

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 482nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 20th October 2020 [ZOOM Meeting due to Covid restrictions]**

3156.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr A Doble

Mrs J Ash

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Raikes – District Councillor

Three members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

- 3157. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Councillors were informed that the tractors from Frogmary Green had been travelling through the village below the speed limit and also they did not seem to be on the road so late at night. Agreed that this would be passed to Nick Bragg. However, it was agreed that there has been a noticeable increase with other speeding vehicles in all parts of the village.

3158.PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

18/02609/FUL – Kingstone Parish – Erection of buildings re carnival floats – The October Area West meeting, when it had been hoped that this application was to be discussed, was cancelled. Assumptions made that it will now go to Area West on 17th November. Details should appear on SSDC web site at least a week prior to this date.

20/02098/FUL – Building erected to the west of Dove Cottage. Retrospective Planning Application has now been submitted. Parish Council has no concerns.

3159.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S

Most of District Councillors time being taken up with One Somerset / A Stronger Somerset discussions. Still awaiting more information on Central Government’s paper on Planning and relaxation of rules.

- 3160. MINUTES OF THE 481st ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 18th March 2020 were agreed as correct and will be signed when Covid restrictions allow.**

- 3161. SID** – Data from the siting on Scotts Hill does not show a speeding problem. Data from siting to the west of Water Street junction also does not show speeding issue but thought that vehicles entering and exiting from Water Street have affected the data collected. However, it was agreed that there is a speeding issue in many parts of the village so a request is to be made for a site meeting with Highways and County Councillor to discuss what can be done. The Small Improvement Scheme along the C5021 has not reduced the speed of vehicles as much as hoped.

There has been a problem with one set of the batteries. Councillor Doble has researched the cost for replacements and this would be £35-£40 each [there are two in use at any one time]. However, on contacting the supplier of the SID a new set was delivered free of charge.

Agreed that the Parish Council would apply to the CLT for a grant towards purchasing a less sophisticated SID. This would not record data, could be solar powered. However, this would mean that we would be in a better position to reduce speeding as when the SID is in place it is noticeable that speeds reduce. The SID cannot be permanently in one place without planning permission and rules and regulations as to what sort.

3162.OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES –

Drains across Private Land – to be followed up further

Frontage at Falcon Close - This has now been raised with SSDC with a request that an Enforcement Notice be issued as the formation of a footway was part of the original planning application. District Councillor Raikes will raise the issue with Netta Meadows – Head of Service SSDC

Pavement to west of Village Car Park – Incident involving a resident falling off the edge of the pavement and injuring themselves was raised with County Highways. Investigations showed that a fence panel that had recently been replaced was further away from the edge of the pavement and consequently a drop off the edge of the pavement had been caused. Highways to communicate with owner of the adjacent land.

3163. **RANGER SCHEME** – Still working well. Concentrating now on winter work to drains. Agreed to look at other areas of the village that could be maintained next year under the scheme. Agreed Moss on Pavement adjacent to Buckrells would be looked at.

3164.VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Winter maintenance works to be carried out shortly.

3165. **VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Over the last few days a number of cars have been moved from the Car Park and are now being parked in Upton Lane. Parish Councillors are unaware of why this has happened. However, it was agreed that a note should be put in the Newsletter to the effect that there are no reserved spaces but that the rules as displayed must be adhered to. Action will be taken if this is not done. It was also agreed that parking in many other areas of the village is a problem so a request to be considerate of others when parking on the roadside will also be put in the Newsletter.

3166. **SPFA** – Refund of VAT on the new play equipment that was purchased by the Parish Council has now been received so note can be sent advising that the equipment has been handed over to the Association. Millennium Hall still unable to open.

3167. **COMMUNITY SHOP** – Shop takings have doubled since this time last year but unfortunately the Cafe business has halved. Hoping to offer a time slot to those who are still isolating on a Wednesday afternoon after normal closing hours when Christmas stock is in. Agreed to look favourably at a request for funding towards an EPOS system.

3168. **SEAVINGTONS NEWS** – Nothing further heard regarding a new editor for the News. At present funding is not a problem.

3169. **WEB-SITE UP-DATE** – On-going. Councillor Doble to renew discussions with Eugene and Georgina.

3170. **POSSIBILITY OF VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE** - This had been raised with Councillor Parsons. She had advised the persons concerned that Parish Council would not be involved but saw no reason for a page to be created as long as all safety measures were put in place. Agreed.

3171. **DEED OF EASEMENT – 2 WINCHESTER COTTAGES** - Agreed with new owner. The Deed will cover the space immediately next to the telephone box, thus creating a new entrance to the property. This suited the Parish Council better than losing two spaces. The Deed will be signed by Councillor Loxton as soon as the purchase is completed. All costs to be paid by the purchaser including the hatching of the agreed area.

3172. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** C/A - £9,444.65 cr [VAT repayment of £7,813.67 recd]

Business Reserve - £16,887.94 cr

(b) **Payment made since last notes** – SSDC Ranger [June/July] - £1,314.24, Ranger [August] £652.12

SALC - £145.13, Phil Gordon-Smith [Footpaths for 18 months] £525.00

(c) **Payment requests** – SSDC Ranger [September] - £657.12 Parochial Church Council [Grant for maintenance of St Michael and St Mary's churchyards] £1,250.00. **Agreed unanimously**

3173. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – By ZOOM – Tuesday 17th November 2020 – 6.30pm**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed **Date**