

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 25th April 2017
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 449th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7.00 pm

2585.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Mr C Turner

Adam Dance – District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N England

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

- 2586. CO-OTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR** – Following the resignation of Dennis Smith and parishioners not requesting an election the Parish Council was able to co-opt a new Parish Councillor. Only one resident had indicated interest and accordingly Mrs Janice Ash was co-opted as a Councillor for Seavington St Mary by a unanimous vote.

2587.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2588.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

No County report as County Councillor had been called to an urgent meeting regarding the General Election on the 8th June.

AD District – Westland Leisure Complex went operational on 29th March.

SSDC undertaking a Peer Challenge. This is a 'critical friend' evaluation of the whole of the Council. Outcomes so far have been positive and valuable. Full Report will be available later in the year.

Annual County Action Plan for 2017/18 will be going to full Council on 20th April. There will be a small number of priorities which will be aligned to the resources available. Focus to be on Transformation of the Council to achieve efficiently savings.

SSDC engages with other agencies in putting together a response to the Government's Green Paper on its Industrial Strategy. Focus to be put on the retention of the helicopter business in Yeovil.

- 2589. MINUTES OF THE 447th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st March 2017 were agreed as correct and signed**
- 2590. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT** – No further news. Cheque to Somerset County Council re the Licence has not been presented.
- 2591. DISCUSSION ON SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES REGARDING C5021** – Councillor Turner handed out a paper regarding this scheme. As the County Councillor was not present it was agreed that a copy of the Report would be sent to all Parish Councillors. After some amendments it would be forwarded to Councillor Le Hardy and County Highways [for the attention of Gary Warren]. Councillors Loxton and Parsons agreed to do this.
- 2592. LIFT WEST DEVELOPMENT AND CLT sub-group** – Successful Special General Meeting held with members electing 10 members to form The Board of the CLT. Meeting of the Board, when Officers will be agreed planned for 26th April 2017. The CLT has been informed that the contract between Andrew Whitehouse and the Developer will happen on 28th April 2017. A question was asked as to whether the CLT would need some working capital before monies are forthcoming from rent. There is a possibility that the Parish Council could make a small loan. Will be discussed further when any costings are known.

2593.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- Drains across private land – Still under discussion and report awaited from SSDC
- Remedial works to white lining on C5021 – still not carried out
- Request for SLOW sign either side of bend at Ile Bridge. Councillor Parsons to contact County Highways again on this matter

2594. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Parish Council committed to Ranger Scheme for the coming year. Councillor Parsons to draw up list of jobs to be carried out throughout the year. Will liaise with Footpaths Officer to see if help is needed with any of the village footpaths. It was also reported that several drains are full of debris. Agreed that if the Ranger cannot clear these that contact will be made with SSDC to hire their drain clearing machine. Cost will be £12 per drain. There is a drain in Upton Lane blocked by concrete. This will be reported to County Highways.

2595. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – still awaiting contact with County Footpaths' Officer regarding concerns on some of the footpaths.

2596. **VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – White lining of village car park to take place on Tuesday 9th May. 8.30am start. Notes to be given to residents asking for vehicles to be removed by 8.30am. Mr & Mrs Dicker have been informed that the area in front of their property will be hatched to prevent parking. Some damage has been found on the western side of the car park. Discussions to take place as the best way to remedy this and quotes will be obtained. Councillors Reyland, Edwards and Parsons agreed to meet with contractor at 8.30am on Tuesday 9th May in case of any problems.

It was noted that the caravan had been parked outside of Rowdells Orchard. Agreed notes would be made as when the caravan may be parked

2597. **REPORT ON SPFA** – The Defibulator has now arrived and paid for by Parish Council. This has now been handed over to The Community Shop and SPFA for installation and management.

2598. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Nothing to report, but it is thought that the installation of the air conditioning will happen shortly.

2599.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT - None**2600. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

16/05464/COU – Southernaways Cottage. Change of use of land to mixed domestic and agricultural to allow access to rear of Southernaways Cottage. **Permission Refused – sub-standard visibility.**
17/01688/FUL – 1 Mead Farm Cottages - erection of two-storey side extension. – No concerns

2601. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances – Current A/c - £15,204.40 credit Business Reserve - £17,806.09 credit**

(b) **Payment requests - Somerset Landscapes** £108 [playing field]

£1,377.60 – St Johns Ambulance – Defibulator. £100 – Tom Nancarrow – replacement cheque

(c) **Approval of 2016/2017 accounts** – Councillors had received all necessary paperwork from Councillor Parsons. The Annual Governance Statement [Section 1] was unanimously approved.

Following that the Accounting Statement 2016/17 [Section 2] were unanimously agreed. Councillor Parsons to forward all relevant documents to External Auditors and have relevant papers published on village web-site.

(d) **Approval of The Seavingtons' News Accounts** – approved unanimously.

2602. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16th May 2017**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date