

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE 474<sup>th</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE  
On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 6.30 pm**

**3005.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT**

**Mr N Loxton - Chair**

**Mrs J Ash**

**Mr A Doble**

**Mrs E Edwards**

**Mr N England**

**Mrs P Parsons**

**Adam Dance – County and District Councillor**

**Crispin Raikes – District Councillor**

**Two members of the public**

**APOLOGIES**

**Mr C Reyland**

**3006. PLANNING**

19/01483/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land west of 1 Abbots Close, Upton Lane – with SSDC Planners

19/01290/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Carpenters, West Street. – with SSDC Planners

19/01070/OUT – Outline planning application for Land OS8374 Water Street Seavington St – with SSDC Planners

19/00905/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling adjacent to 4 Council Houses, West Street – with SSDC Planners

19/00952/HOU – Retrospective plan for garden shed and store – Refused by Area North Committee

18/02320/OUT - Land at Upton Lane – Going to Area North Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for decision – concerns were raised regarding this application as it was felt that County Highways have still not fully addressed the issue of the junction of Upton Lane with the C5021 [New Road, old A303] and this was the concern raised by many residents in Upton Lane.

18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings re carnival floats. - Nothing further to report

**3007. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Although there were 2 members of the public present no questions were raised at this time

**3008.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S**

Nothing to report regarding the Villages but both District and County are to hold Full Council Meetings in the next few days.

**3009. MINUTES OF THE 473<sup>rd</sup> ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed as correct, [with one small amendment – Item 2900 paragraph 2 line 2 word in change *in to the*] and signed**

**3010. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021** – Hopeful that works will be completed by the Autumn.

**3011. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF OUR OWN SID** – Councillor Parsons advised that she has now received the information from South Petherton Parish Council regarding the SID recently purchased by them. Councillor Dance advised that he would help in the purchasing of a SID. After discussion it was agreed that a SID should be purchased but a final decision would be made after the signage and white lining had been completed along the C5021. As the Parish Council had received no direct contact from residents regarding this issue following a Newsletter request Councillors are hopeful that the Newsletter may have been used as a means of communication. It was also agreed that there may be a possibility of CLT monies being used for the purchase.

**3012.OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES - Drains, potholes and road edge erosion**

Works have been carried out in Church Lane by Wessex Water as it would seem that a leak in a water pipe has been found beneath one of the houses. Agreed that County Highways should be contacted and asked for an update on the situation, and the works that had been agreed to the ditch that carries surplus water from the highway.

Parish Council advised that a further investigation has been made to the partially blocked drain in Upton Lane. Again a request for an up-date will be made to County Highways.

- 3013. REPORT FROM POLICE SURGERIES** - No information available from last surgery. However, Councillor Ash reported that she has heard nothing further with regard to the Neighbourhood Watch query she had raised at the June surgery.

**3014.SOMERSET AND DEVON FIRE SERVICES CONSULATION**

The questionnaire from Somerset and Devon Fire Services has been sent to The Seavingtons' News as residents can make their own comments. The Parish Council will discuss the consultation further at the September meeting.

- 3015. SAFE GUARDING CONCERNS** – Following concerns that had been raised with regards to events being advertised on the Village Web-site, in The Seavingtons' News and on village notice boards advice has been sought from SALC [Somerset Association of Local Councils]. The Parish Council has been advised that as the four notice boards, owned by the Parish Council, are all locked the management of these boards should only be done by Parish Councillors. A note should be put on the Village Web-Site, in The Seavingtons's News and on the Notice Boards to the effect that these organisations have no responsibility for the events being advertised. SALC also advised that the Boards should be checked on a regular basis for any defamatory comments that may appear as this was more likely to prove problematical for the Council. It was unanimously agreed that keys for these boards will now only be with Parish Councillors. Any posters that need to be displayed should be given to a Parish Councillor, or left at the Community Shop for collection.

**3016.RANGER SCHEME -**

- 3017. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Agreement has been obtained for Permissive Path signs to be supplied for some paths around Meade Farm. Also a request will be made for some materials to repair the footpath that runs south from Dark Lane.
- 3018. SPFA** – Sometime ago the Parish Council was asked to support a Grant application to be made by the SPFA for monies towards the new play equipment. Officers of the District Council have advised that the grant application is made in the name of the Parish Council as the equipment can then be purchased in their name, thus saving VAT. [This is similar to the S106 monies that are due from the Falcon Close development]. Councillor England proposed, Councillor Edwards seconded and it was agreed unanimously. Councillor Parsons to contact the Project Manager for the Scheme and advise accordingly. The Parish Council had already agreed to give a grant of £2,000 in order for the SPFA to obtain funding from the SSDC. AGM to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

- 3019.COMMUNITY SHOP** – AGM to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00pm

- 3020. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Councillor Doble reported that he is investigating the Parish Council use of Ordnance Survey PMSA. The Parish Council already has the licence as this was obtained when the Seavingtons' News published the village footpaths some years ago. Residents have reported some concerns regarding the fruit trees planted a few years ago behind St Mary's Close. Parish Council advised that no treatment will be carried out. Concerns were also raised regarding a tree on the highway verge adjacent to Middlefield. Councillor Parsons to contact County Highways for advice. The condition of the post box in Townsend and the BT phone box adjacent to Rowdells Orchard was raised. Councillor England to contact Royal Mail and BT regarding these.

**3021. ACCOUNTS**

- (a) **Balances** – Current A/c - £5,289.74                      Business Reserve - £25,847.61 [June Interest £3.04]  
Transfer of £6,000 from Current Account to Business Reserve made on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- (b) **Payment requests** - £25.00 SALC – Training Course. £80.37 – Eugene Mulligan re village web-site  
Somerset Landscapes - £447.60 cutting of main Playing Field.

- 3022. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – no Planned Meeting for August

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**