

Parish Council Meeting –Tuesday 18th December 2018
**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 467th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7.00 pm**

2899.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

2900.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – See Minute 2910 regarding building to aid construction of carnival floats

2901.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S

CR – Reported that the Co-op Store in South Petherton would be closing on 21st January for a major refurbishment for 22 weeks. South Petherton Library will be running for the next 12 months using volunteers and financial assistance from Parish Council

2902. MINUTES OF THE 466th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th November 2018 were agreed as correct and signed

2903. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – Plans submitted by Gary Warren are with the SIS team in County Hall for approval and release of monies

2904. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Drains, potholes and road edge erosion – Large pothole in West Street. Reminder given that anyone can report highways issues by using the County phone line 0300 123 2224 or by logging-on to the SCC web site and report a pothole.

2905.REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME – Councillors agreed to retain the Ranger throughout the winter months.

2906. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Consultation by County Council – Chairman thanked Andrew Gillard and Phil Gordon-Smith for attending the meeting and for all the work they do to maintain our village footpaths. At present only one path is on the regular maintenance for County – this is Bread and Cheese Lane. An agreement has recently been made that CH22/3 will be maintained by County. [These will be cut twice a year by County]. The Consultation papers will be returned to County with the agreed amendments.
The bridge over footpath CH21/8 was reported as needing repair. Phil Gordon-Smith agreed to look into this.

2907.SPFA – Nothing to report as no meeting held.

2908. COMMUNITY SHOP – Councillors were advised that a break-in had occurred recently but nothing had been taken. It was reported that there had been a 27% increase in takings during October and that some repayments were being made to Bond Holders.

2909.SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT

- (a) **Resignation of Councillor Turner** - Councillor Parsons advised that as the resignation is within 6 months of an election the Parish Council can co-opt at the next meeting. Notices to this effect will be posted.

- (b) **Police up-date** – Following a request from the Police regarding Councillor details and times of meetings it was agreed that the Parish Council e-mail should be used for contact and any other information can be found on the village or District Council web-sites.
- (c) **School Admissions for 2020/2021** – Councillor Parsons advised that she had enquired as to whether any decision had yet been made at County regarding the 3-tier system in the Ilminster/Crewkerne area as the possibility of changing to a 2-tier system has been discussed for a number of years. A consultation is to take place on this proposal but no firm dates yet known.
- (d) **Insurance cover in respect of cold weather** – information received regarding safe conditions during bad weather.

2910. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/05356/FUL – on-going concerns at 2 Southernaways – The new owners of the property have been contacted and a retrospective plan for buildings in garden area will be submitted.

18/02320/OUT – Land at Upton Lane – Nothing further on this application but Parish Council has raised the concerns that County Highways have made no comment on the junction of Upton Lane with the C5021 [New Road, Old A303].

18/02609/FUL – Kingstone Parish – Erection of buildings to aid construction of carnival floats. Further concerns were raised at Public Question Time regarding the application. Why it seemed that this was the best site out of 5 offered by Dillington Estates. Why the application was made by Ilminster Town Council and consequently why had Ilminster Town Council not offered a site within its boundaries particularly as the activity would appear to be more industrial than agricultural. The procedures that were followed and the fact that it had been reported to Kingstone Parish that one of the reasons for the site being suggested was purely on financial reasons as the Carnival Committees could not afford to pay for the buildings on an Industrial Site. There was also a feeling that should be building be erected and then no longer used for the proposal under this application that Dillington Estates have an Industrial site within open countryside. There was also discussion around the fact that many of the comments supporting the site were from Carnival people who did not live in the locality. Agreed that further concerned over the procedures that led to this application could be submitted.

2911. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances – Current a/c - £558.27cr Business Reserve - £23,823.29 [Interest £3.92]**

(b) **Payment requests – None** - Agreement made to pay Shop for the hire of the Cafe up to March 2019 – Seven payments at £20 - £140. [Same amount as being paid to SPFA for hire of hall]

(c) **Initial Discussions on Precept for 2019/2020** – Papers handed out at previous meeting. After discussion it was agreed to defer decision until January meeting when more figures would be available.

2912. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th January 2019

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date