

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 17th July 2018
SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 463rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 7.00 pm

2834.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Mr C Turner

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

One member of the public

APOLOGIES

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

- 2835. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – The question was raised as to why, yet again, the diversion route for a planned closure of the Ilminster By-pass [A303] has been advertised in the Western Gazette as along the B3168 despite assurances being given that an alternative route had been agreed. Councillor Turner reported, that despite several attempts, he had been unable to get a reply from either the Highways Agency or Traffic Management County Hall. Parish Councillors asked that Councillor Dance be requested to follow this up with County Hall.
- 2836. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S** – District Councillor Raikes reported that he had been advised by the planning officer dealing with the development on the old Lift West site that an agreement had been reached with the Developer and Wessex Water with regard to the drainage from the site. It was reported that the agreed scheme would mean a new drain crossing the road into the field above the playing field and joining up with the drains that flow into the system at Ile Bridge.
- 2837. MINUTES OF THE 462nd ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th June 2018 were agreed as correct and signed**
- 2838. UP-DATE ON VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT** –
Notice board in Rowdells Orchard. Work has been done, at no cost to the Parish Council
Replanting of the area above the new trough by Seavington House. Agreed that SSDC Streetscene should be contacted regarding this.
Telephone Box on village car park – Agreed to ask if Ranger could paint the box during the winter.
Finger Posts – e-mail received from Somerset County Council regarding the condition of finger posts in the County and asking parishes to take responsibility for doing this. Agreed that as there only a few finger posts in the villages SSDC Streetscene would be approached to see if the Ranger could do this work in the winter.
- 2839. SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME REGARDING C5021** – Still no further news from County regarding the Scheme. Parish Councillors reiterated their views that they, and residents, should be consulted on any proposed scheme.

2840.REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY/SPEEDING ISSUES

- (a) Condition of Rookesmeade Lane – concerns were expressed regarding the verge which is now collapsing into the stream and the general condition of the Lane.
- (b) Condition of Long Forward Lane – Agreed that the number of potholes, road edge erosion and sediment in the middle of the road is making the road difficult to use for both pedestrians and motorists.

(c) It was reported that a tree at the top of Water Street, which is on the verge on the corner by Buckrells is causing concern due to the fact that children waiting for school buses wait by it.

(d) 30mph sign on Scotts Hill is almost invisible and concerns have been raised with the speeds that vehicles come down the hill.

It was unanimously agreed that a request should be made to County Highways for a meeting in the village when various matters would be discussed.

2841. **REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Councillor Reyland is now liaising with The Ranger regarding works to be done. Concern raised over the state of the overhanging vegetation at the back of the village car park. Councillor Turner agreed to ensure that vehicles were removed from the back spaces on a Thursday when the Ranger was in the village so that this work could be carried out.

2842. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Councillor Reyland has had a meeting with County Footpaths officer and agreement reached that the footpath that runs from School Lane to Meade Farm will be put on the County list for cutting. This will happen twice a year. Mr Bragg has agreed to cut other paths around Meade Farm as the crops are harvested. Phil Gorden-Smith has done work on the stiles and replaced timber on a bridge on a Meade Farm footpath.

Councillor Reyland agreed to ask County Footpaths Officer for map of the paths in Seavington St Michael and Seavington St Mary.

2843.VILLAGE CAR PARK/PARKING IN GENERAL IN VILLAGE

2844. **SPFA** –Councillor Loxton attended the last meeting of SPFA. It was reported that work on the new overflow car park would be starting imminently. SSDC are advising on the repair and up-dating of the play equipment. It was hoped that funding would be obtained to replace the goal posts on the field. It was felt that help should be available from the Football Association or Sport England. Date of the AGM not yet agreed.

2845. **CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE** – The Parish Council has been informed that there will be a regular booking of the Millennium Hall [main hall] on Tuesdays from September. Although, on the face of it this would not be a problem as the Parish Council could still use the small Meeting Room, it was felt that a problem could arise if a number of ‘Members of the Public’ attend a meeting. It was agreed that the Community Shop would be approached to see if future meetings could be held in the Cafe.

2846. **COMMUNITY SHOP** – Councillor England attended the last meeting of the Community Shop. Agreement had been obtained for the Shop to be open on Bank Holiday Monday from 9.00am – 1.00pm. However, the shop will not be opening later on Saturdays as footballers tend to buy when they first come for the match. AGM has been arranged for Tuesday 21st August – 7.00pm in the Cafe.

2847. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** - Councillor Parsons reported that there had been only two responses to the Community Speed Watch request. Agreed to put another article in The Seavingtons’ News stating this and asking for more volunteers. If none received then the Scheme will not be taken forward.

2848. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – No planning applications received. A note has been received from SSDC Planning Department regarding work-load and that planners will not be as available as in the past. However, it is hoped that the backlog will be dealt with in the not too distant future and things will return to normal.

2849. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances – C/A £13,024.28 credit**

Business Reserve - £14,812.44 credit

(b) **Payment requests - None**

(c) **Alteration to existing Bank Mandate** – Councillor Parsons advised that the Nat West Bank had lost the instruction for any one of agreed signatories to be able to do internal transfers between accounts. It was unanimously agreed that the signing instructions should be any 2 of 4 signatories to

sign for payments, but only 1 of signatories could request internal transfers between the two Parish Council accounts. New mandate signed by 4 Councillors who will act as signatories.

2850. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th September 2018 [No planned meeting for August]

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date