

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 447th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2548. 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

+ 8 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

- 2549. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – As all members of the public were in attendance regarding already published items no other matters raised at this point.
- 2550. REPORT FROM POLICE** – Nothing specific received. Agreed to delete as Agenda item in future as police are not attending meetings unless requested.

2551. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

County C le H - County Budget for this year will be balanced. However, further cuts will be needed as Government funding is still falling. Savings will be made by the return of South West One services to the authority, reduced spending on agency staff, better contracting and redesigning of services to bring down spending in various key areas. Council approved increase in Council Tax for coming year of 1.99%, a further 2% will be ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. Increase should equate to 89p per week for a Band D property.

Grants have been given to various Youth Clubs throughout the County.

Community Health Project being set up at South Petherton Hospital.

[To be read in conjunction with County Briefing paper to be found on village web site]

District AD – Planning approval now given for Frogmary Green development. Renovated Westlands Centre now open.

- 2552. MINUTES OF THE 446th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th January 2017 were agreed as correct and signed**
- 2553. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT**
Members of Seavington Gardening Club and Mr Bragg advised that contact had been made with County regarding the issuing of a licence for the proposed scheme. Eight sites have been suggested. Various details still have to be agreed with County ie size of troughs and plants to be used. It was agreed that the Parish Council would issue a cheque for the licence. Councillor Loxton thanked Seavington Gardening Club and Mr Bragg for taking this project forward.
- 2554. DISCUSSION ON SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES REGARDING C5021** – Councillor Le Hardy's document had been circulated to Parish Councillors. Agreed that it would need further discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 2555. LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT AND CLT sub-group** – Contract between Andrew Whitehouse and Developer has now been signed and hopeful that works will start April/May. A Deed of Covenant between Mr Whitehouse and the Developer has been agreed regarding the 3 houses to be gifted to The Seavingtons' Community Land Trust. Meeting to be held to up-date residents on the

scheme on 2nd March and an AGM – at the end of March - where the Directors will be elected. It was agreed that it needs to be made clear to residents that the Parish Council has no direct link with the CLT. Parish Councillors can be members of the CLT if they pay the membership fee of £1 as other residents.

2556.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- No further news – re drains the cross private land
- No further works carried out – whitelining on C5021
- Green box at junction of Church Lane now sited in correct place

2557. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Works to pavement from Gummers Castle to Seavington House – now completed

2558. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Some remedial works needed to steps on footpath at Meade Farm

2559. **VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** - Quote not yet received regarding marking of spaces. However, it was suggested that District Council are contacted as they may be able to help. Councillor Loxton to follow up.

2560. **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT** - Pruning of old apple trees carried out. Agreed payment of £100.

2561. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Poo Bag Dispenser now in place at top of Playing Field. Additional bags handed to SPFA as they will now be responsible for management of Bin.

2562. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Request has been received regarding a grant towards some Air Conditioning that the shop would like to purchase. They are awaiting the outcome of a grant application for some £7,000. The District Council have also been approached for some form of assistance by way of a grant. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Loxton and seconded by Councillor Edwards and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would make a grant of £1,000. Councillor Loxton to advise Shop Chair accordingly.

2563. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – **Councillor** Loxton advised that Councillor Smith had given the Parish Council notice that he intended to resign from the Council to take effect at the end of this meeting. Councillor Parsons advised that she had sought guidance from SSDC and Notices of a Casual Vacancy will be posted on 1st March. If insufficient residents of Seavington St Mary request an election then the Parish Council will be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy. Notices to this effect have been put in The Seavingtons' News and on the village web site. All Councillors present expressed their thanks to Councillor Smith for all the work he has done whilst serving on the Parish Council.

Letter received advising the Parish Council that maintenance works to the gas pipe through the village is to be carried out. Works have already started in the fields to the west of Loxstons. As the works are done through the current pipework there should be no major upheaval.

2564. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/05464/COU – Change of use of land to mixed domestic and agricultural to allow access and parking to the rear of Southernaways Cottage – Mr Packham – Several residents who live in the vicinity of Southernaways attended the meeting and raised their concerns with regard to safety issues and the effect on a listed building. The land proposed for the new access is still owned by Dillington Estates but the applicant has right of access over it. A public footpath runs the length of the new access from the road to the field entrance. The access at the moment has an agricultural use only. It was agreed that visibility to the west is compromised by fencing and a hedge, not in the ownership of the applicant and to the east by the wall around the listed property and curvature of the road means that vehicles have to be on the road before ensuring safe exit. Councillor Loxton read a statement he had prepared and, after discussion with residents in attendance, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not recommend this application for approval.

17/0078/LBC – Re-arrangement of 4 no roof windows on the north elevation of Plot 2 – Pond Farm

No concerns

17/00425/FUL – Demolition of existing open sided store and erection of new store – Walronds Park Ltd Upton Lane Seavington St Mary – No concerns

2565. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances – Current A/c - **£1,046.21 credit** Business Reserve - **£20,805.76 credit**

(b) Payment requests – SSDC Ranger - **£150.96**

Tom Nancarrow - **£100.00 pruning in Orchard**

(c) Agreed outside of meeting that Councillors could agree up to **£125 per month for CLT expenses until CLT has bank account and monies.**

2566. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21st March 2017 – Also Parish AGM

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date