

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 475th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 6.30 pm**

3023. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr A Doble

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

One member of the public

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Edwards

Mr C Reyland

3024. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No questions raised.

3025. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/02320/OUT - Land at Upton Lane for erection of 8 houses – Approved with conditions

19/01634/FUL – Mr M Hallett – Extension to loading Bay - Approved

19/02027/HOU – Two storey, rear and front extensions – Mr S Ash – Approved

19/02311/FUL – Erection of 1 new dwelling – land opposite Seavington House – PC no concerns

19/01483/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land west of 1 Abbots Close, Upton Lane – Refused
Councillors could not understand why this application for a single dwelling had been refused when the application for 8 houses near-by had recently received approval.

19/01290/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Carpenters, West Street - with SSDC Planners

19/01070/OUT – Outline planning application for Land OS8374 Water Street Seavington St – With SSDC

19/00905/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling adjacent to 4 Council Houses, West Street – with SSDC Planners

18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings re carnival floats - nothing further to report

19/00952/HOU – Retrospective plan for garden shed and store – Gone to Appeal. Awaiting result.

3026. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Winter opening times for Recycling centres now in operation. Community Heritage Centre at Lufton now open [by appointment]. Full District Council meeting to be held on 19th September.

County Councillor Dance advised that he had £2,000 in grants to be spread around his whole division. It was agreed that at present The Seavingtons would not take up this offer.

3027. MINUTES OF THE 474th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2019 were agreed as correct and signed

3028. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – Hoping that the start is imminent. 3-month lead in date advised at the beginning of June.

3029. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SID – Decision to be taken after works carried out on C5021.

3030. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES –

Church Lane – Highways works will be undertaken when Wessex Water has solved the leak under one of the houses.

Rookesmeade Lane – Meeting with Highways where it was agreed that the land owner would be advised of his riparian duties with regard to the maintenance of the ditch and hedges.

Upton Lane – Highways agreed that after further investigations the owner of the house, where many plants have been put in the highways verge, will be contacted and advised to remove them.

Drains across Private Land – still being investigated by SSDC

Road frontage at Falcon Close – Still being discussed by County and the Developer. However, Councillors reported that one of the conditions of the original planning application was that a footway was to be provided.

It is assumed that this is to prevent parking in what could be perceived as being a lay-by, thus losing the necessary site line onto the highway from the development.

3031.REPORT FROM POLICE SURGERIES – Nothing to report.

3032. SOMERSET AND DEVON FIRE SERVICES CONSULTATION – Agreed that the Parish Council would write emphasising their concerns with regards to the suggestion that one engine should be removed from both Yeovil and Martock. It was felt that with more houses being erected and many rural areas having thatched properties such cuts should be discouraged.

3033. RANGER SCHEME – Still working well. Councillor Parsons advised that she has been in touch with SSDC regarding the purchasing and installation of a new litter bin to replace the damaged one in the Hall/Shop car park. Also awaiting a quote regarding the felling and taking away of a hawthorn tree in the highways verge at Middlefield.

3034.VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – New gate to be erected by County on the footpath at the end of Dark Lane.

Resident who offered to help with footpath management to be asked to report any problems to Parish Council or Phil Gordon-Smith.

3035. SPFA – Acceptance letter in connection with the SSDC grant, which will be paid to Parish Council, has been signed by Councillor Parsons and returned.

3036. COMMUNITY SHOP – Councillor England reported on another good year for the Shop advising that several Bonds had now been repaid and that the Shop is on target to pay off the rest in the foreseeable future. Councillor Parsons reported that at the Shop AGM it was stated that the annual rent due to the SPFA would double next year to £1,000 – as originally agreed it would after 10 years trading.

3037. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – Councillor Parsons advised that she had forwarded the information the Parish Council had received to the Community Shop, the SPFA and the Gardening Club. She advised that the St Michael's Church flower ladies are considering a Flower Festival and the Gardening Club planting up the troughs in suitable colours.

3038. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – Councillor Parsons advised that the Parish Council had received an e-mail from a possible purchaser of Swan Thatch asking for details regarding flooding issues. Councillor Parsons stated that she had suggested that the enquirer should contact SSDC Planning as there were conditions applied to the new build at the Pond Farm development with regards to maintenance of the ditches and drains. Councillor Loxton advised that he had been told of some damage to the sign 'Abbots Close' at the top of Upton Lane caused by a vehicle wrongly thinking that access could be obtained to Branstons. Parish Councillors agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter. Residents to be advised accordingly.

3039. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** – Current A/c - £1,985.71 cr Business Reserve - £25,855.94 cr [Int £4.08 July £4.25 August]

(b) **Payment requests** – Somerset Landscapes - £447.60; £335.70; £223.80 – grass cutting of main playing field, SSDC Ranger - £1,811.52; £603.84; £754.80

(c) **Grass cutting for year 2020/2021** – Agreed that 3 contractors should be contacted regarding next year.

3040. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th October, 2019

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed

Date