

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 457th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.00 pm**

2724.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Edwards

Mr C Turner

2725.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2726.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

District – See item 2728 re proposed Boundary Changes. Full Council due to meet on Thursday 18th January 2018.

County – Henlade Park and Ride now closed on Saturdays. Withdrawal of SID Scheme to take place in April. Consultation on Library Service to take place shortly.

2727. MINUTES OF THE 456th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th December 2017 were agreed as correct and signed

2728. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO WARD BOUNDARIES – Proposal has been made that the parishes of Barrington and Stocklinch should be incorporated into the South Petherton Ward. After discussion it was agreed that this did not seem appropriate as both those Parishes are in a different Parliamentary Constituency. It had also been proposed that Dinnington should join the Windwhistle Ward, but again Councillors agreed that this did not seem a good idea.

2729. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT – Hopeful that works will start in early Spring

2730. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021 - Next Stage should be discussed in January by Somerset County Council.

2731.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- **Drains across Private Land.** Confirmation received from District Council that investigations are still on-going but that the development at the old Lift West Site has led to further investigations being required. Parish Council to try and obtain written evidence from any resident that may have highway drains running across their land.
- **Withdrawal of SIDs by County Council.** Information has been received as to the cost of purchasing and managing our own SIDs. Agreed that we would await the outcome of the Small Improvement Scheme being discussed at County before making a final decision. However, it was felt that the small SIDs installed by County were probably not the best way forward.
- **Verge adjacent to the Playing Field** – concerns were raised with regard to the present state of the verge following the bad weather. Agreed that wooden posts would be erected along the length of the verge. Hopeful this will be completed by early February.

2732. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Councillor Reyland has met with Ranger recently. At present clearing of drains is the main priority. Agreed that the Parish Council would continue to buy into the Scheme operated by the District Council.

2733. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – General maintenance works being carried out during winter months.

2734.VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE

2735. **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** Board of Directors now meeting monthly. Date set for AGM – Tuesday 27th March. Information to be put in February Newsletter regarding becoming a Share holder and/or a Director.

2736. **SPFA** – Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd January. Councillor Parsons to attend. Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed use of the S106 monies that may be coming to the villages from the development of the old Lift West Site.

2737. **COMMUNITY SHOP** – Trading was good during December and the raffle raised some £675. At the moment the Cafe could do with more volunteers.

2738. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Publication dates for The Seavingtons' News have been changed – with effect from March 2018. This should enable Parish Council to report on the most recent meeting.

2739. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS 17/04821/LBC and 17/04820/FUL – Mr & Mrs N Loxton – Court Farm, Upton Lane. Alterations to include the change of use of barn to form 1no dwelling.** Councillor Loxton declared an interest in this application. Parish Councillors were advised that there had been a previous approved application for this but the permission had lapsed. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no concerns regarding these applications.

2740. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Balances Current A/c £1,750.51cr Business Reserve - £17,808.46 cr [£0.71 interest added]**

(b) **Payment requests – None**

(c) **New External Auditor – Webinar invite** – Agreed would not be joining this scheme. Councillor Loxton advised that he believes we can opt out of External Audit. To be investigated further.

(d) Councillor Parsons showed information received from Youth Club with regard to the new equipment they would like to purchase. Proposed by Councillor Loxton, seconded by Councillor Reyland and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would fund equipment up to £250.00.

(e) **Decision on Precept for 2018-2019** – Proposed by Councillor Loxton, seconded by Councillor Ash and agreed unanimously that the Precept request would be in the sum of £14,920 [which plus the £80 Central Government Levy] would give the Parish Council £15,000 for the coming year.

2741. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20th February 2018**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

Date