

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 454th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2671. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Turner

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr C Reyland

2672. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2673. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

District – It was reported that SSDC has purchased the Marks & Spencer building in Yeovil. This has been done to raise income to be used in the District.

County – The Library Service is again under review. Councillors working with Officers to seek various options.

Nippy Bus finished operating but had given County no indication that this was going to happen. At the present time it is not certain which services will be affected and what may happen in the future..

2674. MINUTES OF THE 453rd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th September 2017 were agreed as correct and signed

2675. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT – No further news at present

2676. UP-DATE SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021

Councillor Dance advised that the Scheme would have to be changed as County only need to know the issues and not how to solve them. Meeting regarding SIS applications will be held in November. Submission of new form has to be done by end of October. Agreed that Councillor Dance would meet with Councillors Loxton and Parsons to complete the new form.

2677. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY ISSUES

- **Possible purchase of SID and sharing with Lopen Parish Council** – Having received an e-mail from County Highways clarifying ownership and type of SIDs that Parishes could purchase it was agreed that at the present time this would not be taken forward.
- **Drains across private land** – No further information
- **Pavement in Church Lane** – Concerns raised that the pavement is damaged by large farm vehicles on a regular basis. Agreed that Councillor Parsons would contact Highways again regarding the matter as it is believed it is becoming a Health and Safety issue.
- **David's Lane** – Parish Councillor Turner advised that he had had a call regarding large tractors using David's Lane. District Councillor Dance had also received a complaint. It was agreed that as we are in a rural area this will happen during the harvesting period. Councillor Parsons to e-mail County Highways with regard to width restriction on the lane.
- **Drain at Ile Bridge** – It had been reported that this gully appears to be blocked again. Councillor Parsons to raise this with County Highways once again. There is a general feeling that the drain leading to the stream has collapsed. This was indicated to Highways some time ago but no work has been carried out.

2678.**RANGER SCHEME** – Ranger time will be reduced during the winter months.

2679.**REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** - nothing to report.

2680. **VILLAGE CAR PARK – Discussion regarding the Complaint made to SSDC regarding the Conduct of the Parish Council** – After discussion it was agreed that a Statement would be drafted for SSDC – Ian Clarke – but would not be sent until all Councillors had agreed the content.

2681. **PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Still causing concerns in some areas but there seems to be no answer to the problem. It was pointed out that vehicles are parking once again on the grass verge adjacent to the playing field. Agreed for post and chains to be erected.

2682. **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** – Board Meeting to take place shortly. SSDC had advised that the CIL monies would be coming to The Seavingtons to be used for Leisure and Recreational purposes, but any plans would have to be approved by SSDC. Fifty percent of the monies would be payable when the first 3 houses were occupied and the rest when all houses were occupied.

2683. **SPFA** – Committee meeting on 24th October. Councillors Loxton and Parsons to attend and will advise SPFA of the CIL monies. Also the Committee will be advised that the Parish Council may not be in a position to help with all the field maintenance from next year.

2684.**COMMUNITY SHOP** – Nothing significant to report

2685.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- **Village oil syndicate – e-mail address** – No problems with having e-mail address @theseavingtons.org
- **NHS Health Check event** – Still awaiting confirmation of date. Agreed to leave until early next year.

2686. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/03714/FUL – Pincombe, Scotts Hill, Seavington St Mary – Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

17/03466/FUL – 10 Winchester Cottages, Water Street, Seavington St Michael – Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension – Parish Council still not happy with plans submitted and had sent their concerns to the Planning Officer. It was unanimously agreed that an e-mail would be sent indicating that the Parish Council could not support the application using the information provided as there still appear to be inaccuracies.

2687. ACCOUNTS

(a) Balances - £3,366.67 cr Business Reserve - £17,806.98 cr [Interest of £0.14]

(b) Payment requests – SSDC Ranger - £754.80, Grant Thornton [Accounts] £120.00, Somerset Landscapes - £494.40, SSDC Ranger - £603.84

Councillors were given expenditure figures which indicated that some £13,600 had already been spent this financial year. The precept was £14,600 so it was likely that some reserve monies would have to be used before the end of the financial year [31st March 2018]. It was requested that when setting the Precept for 2018/2019 more detailed figures may be required. Councillor Parsons to provide relevant information for this purpose.

Councillor Parsons advised that the Orchard Project had now ended. There was a credit of £72.14 which will be used to buy labels for the trees when appropriate.

Agreed that financial information would be provided so that the Precept Setting discussions could start at the next meeting.

2688. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21st November 2017**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed

Date