

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE 457<sup>th</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL  
On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00 pm**

**2742.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES****PRESENT****Mr N Loxton – Chair****Mrs J Ash****Mrs E Edwards****Mr N England****Mrs P Parsons****Mr C Reyland****Mr C Turner****Crispin Raikes – District Councillor****Five members of the public****APOLOGIES****Adam Dance – County and District Councillor****2743.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – See item 2751 point 1**

**2744. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S** – Budget meeting will agree a £5 increase per week on a Band D property. Following County’s decision to cease SID installations the District Council are to purchase a supply which can then be hired by Parish and Town Councils. Unsure of the type to be purchased at present. A suggestion was made that a type which deters speed as opposed to data collection is what may be required by some Councils.

**2745. MINUTES OF THE 457<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed as correct and signed**

**2746. REPORT FROM PACT MEETING** – [Also see item 2751 point 1] Councillor Turner advised that in Area North there are only 4 police officers and 6 PCSOs. Consequently the police are relying on the public to collect information and advise of any concerns. This will enable targets to be set up. The police are already liaising with Lorry Watch, Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch teams. Consideration is being given to holding this type of meeting more often as it acts as a useful meeting for feedback. Councillor Turner was given information on who is responsible for Mud on Roads. All concerns should be reported to Somerset County Council who will investigate.

**2747. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ROUTES RE DUALLING OF A303 [Sparkford] and A358**  
– No comments to be sent by Parish Council

**2748. CONSULTATION BY SCC REGARDING LIBRARY SERVICE** – Information sent to Seavingtons’ News for residents to comment. Parish Council will not make any comment.

**2749. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT** – No further information

**2750. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021** – No further information

**2751.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES**

- **Speeding and volume of farm traffic** – Nick Bragg and his Farm Business Consultant were in attendance at the meeting. Councillors raised the increased concerns felt within the villages of the amount of maize going to the site just east of Ilminster and then being brought back to the digester. The fact that a new concrete entrance was being formed had aggravated the situation. Mr Bragg advised that for the next maize harvesting period it was hoped that the amount of maize being stored in Ilminster would be cut by 60% leaving only one storage clamp. Mr Bragg had not had to get any planning permission for the store as it was only ever considered to be temporary. The new concrete driveway has been created to save mud being brought onto the

Highway. Councillor Turner advised that at the PACT meeting that he had recently attended concerns regarding the speed and volume of traffic had been raised by three parishes. It was agreed that there was a perception that all farm traffic was linked to Frogmary Green. Councillors were advised by Mr Bragg that the installation of the digester was in response to the farm 'changing focus' and that the energy created was supporting not only the chicken enterprise at Frogmary Green but surrounding parishes. Councillors raised the question that the project regarding the digester was much bigger than had originally been envisaged. Mr Bragg advised that at present his vehicles are only operating between the hours of 7.45am to 9.30am to bring maize from Ilminster to Frogmary Green. After more discussion it was agreed that there is a perception that all farm vehicle movement through the village emanate from Frogmary Green. Mr Bragg agreed to try and get some form of signage on his vehicles. Following the letter that appeared in The Seavingtons' News it was agreed that Mr Bragg would provide reports for the News giving details of movements and plans. Councillor Turner also raised the issue of speed that had also been discussed at the PACT meeting. Mr Bragg advised that he was aware of the concerns and had been advised by the Police and his drivers are aware of the situation.

- **Potholes and road edge erosion** – Councillor Parsons has reported potholes and road edge erosion in Water Street and Rookesmeade Lane. Also raised question as to when a Jetter may be in village. Drains opposite Church Lane junction need to be reported to County Highways. Road still flooding down to Loxstons Machinery.
- **Concerns re closure of road** – Councillor Parsons has raised question with The Traffic Management Team in County Hall as to whether the road through the village is the C5021 or the B3168. No response received at time of meeting.

2752. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Several blocked gullies have been cleared by The Ranger recently as County Highways do not see one blocked drain as a problem.

2753. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Request re two bridle ways omitted from Definitive Map** – Councillor Reyland has looked at old maps and it was agreed that the Parish Council has no documentary evidence of the tracks in questions being shown or used as bridle ways. County to be advised accordingly.

#### **2754.VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE**

**2755.VILLAGE LITTER PICK** – Date agreed as Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Note to be put in News letter.

2756. **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** – AGM set for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Only shareholders can attend. Estimates being obtained for Management of Houses.

2757. **SPFA** – Councillors Ash and Parsons attended. Three projects are on-going at present – maintenance of hedges and trees, getting quotes for a new overflow car park and moving of small play area equipment to large play area. Councillor Parsons re-iterated the Parish Council belief on the S106 monies and read from the legal document which states that they have to be spent on Leisure and Recreational facilities within The Seavingtons. It was suggested that the SPFA need to think 'outside of the box' when replacing the existing play area. There is still a possibility that the monies could go to projects outside of the village.

2758. **COMMUNITY SHOP** – Problems with electricity supply and costs have been sorted. Hopeful that if they can obtain monies an EPOS system would help with management of stock etc.

#### **2759.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT - None**

2760. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None**

#### **2761. ACCOUNTS**

- (a) **Balances** £2,549.59 cr                      Business Reserve - £16,809.26 cr [£1,000 transfer]  
 (b) **Payment requests** – SSDC Ranger - £1,509.60

**2762. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 [Also Parish AGM]**

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**