

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 18th February 2020
**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 480th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 6.30 pm**

3116.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton - Chair

Mr A Doble

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

PCSO Mike Bell and one other officer

APOLOGIES

Mrs J Ash

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

3117. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

3118.PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings re carnival floats – new highways report – As a Parish Council we had already sent our objections regarding this planning application and to the conclusions reached in the new highways report. It was agreed, however, that we should contact Simon Fox and Martin Woods seeking assurance that The Seavingtons requested that the decision went to an Area West Committee meeting. We should also request that Seavington Parish Council is kept in the loop over any decision made. We are concerned that the application falls within the Parish of Kingstone and that it is in SSDC Area West so our District Councillors may not be contacted regarding the decision going to full Area West Planning Committee

19/00952/HOU – Retrospective plan for garden shed and store – Awaiting Appeal decision

20/00125/HOU – Alterations and erection of single storey – Mr & Mrs N Talbot – no concerns

Report re meeting with Planning Officers from SSDC – Councillors Loxton and Parsons attended a meeting with Simon Fox and Martin Woods following the Official Complaint that was made, to further raise our concerns regarding procedures, length of time taken to make decisions and contact with Ward Members. They were advised that problems had occurred as the Planning Department was short of staff. Many of the points raised were not answered but it was agreed that the Parish Council would not take the matter further.

3119.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Full County Council meeting to be held on 19th February 2020 in connection with agreeing the Council Tax for the coming year. It would seem that the present County Councillors are set on progressing their request for a Unitary Authority without any consultation with residents.

District Council – Council Tax will be slightly increased. There will be no cutting back on frontline services

3120. MINUTES OF THE 479th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st January 2020 were agreed as correct and signed.

3121. SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – Works were completed sometime ago, but there is still an issue regarding the western village entrance gate. County has indicated that it could be April before a contractor can carry out the work.

3122. UP-DATE ON PURCHASE OF SID AND TRAINING ETC – **SID** has been purchased and 3 Councillors trained with regard to setting up, moving and downloading data. Hopeful that it will be in place before the end of this month.

3123.OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES –

Church Lane - No further news on drainage problems in the lane. It would appear that there is a blocked drain to the south of St Mary's Church. Highways were in the area but the Parish Council do not know what work was being undertaken.

Highway drains across private land – No further news but reminders have been sent to SSDC.

Road frontage at Falcon Close – Still now news as to when works will be carried out. No response from the County Officer dealing with it.

3124. **POLICE SURGERIES** – Our new PCSO Mike Bell attended the meeting with another colleague. He has agreed dates for the next four months of Police Surgeries in the Shop/Cafe. Times are as follows:-
25th February – 1230hrs, 31st March – 1130hrs, 29th April – 1330hrs, 26th May -1130hrs
These will be forwarded to The Seavingtons’ News. His colleague informed us that she is willing to attend meetings, surgeries or visit homes to help the deaf and hard of hearing to access the Police as she can sign. A warning was given that there are fake £50 notes circulating in the area.
3125. **RANGER SCHEME** – Busy keeping drains cleared. The telephone box on the village car park has been painted but problems have been experienced with some occupants of the parking spaces.
3126. **VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Work has been carried out to fallen trees in Saw Pit Lane. Work still needed to agree signage etc on paths around Meade Farm.
3127. **VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Following several incidents on the car park recently the Parish Council has agreed the wording of a sign that will be put in place.
3128. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Agreed, that in line with other local parishes, perhaps we should re-visit this.
3129. **SPFA** – Next Committee meeting to take place early March. Councillor Ash agreed to attend in an advisory role.
3130. **COMMUNITY SHOP** – Shop has agreed to help with VE Day celebrations with a social event in the Millennium Hall on the evening of the 8th May 2020.
- 3131.**WEB-SITE UP-DATE** – Councillor Doble to meet with Eugene and Georgina to progress matters.
3132. **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS** – Notice regarding plans for the weekend to be put in Seavingtons’ News. Agreed that the Parish Council would fund the drinks necessary for the 3.00pm toast to those who served in the Second World War.
3133. **OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT** – Councillor Parsons shared her thoughts for the article to go in the March edition of The Seavingtons’ News – agreed.
3134. **ACCOUNTS**
(a) **Balances** – C/A - £2,053.89 Business Reserve - £16,876.37 [Int for January £3.58
Funds have been depleted following payment for the SID
(b) **Payment requests** – **Trulove** – 3,930.00 [purchase of SID] A Doble - £37.98 [padlock for SID
3135. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Tuesday 17th March** – **Also Village AGM**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date