

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 456th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 7.00 pm**

2706.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**PRESENT****Mr N Loxton – Chair****Mrs E Edwards****Mr N England****Mrs P Parsons****Mr C Reyland****Mr C Turner****Adam Dance – County and District Councillor****Crispin Raikes – District Councillor****APOLOGIES****Mrs J Ash****2707.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present****2708.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

District Council have purchased the Wilkinsons' building in Yeovil.

Separation of Westerfield House from adjacent buildings was passed at Area North Meeting against the planning officers recommendation. This means that these buildings can now be sold separately to that of Westerfield House.

County – Monies have been granted for an Innovation Business building on land adjacent to Westlands.

Henlade Park and Ride will be closed on Saturdays with effect from the beginning of January 2018. Objections made at Full Council meeting were dismissed even though it would mean a decrease in the number of buses serving Musgrove Park Hospital on Saturdays.

Review of Libraries to take place early in New Year.

2709. MINUTES OF THE 455th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st November 2017 were agreed as correct and signed**2710. UP-DATE ON MEETING WITH POLICE PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 2018 –** Councillor Turner advised that he had been in conversation with Area North Police Beat Officers and Traffic officers. Councillor Turner will attend this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council to raise on-going issues with regard to speeding etc within the villages of St Mary and St Michael.**2711. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT –** Hopeful that works on the Scheme will start in early Spring. All licences are now in place.**2712. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021 -** Will be moving to next stage in January 2018.**2713.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES -**

- Notification received that with effect from March 2018 the County Council will be withdrawing all SID equipment. Parishes have been advised that they could purchase their own SIDs but would need training to operate them. Any SIDs purchased would become the sole responsibility of the Parish. Smaller parishes could share SIDs. The SIDs that could be purchased could only be similar to those that are at present operated by County. After discussion it was agreed that nothing would be done until more information has been received regarding the SIS that County are looking at for the C5012. It was agreed that the possible sharing of a SID would probably be too complicated to manage. As volunteers would be needed to manage the scheme a note is to be put in The Seavingtons' News.

2714. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – A request has been made that The Ranger comes to The Seavingtons twice a month during the winter.
2715. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Post at end of School Lane has fallen down. Councillor Parsons has contacted Phil Gordon-Smith regarding this and he will do necessary works. Greenslade Taylor Hunt have been asked to remove sign that is attached to a footpath sign to the east of Sunnyside Farm. This sign is actually in Lopen Parish. Councillor Reyland has spoken to Mr N Bragg who is now farming most of the land at Meade Farm to clarify the position with regards to the hedge and ditch in Rookesmeade Lane. Mr Bragg confirmed that he intends to do work in this area in the spring when the spoil from the ditch will be hauled away.

2716.VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE – Nothing further to report

2717.COMMUNITY LAND TRUST – Board members will now be meeting on a monthly basis.

2718. **SPFA** – The quotes received from Somerset Landscapes with regards to works needed in connection with the trees and hedges on the playing field have been accepted and works should commence in early 2018. The works will be staged over a period of time. No further information received regarding the provision of an overflow car park on the western side of the field or the movement of the play equipment from the small play area behind the Millennium Hall. Meeting scheduled for early January has been cancelled.

2719.COMMUNITY SHOP -

2720.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

2721. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –

17/03714/FUL – Alterations and Extension to Pincombe, Scotts Hill for Mrs J Lewis – approved

17/04162/FUL – Alterations to The Willows Upton Lane for Mr & Mrs C Gough – approved

17/03200/FUL – Annex at Westerfield House – application withdrawn

17/03728/DPO – Application to discharge Section 52 Agreement – approved. This means that the annex can now be sold as a separate dwelling.

17/03466/FUL – Extension at 10 Winchester Cottages for Mr & Mrs T Pitman. This application has been approved by SSDC although the Parish Council had raised concerns that the plans submitted were not accurate and had asked for an extension of time. It was felt that due process had not been followed. However, both District Councillors advised that the comments made by the Parish Council were not within Planning boundaries.

2722. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Balances** – C/A £1,966.51 cr Business Reserve - £17,807.75 cr [Interest £0.61]

(b) **Payment requests** – Somerset Landscapes - £216.00

(c) **Preliminary discussion on Precept for 2018-2019** – Parish Councillors had been given information with regard to monies spent over the last two years and a spreadsheet that could be altered to ascertain what impact any increase in the Precept would have on residents. To date expenditure for this year is £15,233 from the precept amounting to £14,600 [which included £230 Grant from Central Government]. Included in this expenditure is £1,148 for the defibultor which is now installed on the wall of the Community Shop and £1,000 being the agreed grant to The Community Shop for the installation of air-conditioning units [these purchases have come from the surplus monies built up over a number of years not the Precept set for 2017/18]. This means that there is some £1,500 of Precept monies left for payments that will be due before 1st April 2018. It was agreed that no decision on the Precept would be made until the January 2018 meeting. However, a reminder was given that the Central Government Grant would be reduced to £80 for 2018/19 and would be totally withdrawn by 2019/20. It was noted that because of a reduction of this grant for 2017/18 the Parish Council received some £300 less than for 2016/17.

2723. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 16th January 2018

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date