

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 453rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2654. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**PRESENT****Mr N Loxton – Chair****Mr N England****Mrs P Parsons****Mr C Reyland****Adam Dance – County and District Councillor****Crispin Raikes – District Councillor****APOLOGIES****Mrs J Ash****Mrs E Edwards****Mr C Turner**

2655. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Two members of the public were present. The following areas of concern were raised:-

1. The amount of farm vehicles [mainly tractors] that are going through the village at the moment. It was advised that not all tractors are from Frogmary Green. Mr Bragg is trying to keep the number to a minimum but, of course, we have to be aware that at the present time harvest is at its peak. The Parish Council was informed that Mr Bragg is seeking more planning permission for extra storage at Frogmary Green for the materials for the digester. There is also a new entrance being opened on the Fosse Way to deal with crops from Meade Farm. Mr Bragg is now farming the majority of land at Meade Farm.
2. Concerns raised regarding the Village Car Park. Recently two white vans have been parked with fronts over-hanging the pavement. Councillors to keep an eye on this and, as agreed at the June Parish Council meeting, the usage of the Car Park will be discussed further at the October meeting. There is a thought that some sort of restrictive signage could be installed.
3. Concerns were raised that some of the houses around the Car Park area do suffer considerable shaking when heavy vehicles pass through the village. County Highways have looked at this and can see no problem with the road. County Councillor Dance agreed to raise the matter again with Highways.

2656. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

District - Consultation on possible Boundary Changes -The Parish Council has received information regarding this consultation and notices have been posted. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council of The Seavingtons would like to see the situation remain as now.

County - Councillor Dance has now received the necessary training for the submission of a Small Improvement Plan. He now has six weeks to decide on which two from his area he will actually submit. Councillors Loxton and Parsons are to join Councillor Dance and Gary Warren, from County Highways, to discuss the matter further before the final submission is made.

Councillor Dance also advised that at a recent full County Council meeting it was resolved that as well as Cabinet Members there would be Junior Cabinet Members. Both these posts receive extra remuneration.

2657. MINUTES OF THE 452nd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th July 2017 were agreed as correct and signed.

2658. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT – The licence in respect of the planters, sponsored by Seavington Gardening Club and Mr & Mrs N Bragg, has been signed and returned to County Hall.

- 2659. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021** – Following the meeting between Councillor Dance and Gary Warren it was agreed that they would discuss the scheme further and Councillor Dance will report to the Parish Council meeting on 17th October regarding the outcome.

2660.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

Highways Drains across private land - No further information regarding this due to the holiday period and also work having to be done with regards to the former Lift West site development.

- 2661. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – It was agreed that Councillor Parsons would ask Streetscene, who manage the Ranger scheme, to do a Litter Pick through the village. It is hoped that the village may organise a Litter Pick in the Spring of next year. It was also reported that Mr N Bragg will manage the footpaths around Meade Farm and will get them cut once the various fields have been harvested and will maintain them two or three times a year. This will save our footpaths officer and the Ranger from doing this. The areas around the stiles will still be cut by our Footpaths officer.

2662.REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – County have cut Bread and Cheese Lane.

- 2663. VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – See 2655 (2) about recent concerns. Nothing further has been heard, to date, regarding the complaint that Mr & Mrs Dicker have made to the District Council regarding The Conduct of the Parish Council.

- 2664. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** – Confirmation received that the name of the development is to be Falcon Close.

- 2665. REPORT ON SPFA** - Councillors Loxton and Edwards attended the meeting of SPFA. At present there is no planned Fund Raising. Estimates have been received with regards to refurbishment of the kitchen area. Two received both in the area of some £18,000. Councillor Loxton took to opportunity of advising the SPFA Committee that there is a probability that the Parish Council would have to pass back some of the ground maintenance works that are carried out on the field and play areas. This will be further discussed by the Parish Council when the village Precept for 2018/19 is initially discussed in November/December 2017. The SPFA are not short of funds at the present time.

- 2666. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – It was reported that the Shop did lose income during the road closure for the gas works recently carried out. A small survey has been carried out that would indicate more outsiders use the facilities than actual residents of The Seavingtons. This will be further investigated. The defibulator, purchased by the Parish Council, has now been installed on the front wall of the Shop. This siting was chosen as the provision of electricity was less costly than had it been sited on the Millennium Hall. A training session will take place in November.

2667.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – Nothing further to report regarding Health Check event.

2668. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/03200/FUL – Westerfield House Seavington St Mary – application to allow annex to go into separate ownership. – No concerns. Hopeful that parking would be retained on site.

17/03466/FUL – 10 Winchester Cottages – alterations and erection of single storey rear extension – The owner of 9 Winchester Cottages had spoken to Councillors Loxton and Parsons regarding her concerns with the accuracy of the plans and the impact the various works were having on her property. It was agreed that the Parish Council would advise planners of their concerns and following communication with Planners the Parish Council was advised that new plans had been requested. On the 3rd October, following receipt of these plans Councillors Loxton, Parsons and Reyland visited 9 Winchester Cottages to see for themselves the concerns. They were unable to enter 10 Winchester Cottages as no-one was home. However, Councillors are still concerned with the application and these will be forwarded to the Planners. It was also agreed that a site visit should be requested.

2669. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances – Current A/c - £4,680.87 cr**

Business Reserve - £17,806.84 cr

(b) **Payment requests – J Gillard - £1,030.00 [May to July], Somerset Landscapes - £216.00,**

SSDC Ranger - £603.84, J Gillard - £480.00 [Aug and end of contract], SSDC Ranger - £603.84

Yarcombe Woodlans - £272.99 [new bench for Orchard area (donation received),

Somerset Landscapes - £324.00

(c) Alteration to Somerset Landscapes grass cutting contract to include all of Playing Field –
agreed for this year. To be discussed further when setting Precept.

(d) Accounts for 2016/2017 have been completed by External Auditor and necessary notices posted.

2670. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17th October 2017

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date