

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 15th January 2019
**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 468th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 6.30 pm**

2913.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

Mr A Doble

APOLOGIES

None

2914. **CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR** – Following the resignation of Councillor Turner Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Andrew Doble on to the Grouped Parish Council of Seavington St Mary and Seavington St Michael.

2915.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present.

2916. **REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S** – District Councillors advised that there would be no cuts in services for the coming year but that there would be an increase in Council Tax. *County Councillor Dance* – reported that Somerset County Council still had to make large savings in the coming year. There will be an increase in Council Tax but the amount is still not known. The Consultation on 'bus subsidies' has been stopped. Reason for this unclear. There will be no monies for the Youth Service. The Small Improvement Schemes are being cut by half. Councillor Dance still hopeful that there will be agreement on the Scheme under consideration for The Seavingtons.

2917. **MINUTES OF THE 467th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th December 2018 were agreed as correct and signed**

2918. **DECISION ON MEETING PAPERS TO BE SENT BY E-MAIL IN FUTURE** – Unanimously agreed that this would be done in future. Councillor Parsons will still continue to post Agenda and Copy of Previous Minutes on village Notice Boards

2919. **UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021** – As reported above all Small Improvement Schemes have been put on hold and the number agreed is likely to be halved.

2920. **OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Drains, potholes and road edge erosion** – Concerns expressed regarding running water and the ditch in Church Lane. The Ranger has tried to clear some of the silt and has created some run-offs to take water off the Lane. Highways to be contacted as to who is responsible for the ditch. Councillors were advised that Mike Fear has now retired and has been replaced by Derek Davis.

2921.**REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Time being spent on keeping drains clear

2922. **VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Bridge over footpath CH21/8 has been repaired and very favourable comments have been received. Phil Gordon-Smith has advised that he will be working on the steps behind the barn at Meade Farm shortly.

2923. **SPFA** – Parish Council has been made aware that there have been some problems with the removal of the diseased oak tree at the top of the playing field. After discussion it was agreed that, as the trees were purchased through the Tree Wardens scheme which receives funding from the Parish Council, £500 would be

ring-fenced for Tree Warden work which would include the removal of this tree. It is hopeful that the trunk may be able to be used to create something to stay in the village.

2924. COMMUNITY SHOP – Councillors were advised that the Shop had recently been broken into but nothing had been taken.

2925.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – None

2926. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/05356/FUL 16/05357/LBC – On-going Concerns at 2 Southernways – Retrospective Plan regarding the buildings erected in the garden area is with validation team and should be out for consultation shortly.

18/02320/OUT - Land at Upton Lane – Officer’s Report about to be written and consultation could be going to our District Councillors.

18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings to aid construction of carnival floats. SSDC Meeting to discuss this planning application has been postponed.

2927. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances – Current A/c - £933.58 credit Business Reserve - £21,827.34 credit [int for Dec £4.05]**

(b) **Payment requests** - £126.05 – Treads for repair of bridge over footpath. £140 - Seavington Community Shop for hire of Cafe to March 2019 for Parish meetings. £1,358.64 to SSDC for Ranger Scheme [for Oct and Nov]

(c) **Precept for 2019/2020** - After discussion and referral to papers handed out at previous meeting, Councillor Reyland proposed a Precept request of £15,750. This was seconded by Councillor England and agreed unanimously

2928. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 11th February 2019 [Change of day due to several Councillors being unable to attend the planned Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date