

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 478th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Monday 16th December 2019 at 6.00 pm**

3077. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr A Doble

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

One member of the public

APOLOGIES

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

- 3078. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Concerns were raised with regard to Planning Issues being experienced at Southernways and other applications which seem to be with SSDC Planners for a long period of time and that Councillors are not kept up-to-date with the situation via SSDC web-site.
Following this discussion Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that, following their submission of a Formal Complaint against SSDC Planners and response received, that a request for the Complaint to be moved to the second stage should be submitted. A request for a ‘face-to-face’ meeting with Planners will also be made.

3079. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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 – With SSDC
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

3080. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S

Nothing to Report as no business conducted because of the General Election. Full District Council meeting 18th December, Full County Council meeting has not taken place since July 2019. Decisions being made by Cabinet Members.

- 3081. MINUTES OF THE 477th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th November 2019**
were agreed as correct and signed
- 3082. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021** – Works almost complete. End of speed limit sign west of Falcon Close has not been moved to be in line with new speed limit. Raised with Signs and Lines. It was also suggested that some 40mph roundels should be requested going east towards Lopen Head roundabout.
- 3083. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SID** – Now that the works on the C5021 are nearing completion Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that they would move ahead with the purchase of a SID. Hopefully this will be in place early in the New Year.
- 3084. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Church Lane** – Road closure for January in order to carry out works to the pavement, Still waiting for District Council to clear pipe beneath entrance to Hazelwood.
Rookesmeade Lane - Still waiting for hedge and verge to be cut and ditch to be dug out in order to repair verge damaged by large vehicles. **Upton Lane** – works have been carried out to reduce the height of vegetation planted in the verge and also to reduce the width as requested by County Highways.
Highway drains across private land – Nothing further to report
Road in front of Falcon Close – Parish Councillors expressed frustration that it seemed no department in County Hall was taking responsibility for resolving the issue. [After meeting finally an e-mail received promising that contact would be made with the developer as a matter of urgency].

- 3085. POLICE SURGERIES** – Unfortunately the December Surgery did not take place. Parish Council has been informed of the name of the new PCSO.
- 3086.RANGER SCHEME** – Request made that the Phone Box on the Village Car Park should be painted.
- 3087. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – New maps have been received from County Hall and it is hoped that these will be displayed in the village. Parish Councillors in discussions with Meade Farm and Frogmary Green regarding paths around Meade Farm.
- 3088. VILLAGE CAR PARK [opposite Volunteer Inn]** – Following the recent problems of long term parking and vehicles not having an up-to-date MOT, Tax or Insurance regrettably it was unanimously agreed that some signage will have to be installed as is the case with most other car parks.
- 3089. SPFA** – Councillors Loxton and Parsons attended the SPFA Committee Meeting held in November. The Committee are still short of members. Both Councillors Loxton and Parsons reiterated that the Parish Council cannot be a Trustee - this can only be the case if an individual Councillor was willing to take on the role. At the moment this is not the case. There is still a short-fall of funding for the completion of the planned up-date to the play area, but the Committee are still hopeful that works will start in the Spring of 2020. It was reiterated that the Committee had no intention of doing any fund raising as Income still exceeds Expenditure at the present time. However, there will be a major fund raising event when the Caravan Club Concert Band visits the village in July of 2020. At the Committee Meeting it was reiterated that no plans were being made regarding the VE Day celebrations. Councillor Loxton advised the Committee that for the next financial year [2020-2021] the Parish Council would no longer pay for the grass cutting of the main field but would give the Association a grant, in line with other organisations in the village. The amount would be decided at the Parish Council January meeting when the village precept is set.
- 3090. COMMUNITY SHOP** – Finances slightly up on previous year. Good selection of Christmas items now in stock. Fund raising being carried out and the November quiz raised over £700. A decision has been made, however, that no improvements will be made to the Shop/Cafe until all the outstanding Bonds have been repaid, hopefully in the not too distant future.
- 3091.WEB-SITE UPDATE** – Still being worked on. Up-date at January meeting.
- 3092.VE DAY CELEBRATIONS** – Nothing further to report
- 3093. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – Telephone Box in Rowdells Orchard** – Parish Council unaware of the final decision as to whether the box will be retained. Feel that this is unlikely.
- 3094. ACCOUNTS**
- (a) **Balances Current A/c - £2,293.27**
Business Reserve - £22,868.64 [Transfer £2,000 made] Nov Int £3.95
 - (b) **Payment requests** – SSDC Ranger - £603.84, SSDC Litter Bin - £563.27, SPV Lights - £47.57
 - (c) **Discussion re Precept for 2020/2021** – to be discussed further and decision made at January 2020 meeting. Agreed that there would probably have to be a small increase.
- 3095. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21st January 2020**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed

Date