

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 451st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2620. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Mr C Turner

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

- 2621. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – 9 members of the public** were present as the Parish Council had invited residents who are regular users the Village Car Park to the meeting to try and ascertain any concerns. Councillor Turner joined the public for this as he has an interest in The Volunteer Public House and the use of the car park. The Parish Council had asked those who regularly use the car park how many cars they owned and whether they had other areas where the cars could be parked. Not all present were willing to divulge this information. Mrs Turner advised the meeting that the present owners of The Volunteer Inn did not contest ownership of the car park. However, when planning permission was granted for the car park it was reported to the then Planning Committee of Chard Rural District Council (dated 27th August 1952) that “it is understood that customers patronising the Volunteer Inn will park their cars in this proposed car park. The arrangement is to be made possible due to the fact that the Hambridge Brewery Company Ltd, owners of the Volunteer Inn, will bear the cost of the work on behalf of the Seavington St Michael Parish Meeting”. A copy of Mrs Turner’s statement has been supplied to the Clerk. (Since the meeting Councillor Parsons has discovered that whilst the Parish Council were applying to get The Village Car Park registered in their name a copy of a letter dated 1st April, 1960 from Chard Rural District Council to the Parish Council clearly stated that “the owners of The Volunteer Inn did contribute towards the cost of converting it into a car park but have disclaimed ownership as this would of course render them liable to be rated in respect of it.”) After a long discussion with Mr & Mrs Dicker with regard to their Deed of Easement it was agreed that this was a matter for their Solicitors and the Parish Council and not the open meeting. Councillor Loxton again reiterated that the car park could be used by all and asked regular users to leave the front spaces vacant, if at all possible, providing this did not lead to long term blocking in of vehicles parked in the rear spaces. All users were asked to adopt a common sense policy with regard to parking. After further discussion it was agreed that the situation would be discussed again in 3 months time [PC October meeting] in the hope that any problems may have been resolved in the meantime. Members of the Public left at this point and Councillor Turner rejoined other Councillors

2622. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S

CR - Nothing to report

AD – Nothing to report

- 2623. MINUTES OF THE 450th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th May 2017 were agreed as correct and signed**
- 2624. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT** – Still awaiting information from County with regard to the Licence. Councillor Parsons reported that the £165 cheque issued in March still not presented for payment.

- 2625. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021** – Copy has been sent to County Councillor Dance but it would appear that the scheme had not been lodged at County.

2626.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

Councillor Parsons advised that she had e-mailed County Highways with regard to the gully emptying recently carried out and asked if any drains had been scheduled to be jetted. No reply received at present

- 2627. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Our regular Ranger has been on sick leave but grass cutting still being carried out.

- 2628. REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Footpaths Officer unable to get a response from County regarding the request for some Footpath marker posts and also a visit regarding footpaths around Meade Farm. Councillor Parsons to chase.

- 2629. VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Discussed at Public Question Time

- 2630. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** – A comprehensive report had been received from Peter Ash, who is the CLT link person with the developer. SSDC have been provided with surface and foul water drainage details, which have been approved by Wessex Water before commencement of any works. It would seem that major tests have been carried out and the scheme agreed will be better than the previous one. There will be underground soakaways that will catch excess water and allow it to filter away slowly. There will also be holding tanks in case of flash flooding. Parish Councillors were invited to visit the site whilst the drainage works were being installed

- 2631. REPORT ON SPFA** – AGM to be held on 27th June 2017. Either Councillor Edwards or Councillor Ash to attend.

- 2632.REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Air condition now installed and working very well.

- 2633. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – There is a possibility of an NHS Health checks vehicle coming to the village if requested. Councillor Parsons has mentioned with to both Chair of Community Shop and SPFA. All think it could be a good idea. Councillor Turner to investigate.

- 2634. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 17/02322/FUL** – Mr & Mrs Ellis, 1 Hurcott Green – erection of single storey extension and porch. – No concerns

2635. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances – Current A/c £7,956.03 credit Business Reserve = £17,806.39 credit

(b) Payment requests - £1,000 Seavington Community Shop – grant towards air conditioning
Somerset Landscapes - £216.00, J Gillard - £1,080 – General village maintenance since February

(c) Councillor Parsons gave all Councillors copy of Bank statement together with Bank Account spreadsheet.

- 2636. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 18th July 2017

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed

Date