

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 446th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2531. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr D Smith – Vice Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – District Councillor

2532. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 9 members of the public

Mr & Mrs Bragg –advised that they would be willing to sponsor the enhancement of The Village Entrances with some planting. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact members of Seavington Gardening Club to take this forward. The Gardening Club had wanted to do this sometime ago but did not take it any further when County Highways wanted over £400 for a licence.

- 2533. REPORT FROM POLICE** – The Parish Council has received an e-mail indicating that a Police Officer or PCSO would only attend meetings on request. Area meeting with Police to be held shortly and Councillor Raikes is to ask questions as to why it is perceived that resources are targeted on the Bristol Area and not spent on a pro-rata basis of monies received from areas.

2534. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

CR – District - Frogmary Green planning application deferred to Area North meeting as Lopen Parish had sought information on environmental impact and information was still awaited. Could be some restrictions on traffic flow put in place. The tank for the digestate not yet installed.

Westlands Sports and Leisure - complex recently opened.

South Petherton - Village Agent to be employed to work with local Surgery to co-ordinate Care in the Community.

CLeH – County – County finances back on track and will be balanced by 31st March 2017. Four Contracts have been put in place for Phase 2 [90%-95%] of the Superfast Broadband in Devon and Somerset. Some monies will be spent in South Somerset.

Pledges made regarding fewer potholes. Notices posted to help residents advise County of any potholes. Tangible improvements in Children's Services noted by Minister. New Productivity Plan to ensure Somerset part of nations industrial strategy.

[Please see more details of Briefing Paper]

Paper handed to Parish Councillors regarding Small Improvement Schemes - re roads.

This will be discussed further at February meeting. Although Speed Watch has worked in other areas The Seavingtons did have teams which proved there was a speeding problem,, but at the moment the Parish Council felt that it was unlikely that there would be residents willing to do this. The SID readings area also indicating that speeding, is in fact, getting worse.

- 2535. MINUTES OF THE 445th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th December 2016 were agreed as correct and signed**

- 2536. LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT AND CLT sub-group** – CLT has now been registered for 6 months and so an Open Village Meeting has to be called. The date agreed – Thursday 2nd March 7.00pm in The Millenium Hall. No contract yet signed for commencing of development.

- Parish Council still seeking assurances on drains across Private Land
- No further works carried out on the white lining on C5021. Assume this to be done in Spring.
- Green box at Junction of Church Lane. Acknowledged that it is in the wrong place and is to be moved.

2538. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Works being done on pavement from Gummer’s Castle to Seavington House. Also litter/leaf removal from drains. Now only visiting village once a month until new contract in place in April.
2539. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Thanks expressed to Phil Gordon-Smith for works on bridge in field opposite Loxstons. Other remedial works will take place in the winter months. Contact needed to be made with new Footpaths Officer in County Hall regarding some replacement finger posts.
2540. **VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Quote to be obtained for white lining in the Spring.
2541. **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT** – Pruning of the two old apple trees to take place on Saturday 18th February. Parishioners invited. Possibility of monies for another seat being donated.
2542. **REPORT ON SPFA**- Parish Council have purchased Dog Poo Bag dispenser. To be erected by Ranger at top of playing field. SPFA will then be responsible for up-keep and maintenance.
2543. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Ian Gibson now taken over as Chair of Committee from Mark Ellis. Shop and Cafe still doing well, but volunteers are always welcome.

- Still no news received as to whether the phone box adjacent to Rowdell's Orchard will remain.

16/05356/FUL and 16/05357/LBC – 2 Southernways Seavington St Mary – Several residents who live in close proximity to this property attended the meeting to ensure that the Parish Council were aware of their concerns. The size, layout and materials to be used for the extension were causing concern. However, there were also great concerns that there were no plans for on site parking or vehicular access to the property. Previously the Parish Council had been informed that a new application could have to be sought as the existing entrance was ‘agricultural only’. After long discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would ensure that these concerns were raised with the Planners.

(a) Balances Current A/C - £1,261.42 credit Business Reserve - £21,805.57 credit
£0.19 interest added

(b) Payment requests - £134.10 – JRB re Dog Poo Bag dispenser
SSDC for Ranger Scheme - £452.88, and £754.80
Yarcombe Woodlands [for footpaths] - £73.43

- 2547. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 28th February 2017**

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Date