

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 479th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 6.30 pm**

3096. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr A Doble

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs J Ash

3097. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present.

3098. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/01290/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Carpenters, West Street – approved

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

Enforcement Notice re the erection of the garden shed and store at Southermaways – The owners have appealed against the Enforcement Notice on the grounds that the time given for the taking down of the shed is too short [ie three months]. Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would write stating their objection to the Appeal as problems on this site have been on-going since August 2018.

3099. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

First full County Council meeting since July 2019 to be held later this week. Councillors dismayed regarding the statement issued by Somerset County Council concerning the setting up of a Unitary Authority. It is probable that no Public Consultation will take place on this issue.

3100. MINUTES OF THE 478th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th December 2019
were agreed as correct and signed

3101. SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – Works completed. However, the west bound speed limiter has not been moved. This has been taken up with County Highways.

3102. DECISION ON PURCHASE OF A SID – Speed Indicator Device – Following the completion of the traffic calming works along the C5021 the Parish Council has ascertained that the County Council cannot stop the purchase of a SID as it is an information sign. Councillor Loxton proposed, Councillor England seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a SID, similar to the one in South Petherton. Hopeful that this will be in place before the end of February

3103. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Church Lane – pavement and ditch adjacent to Hazelwood – the proposal from County Highways regarding the taking up of the existing footpath, resurfacing the whole of Church Lane and then painting in a virtual footpath was agreed. Councillor Parsons to advise County Highways of this decision. Concerns, however, were raised regarding the ditch adjacent to Hazelwood and the pipe that runs under the entrance. Councillor England to investigate the possibility of digging more of a ditch so that water meets up with that flowing under Church Lane therefore creating only one flow of water into Hazelwood.

Rookesmeade Lane – Hedge and verge cut. Nick Bragg of Frogmary Green has promised to complete these works.

Highway Drains across private land – SSDC are still discussing their plans regarding this issue.

Road in front of Falcon Close – Nothing further heard. However, the Parish Council now has a name in County who is dealing with the matter.

3104. POLICE SURGERIES – A surgery will be held in the cafe on Tuesday 28th January with our new PCSO. Councillor Parsons to attend to raise the issue of the car that appears to have been abandoned on the village car park. This vehicle is now not taxed.

3105.RANGER SCHEME - Still working well.

3106. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Councillor Reyland now has the village footpath maps and has been in talks with Frogmary Green regarding the footpaths around Meade Farm. The headland of fields with footpaths will be cut and Permissive Path signs erected. Discussions may take place with this happening in other areas in the villages that have paths that cut through crops. If it cannot be agreed the owner of the land should reinstate the footpath within a period of time after planting new crops.

3107. VILLAGE CAR PARK – possible signage – Following several months of problems on the village car park and information received it was unanimously agreed by Parish Councillors that a sign would be erected stating very clearly rules and regulations.

3108. MEETING RE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - District Councillors advised that Shepton Beauchamp are revisiting their Parish Plan. Councillor Reyland agreed to find out the details of this.

3109.SPFA - Nothing new to report as no meeting held.

3110. COMMUNITY SHOP – No meeting yet this month, but Councillor England informed the Parish Council that the Shop were formulating plans in connection with VE Day celebrations.

3111.WEB-SITE UP-DATE - Meeting to be held later this month

3112.VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – No new plans at present but a note will be put in the Newsletter.

3113. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – footpath opposite Falcon Close - The Ranger will be asked to tidy up this path and keep on her list of paths that may need work.

3114. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances C/A - £2,078.59cr Business Reserve - £21,872.79 cr Int Dec £4.15**

(b) **Payment requests** – SSDC Ranger - £603.84 [November] SSDC Ranger - £452.88 [December]

(c) **Setting of Precept for 2020/2021** After detailed discussions and agreeing of donations to be made in the coming year to Village Organisations Councillor England proposed, Councillor Edwards seconded and it was unanimously agreed to set a Precept of £16,500 for 2020/2021.

3115. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th February 2020

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date