

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 452nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2637.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mrs E Edwards [Acting Chair]

Mrs J Ash

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Turner

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

2638.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2639.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S

Councillor Raikes advised that SSDC have agreed to the redevelopment of Yeovil Crematorium. Works would be carried out on the same site as present, Two chapels would be created as well as other improvements to fit modern day needs. No start date known.

2640. MINUTES OF THE 451st ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th June 2017 were agreed as correct and signed

2641. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT – Licence has now been received. Date for representations to be made deferred until 7th August. Councillor Parsons to contact SCC Legal Services with regard to a query regarding the siting of a trough close to the 30mph sign on the western side of the village. The reason for this is that a request has been made that the sign should be moved further west – along with the 30mph sign – towards Ilminster. Parish Council are grateful for the work done on the scheme by Seavington Gardening Club and Mr & Mrs Bragg.

2642. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021 - It was reported that County Councillor Dance had been informed that the Small Improvement Scheme submitted for works on the C5021 does not fit the criteria for County Council funding. Councillor Dance has asked for a report as to why the application failed. It was suggested to him that County Highways should be contacted as the scheme was more ‘lines and signs’. Agreed to defer contact until report received from SIS team.

2643.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- **Drains across private land** – No further news. Councillor Parsons to make enquiries
- **Gas pipe works in village** – Concerns were expressed with regard to the siting of the road closed signs at Ile Bridge. Councillor Parsons has contacted County Highways, but no reply received at the time of the meeting
- **Verge cutting** – concerns had been raised in connection with the recent verge cutting carried out along the C5021 and through the village. The low wall outside St Michael’s Church had been damaged at the same time. [Church warden had been advised of the damage]. County Highways contacted and a reply received to the effect that the matter was being discussed with the contractor. [After the meeting Councillor Parsons received a report that someone had been seen looking at the wall and assurances given that it would be repaired.]

2644. RANGER SCHEME – New Ranger now in place. Work to be carried out to the hedges on the side and back of the Village Car Park. Councillor Parsons to ask residents to ensure space left for the work to be done. Note to be put in Newsletter asking residents to report any other areas where work is required.

2645. **VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Still having problems with getting CountyFootpaths officer to visit the village. However, 4 new finger posts have been received.
2646. **VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE** – Councillor Parsons reported that she had delivered a letter to Mrs Dicker from Councillor Loxton, as Chair of the Parish Council, following the meeting on 20th June and him receiving an e-mail to his private e-mail address. It was also reported that on the 29th June the Parish Council received a letter from Mr & Mrs Dicker’s solicitors acknowledging the Parish Council’s letter of the 7th June and indicating that they would get back to the Parish Council. No further communication had been received prior to this meeting. District Councillor Dance had advised that The Parish Council has been reported to SSDC by Mrs Dicker following the Parish Council meeting held on 20th June 2017. Councillors present agreed unanimously that any future contact with Mr & Mrs Dicker should only be made through the Solicitors.
2647. **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST - Proposed name for new development on old Lift West Site** – SSDC had informed the Parish Council that the developer had suggested the name of Falcon Close. Royal Mail and SSDC have no concerns about this and Parish Councillors felt it was an appropriate name as there is a connection with Siward The Falconer and there are hawks on the entrance stones.
Share Certificates - should be distributed shortly to members.
2648. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Councillor Ash reported that she had attended the AGM of the SPFA. It was reported that the existing Committee of the SPFA were disappointed that the fireworks evening would not go ahead but this is due to new restrictions that have been brought in. More stringent rules and licences need to be held by those handling the fireworks. The Committee have also decided that there would be no major fund raising in the foreseeable future. Checks have been made on the play equipment and no urgent works necessary. Works have been carried out on the ash tree in the large play area. The defibulator that had been purchase by The Parish Council should be in place in the very near future. Quotes have been received for its installation, the cost of which will be shared by the Shop and the SPFA.
2649. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – AGM to be held at the end of August. Air-conditioning units now installed and working, after some initial teething problems. Letter of thanks for the grant from the Parish Council has been received.

2650.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

Councillor Training – re Planning - Councillors Loxton and Turner to go on course in October.

Notes from meeting to The Seavingtons’ News. Councillor Parsons to send notes of the meeting to The Seavingtons’ News for inclusion in August copy. Agreed by all present. Also a note on the possible visit of the NHS Health Check event. Hopeful that this may happen in November. Councillors Turner and Ash co-ordinating this along with SPFA.

2651. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Concerns regarding the laying of some scalping on the entrance by Southernaways has been reported to Area Planners, but at present there are no concerns.
2652. **ACCOUNTS**
(a) **Balances – Current A/C £8,515.11 credit**
but cheques not presented would reduce this to £8,046.54 credit
Business Reserve - £17,806.54 credit
It was reported that the total spend to date is £8,716.66 out of the precept of £14,600
(b) **Payment requests** – Eugene Mulligan [for village website] £26.38 and £61.19
Somerset Landscapes [cutting of playing field] £216.00
SSDC Ranger Scheme [general village maintenance] £452.88
2653. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19th September**
No meeting held in August unless urgent business arises.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date