

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 477th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 6.30 pm**

3059. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr A Doble

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

One member of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr C Reyland

3060. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

3061. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/01290/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Carpenters, West Street – Nothing further

19/01070/OUT – Outline planning application for Land OS8374 Water Street Seavington St – Nothing further

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

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 – Awaiting Appeal decision

19/02518/S73A – Vary planning conditions 02 of 19/02027/HOU – Mr & Mrs S Ash – Approved

3062. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Concerns were raised with District Councillors regarding the several issues that the Parish Council has with District Planners. Agreed to a formal complaint would be sent to Councillor Dance as Chair of Area North. Other matters on hold because of forthcoming General Election.

3063. MINUTES OF THE 475th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th October 2019 were agreed as correct and signed.

3064. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 –

Finally works have started. Agreed to ensure that promised works are carried out.

3065. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF A SID – Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will investigate further. Councillor Doble to liaise with South Petherton Parish Council and Councillor Dance. Outside of the meeting Councillor Parsons was advised that our Ranger could be trained to move SIDs as required.

3066. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES –

Church Lane – Water leak now repaired and it would seem that there is no natural spring in the Lane. Potholes have also been repaired. Awaiting information from District Council regarding the clearing of the pipe below the driveway to Hazelwood.

Rookesmeade Lane - Councillors Doble and Reyland to liaise with Frogmary Green and Meade Farm regarding getting the work completed.

Upton Lane – Some works carried out to planting on roadside verge. However, house owner advised that the verge must be cut back to 1 metre in width.

Highway drains across private land – No further information. Parish Council to keep chasing

Frontage at Falcon Close – No further news as to when the footway will be completed by the developer. Councillor Parsons agreed to raise the issue of cars being parked on the frontage with the Police. It would seem that none of these cars are connected to Falcon Close

- 3067. POLICE SURGERIES** – Agreed that the long term parking of cars on the village car park [opposite the Volunteer] would be discussed with the PCSO. Some vehicles have no Tax or MOT. A note is to be put in the village Newsletter advising residents of the rules for leaving cars on the car park. Also the issue of the van frequently parked at the top of School Lane has been raised. [The day following the meeting Councillor Parsons was advised by the PCSO that the van owner had been warned that if the van is parked close to the junction it will be ticketed. PCSO also agreed to follow up on the vehicles on the car park that have not been moved for some considerable time. Failure to remove them could result in the Parish Council enforcing the removal.]
- 3068. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Clearing of Drains and leaves most important at this time of year. Agreed that the Ranger would be asked if the Phone Box on the car park could be painted.
- 3069. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Councillors Doble and Reyland to discuss footpaths and possible Permissive Paths with Frogmary Green and Meade Farm.
- 3070. SPFA** – Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27th November. Agreed that Councillors Parsons and Loxton would attend. Grant monies for 2020/21 to be discussed as it was unanimously agreed that the SPFA should be paid a grant, as is the case with other Village organisations. It would be stipulated that the grant would have to be used to go towards the maintenance of the field. Monies due to be paid to Parish Council in respect of the new equipment for the play areas to be clarified.
- 3071. COMMUNITY SHOP** – Finances are in line with last year. There has been an increase in salaries paid. New computer purchased. Only £8.000 worth of Bonds is still to be repaid.
- 3072. WEBSITE UPDATE** – Agreed that the village web-site needs up-dating. After discussions it was agreed that a small group would be set up to take this forward. It was also agreed that only one person would be responsible for the up-dating. It was also felt that all organisations in the village should use the same web-site but that it should be made easier to find information. Councillor Doble agreed to liaise with South Petherton Parish Council regarding new rules and regulations that have recently been introduced.
- 3073. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS** – Agreed that the Parish Council would be responsible for collating a programme for the weekend but not the organisation. An article to be put in the village Newsletter.
- 3074. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Police quarterly report received. War Memorials Bulletin received. Article in Clerks and Councils *Direct* magazine regarding Dog Law. Agreed for an article to be put in January Newsletter.
Telephone Box in Rowdells Orchard – Parish Councillors agreed that, if it is agreed by District Council that this box is to be de-commissioned, they would not be adopting it.
- 3075. ACCOUNTS**
(a) **Balances – C/A - £293.27 cr Business Reserve - £24,864.69 cr [Interest £4.36]**
(b) **Payment requests – SSDC Ranger [for Sept] £603.84, SSDC felling of tree £214.80, Somerset Landscapes £447.60, SPV lights £16.99**
(c) **Initial discussions on Precept for 2020/2021** – Initial papers handed out to be considered further at December meeting.
- 3076. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 6.00PM [Cafe as usual]**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date