

Parish Council Meeting –Monday 11th February 2019
**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 469th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Monday 11th February 2019 at 6.30 pm**

2929.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr A Doble

Mrs E Edwards

Mr N England

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

2930.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No members of the public present

2931.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

County – A cross-party group of Councillors had written to the press regarding the cuts Somerset County Council had made to their gritting routes. This has been picked up by local television. There has now been a u-turn by County and more monies have been put into the budget. This will not happen until the next financial year and at the moment the routes to be re-instated are unknown.

2932. MINUTES OF THE 468th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th January 2019 were agreed as correct and signed

2933. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – Councillor Parsons advised that she had had a telephone conversation with Gary Warren [Traffic Management – Lines and Signs] who had advised that he would be taking on the scheme for the C5021 from April. Hopeful that the works would start in early summer. Councillors unanimously agreed not to pursue the red anti-skid patches on part of the road as this would not be renewed by County when it was worn. Discussions also took place with regard to the Seavington St Michael sign to the west of Falcon Close which is actually in Seavington St Mary. It was also agreed that we should ask for the double white lines to be extended to cover the road outside Falcon Close. Councillor Parsons to contact Gary Warren with these points. Any decisions made must also be copied to Councillor Dance as he has to approve any works to be carried out.

2934. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Drains, potholes and road edge erosion. Since our previous meeting Councillors have met with County Highways in Church Lane. All potholes have been repaired. After investigation it would seem that the water which continually runs down Church Lane could be coming from a natural Spring. If this is the case County will have to investigate and possibly do works that will send the water into the ditch outside of Hazel Wood. Councillors promised to ascertain who is responsible for this ditch. At present the SSDC Ranger has carried out works to try and get some of the water off the Lane. Broken paving slabs have been marked for replacement. A partially blocked drain in Upton Lane has also been reported to County Highways for investigation.

2935. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME Councillors unanimously agreed to continue with the SSDC Ranger Scheme into the new financial year. Councillor Parsons to advise SSDC accordingly.

2936. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS – Works have been carried out to the steps alongside the barn in Meade Farm but other works are still needed on some paths around the Farm. Invoice for hours worked on Footpaths has been received. However, nothing for any Tree Warden work that is carried out by Phil Gordon-Smith. Councillor Reyland proposed, Councillor Edwards seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to pay the sum of £450 for works carried out for the financial year 2018/2019. Councillor

Loxton proposed, Councillor England seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the hourly rate paid for works to the Parish footpaths would be increased to £15 from April 2019.

- 2937. SPFA** – The Millennium Hall was broken into the evening before the second shop break-in. Nothing taken and no damage done. Agreed that Councillor Parsons would put a note in The Seavingtons' Newsletter advising residents to be aware and ensure their property is secure. Next Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday 18th February. Councillors Doble and Reyland to attend.
- 2938. COMMUNITY SHOP** – Turnover has increased but this is mostly down to the Cafe. Some Bond Repayments have been made and others are to be made shortly. The remaining loan from Somerset County Council will be fully repaid at the end of the year. Bric-a-Brac sale in Shop during March and a Male Voice Choir will be in the Millennium Hall as a fund raiser in April. The Christmas Fair made £120 for the shop. Unfortunately there has been another break-in. One panel of glass in the front door was smashed and the alarms both inside and outside of the shop damaged. The Shop Committee are liaising with the SPFA Committee with regard to a joint venture for a better security system which could include CCTV. Councillors agreed that some financial help could come from the Parish Council to help take this forward.
- 2939. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – A request to meet Parish Councillors has been received from Ferne Animal Sanctuary regarding a possible planning application. Unanimously agreed to invite representatives to the March meeting [19th] to be held immediately after the Parish AGM.
County Councillors Dance agreed to investigate the non-collection of green bins in The Seavingtons – particularly in St Mary's Close.
- 2940. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
16/05356/FUL 16/05357/LBC – On-going Concerns at 2 Southernaways – No further information
18/02320/OUT - Land at Upton Lane – No further information
18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings to aid construction of carnival floats – More concerns have been lodged with SSDC including the fact that although the area concerned is adjacent to Seavington St Mary Area North Councillors would normally not be included in any debate as Kingstone is in Area West. Date of meeting for discussion of this plan is still unknown.
Shudrick Valley development – discussion at SSDC – No information available at time of meeting
- 2941. ACCOUNTS**
(a) Balances Current A/c £782.62 cr Business Reserve - £21,831.15 cr [Interest £3.81 in January]
(b) Payment requests – SSDC Ranger Scheme - £150.96, Phil Gordon-Smith for work on footpaths and Tree Warden - £450.00. P Parsons - £87.09 – Clerk's Expenses
- 2942. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Also Parish AGM**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed

Date