJACENT TO GARAGES IN MARLE GROUND** – Councillor Turner has met with owners of Marle House and most issues have been resolved.
- 2245. UP-DATE ON ENHANCEMENT OF LAND BEHIND ST MARY'S CLOSE** – Grant application made to Wessex Water and outcome should be known shortly.
- 2246. UP-DATE ON BT ADOPT A KIOSK SCHEME** - Unanimously agreed that Councillor Smith should follow this up. It had been verbally agreed that the box could be moved but written assurances will be asked for.
- 2247. REPORT ON SPFA** – Nothing to report other than Committee still need new members. Problems still being caused by parking on verge adjacent to playing field. Agreed that the PC would erect some wooden posts to prevent parking and ask SPFA to ensure that users of the Hall now use the over-flow car park
- 2248.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Nothing to report
- 2249.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – SALC AGM , Volunteer Network, Flood Risk Management
- 2250. UP-DATE ON PROGRESS RE PARISH/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Still on-going
- 2251. FINAL REPORT ON VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS OF SPFA [40YRS] SHOP [5 YRS]** - £3,500 raised to be shared between SPFA and Community Shop. Thanks to all who supported event.

2252. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – *Frogmary Green – installation of Anaerobic Digester* - Concerns raised regarding increase in size and possible increase in traffic in to site to feed Digester.

2253. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** – Current A/c £992.00 credit Business Reserve - £22,292.59 credit

(b) **Payment requests** – J Gillard - £640.00 [July/August grass cutting] SSDC £603.84 [Ranger]

(c) **New Bank Signatories** – Councillors Loxton, Smith and Parsons to go to Bank to complete necessary forms.

(d) **Request for funds** - SPFA had requested the £2,600 donation towards the tarmac path project. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that, as the path had been completed for a much lower cost than originally anticipated, the PC would offer to purchase a piece of play equipment for the same amount. SPFA to arrange and order.

2254. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 27th October 2015

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date