

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 460th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 7.00 pm**

2780.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash Mrs

E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mr N England

Mr C Turner

2781.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2782.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Dist – Boundary Commission consultation. Both Stocklinch and Whitelackington Parishes have indicated that they do not want to be joined with South Petherton Ward.

County – Consultation on closure of some Libraries has been extended. South Petherton, Martock and Ilminster are all facing closure. South Petherton has been offered two alternatives – South Petherton Parish Council to take over the running of the Library or The Mobile Library will visit. No offer of financial help to South Petherton to help with this. At present County only has one Mobile Library.

2783. MINUTES OF THE 459th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th March 2018 were agreed as correct and signed

2784. NEW DATA PROTECTION RULES – The Parish Council has been informed that the village website will not be greatly affected but a few changes to acknowledge awareness of the new rules have been made. Some background data collection routines have been removed. A pop-up will now appear when the web site is used indicating that the website uses Cookies, as is common with many websites. On the four form pages [contact us] that are on the site a comment has been added to say that no data provided is stored [except for village businesses]. Data forms were stored but this facility has been switched off.

Analytics tracking has also been switched off. This is tracking by Google that anonymously captures data as people move from page to page. The village web site never used this. More changes will be made during the next few weeks if felt necessary. Parish Councillors present were asked if they would like to have an e-mail address just for Parish business but it was agreed that more thought would be given to this.

2785. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT – Four troughs are now in place and the Gardening Club will be planting up in due course.

2786. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021 – Councillor Dance is meeting with officers in County Hall on Friday.

2787.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- Continued concerns regarding farm traffic and speeding vehicles – Parish Councillors were made aware of another letter being sent to The Seavingtons' News regarding this issue. There were some concerns as to whether or not Planning Permission conditions were being adhered to. After discussions Councillor Loxton proposed, Councillor Reyland seconded and it was agreed unanimously that the matter would be passed to the District Councillors with a request for an

investigation to be made. It was then agreed that no further discussions regarding this issue will take place outside of a Parish Council meeting.

- Confirmation has been received from County Highways that the road through the Seavingtons [formerly known as the A303] is regarded as the C5021. However, the Highways Agency still refer to the road as the B3168 and has indicated that when the Notices were published regarding the recent overnight closures none of the ‘Stakeholders’ made any comments. Councillor Dance agreed to take this up with Traffic Management in County Hall.
- Complaints have been received with regard to the state of Longforward Lane. Investigations to be made as to who is responsible for clearing away the excess soil.
- With regard to the reported blocked drain in Water Street and the water on the road opposite Church Lane both areas have been marked to indicate that County Highways are aware of the problems. Hopefully both will be resolved in the not too distant future.

2788. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – The Parish Council is to continue with the scheme for the coming year.

2789.VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE

2790.SPFA – Notification received that the cooker in the kitchen is to be replaced

2791.COMMUNITY SHOP – No cleaner has yet been found

2792.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – Report received from Avon and Somerset Police

2793. **LITTER PICK** – Planned for Saturday 21st April 2018. Councillor Raikes will collect equipment from SSDC Streetscene and deliver to Council Loxton on Friday.

2794. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – 17/03200/FUL and 17/03728/DPO – Westerfield House. Concerns have been raised following the realisation that Westerfield House is on the market with no on-site parking. It would seem that once the Annex and outbuildings became separated from the main house the owners had complete control over the whole of the property. A new Conveyance form shows that ownership of the initial part of the drive will stay with Westerfield House but that the Annex would have a right of way over it. A suggestion has been made that parking for the main house could be created, to the right of the driveway, but this would come at a cost to any purchaser.

2795. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** – Current A/c - £15,674.62 cr [Precept £15,000 received]
Business Reserve £14,810.57 cr [Interest £0.64]

(b) **Payment requests** – None

(c) **Certificate of Exemption from an External Audit.** Councillor Loxton proposed, Councillor Ash seconded and it was agreed unanimously that as the Parish Council could positively answer the questions asked on the Certificate that it was signed and forwarded to the appointed External Auditors. The accounts will still have to be audited by our appointed Internal Auditor and Councillors Parsons will arrange this.

2796. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Change of Date agreed as Tuesday 29th May 2018

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Date