

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 476th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 6.30 pm**

3041. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr A Doble

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Edwards

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

3042. PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

19/02518/S73A – Vary conditions for extension at Topsclose – No concerns recommend approval

19/02311/FUL – Erection of 1 new dwelling – land opposite Seavington House – Application withdrawn

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 – No further news

3043. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

3044. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S – Nothing concerning our area to report. However, Parish Councillors raised concerns that Planning Applications are not being dealt with very promptly. Also concerned with the situation at Southernways and that no Enforcement Notice has been issued.

3045. MINUTES OF THE 475th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2019 were agreed as correct and signed

3046. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – Councillor Dance had verbally informed Parish that the works have been put out to a Contractor and that it should start in the very near future

3047. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SID – Parish Councillors were not happy with and e-mail received from County regarding rules and regulations. It was felt that County had withdrawn from the scheme and should therefore not stipulate what can and cannot be done. Agreed unanimously that enquiries will be made with regard to the purchasing of a SID similar to the one recently purchased by South Petherton Parish Council. Councillor Dance had indicated that he would assist in this.

3048. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES –

Church Lane, Rookesmead Lane and Upton Lane

The ditch adjacent to Hazelwood has been dug out but the County Contractor was not willing to clear the pipe under the driveway. Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would investigate getting this done. [After the meeting Councillor Parsons arranged for SSDC [Ranger Scheme] to investigate the problem and would clear the pipe as long as it has not collapsed.]

Rookesmeade Lane – Land owner has been issued with a notice confirming his responsibilities with the clearing of the vegetations and the ditch. To date no work has been carried out.

Upton Lane – Highways have instructed the owner of Hamstone House to cut back the vegetation overhanging the Lane. It is understood that the width of the verge outside of the property is also to be reduced significantly. Several incidents had been reported to the Parish Council that there have been near misses as there is no longer a site line for exiting vehicles.

Highway drains across Private Lane – responsibility This is still being investigated by SSDC

Road in front of Falcon Close – This is still with Developer and County. Parish Councillors have asked for help from our District Councillors in resolving this matter as the formation of a footway was part of the original planning application.

- 3049. POLICE SURGERIES** - Councillor Parsons to attend the Surgery to be held on 16th October to discuss several issues that have been raised by residents.
- 3050. POSSIBLE MEETING WITH GIGACLEAR** – Following reports in the Media it was agreed that Councillor Parsons would contact Gigaclear to confirm that a representative would still be attending the meeting to be held on 19th November. [After meeting it was established that the media reports are correct that Connecting Devon and Somerset have revoked Gigaclear's contract. However, a representative of Gigaclear will still attend the meeting as they still wish to be involved with fibre optic broadband connection in this area.
- 3051. RANGER SCHEME** – Unanimously agreed that a new black litter bin should be purchased to replace the damaged one in the Hall/Shop Car Park
A diseased small hawthorn tree that was on the verge outside Middlefield has been felled by SSDC. The Parish Council requested this work as County Highways refused to do it.
- 3052. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** - A meeting between a Parish Councillor, our Footpaths Officer and representatives from Meade Farm is to take place so that the situation of the paths can be formalised.
- 3053. SPFA** – Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the situation of the Committee of the SPFA following the sad death of Michael Harrison and ill health of Annie Prichard. Unanimously agreed that Councillor Loxton [Chair] would contact the Chair of the SPFA to ascertain the present situation. Parish Councillors are concerned that shortly funds will be in Parish Council accounts [ring-fenced] for the purchasing of the new play equipment.
- 3054. COMMUNITY SHOP** – Recently purchased a new computer. Father Christmas will be in the Shop on 14th December. Quiz night will be held on 23rd November. A new group will be using the Cafe for regular meetings during the evening. Repayment of Bonds is still on schedule.
- 3055. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS** - The Shop Committee has suggested that a 'Party on the Car Park' could be held but could not commit funds to this. Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to ring-fence £500 so that any organisation wishing to do an event would not suffer financially. A note to be put in the Seavingtons' Newsletter regarding this.
- 3056. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Councillor England has contacted the Royal Mail regarding the state of the Post Box in Townsend. This is being investigated. Councillor England also contacted British Telecom in connection with the state of the Phone Box adjacent to Rowdells Orchard. He was informed that BT will not do any work to this box as it is to be decommissioned within the next two years.
- 3057. ACCOUNTS**
(a) **Balances** – Current A/c £1,007.11 credit Business Reserve - £25,860.33 credit [Int £4.39]
(b) **Payment requests** – SLL £447.60
(c) **Quotations for Grass Cutting of Playing Field** - Councillor Parsons advised that the Parish Council should be seeking new quotations for the cutting of the Playing Field. Suggested that a meeting be held with representatives from the SPFA as following recent works the grass cutting areas have changed significantly.
- 3058. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 19th November 2019

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

Date