

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 471st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE
On Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 6.30 pm**

2959. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr N Loxton – Chair

Mrs J Ash

Mr A Doble

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs P Parsons

Mr C Reyland

Adam Dance – County and District Councillor

Crispin Raikes – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

None

Mr N England

- 2960. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Two members of the public arrived at 7.00pm. When asked reason for attending it was in connection with the draft planning proposal that had been discussed at meeting held on 19th March in connection with possible planning application on land to the south of Winchester Cottages. Councillor Loxton advised that no firm planning application had been received, but when it was residents would be notified. At this point they left the meeting
- 2961. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S** – Nothing to report by either District or County Councillors as meetings not being held in run-up to District and Parish Elections
- 2962. MINUTES OF THE 470th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th March 2019** were agreed as correct and signed
- 2963. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021** – No further news at present but Councillor Dance confirmed that works to be carried out are still in place. Agreed, as there was no suitable alternative that County Highways would approve, that the village entrance sign to the west of Falcon Close will have to remain as St Michael even though it is actually in St Mary Parish Councillors had received several concerns regarding the tarmac surface on the lay-by, pavements and estate road at Falcon Close. Councillor Parsons to contact County Highways to establish who is responsible for this work.
- 2964. OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Drains, potholes and road edge erosion** – Councillor Parsons to contact County Highways for an up-date on Church Lane and Upton Lane. It was also agreed that County Highways would be asked to clear the pipe under the entrance to Hazel Wood when works are carried out to divert the Spring that is, at present, running down Church Lane. If this agreement is received and the works carried out the Parish Council would then notify the owner of Hazel Wood that future responsibility would be on the ‘riparian owner’.
- 2965. REPORT RE RANGER SCHEME** – Agreed that the Ranger scheme is working very well. Also agreed that a definite list of works carried out would be drawn up ready to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 2966. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Suggestion made that there should be a Parish Councillor link with our Parish Paths Liaison officers.
- 2967. SPFA** – Still awaiting further information re up-grade of playground equipment. However, it would seem that the Parish Council could lend money to the Scheme if the full S106 monies have not been received in time for the equipment to be purchased with the hope that the zip wire could be in place for the summer holidays.
- 2968. COMMUNITY SHOP** – CCTV installation still not taken place but an order for the works to be carried out has been placed with SES

2969. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT – Councillor Parsons advised that she had obtained a copy of the Church Accounts.

2970. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/02320/OUT - Land at Upton Lane – Nothing further to report

18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings to aid construction of carnival floats. Nothing further to report

19/00747/FUL – Erection of a lean to extension to accommodate 2 loading docks – Mr M Hallett – no concerns

19/00952/HOU – Retrospective plan for garden shed and store – amended application – As the amended retrospective plan only suggested a reduction in the roof height of the garden shed, and it would seem that the applicant had ignored advise given by SSDC Planners, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council could not support this new application. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would ask for an Enforcement Order to be put in place immediately after the application had been refused. With regard to the agricultural entrance track to the west of the property Parish Councillors had confirmed that the track is owned by Dillington Estates and that the applicant had only been given permission to remove a short piece of hedge whilst renovations works, and the building of a new extension, were being carried out. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would seek confirmation from the SSDC Planners that the fence and five-bar gate, which has been erected in place of the hedge, would be removed and the hedge reinstated. Parish Councillors could see no need of a five-bar gate if the track way cannot become a permanent entrance into the rear of the property. A planning application for this had been refused in April 2017

2971. ACCOUNTS

(a) **Balances** Current A/c - £16,334.97 cr [Precept of £15,750 rec'd] Business Reserve - £19,837.72 cr

(b) **Payment requests** – Somerset Landscapes - £223.80, Seavington Tree Wardens - £200.00

(c) **Agreement of Accounts** – Accounts prepared by Councillor Parsons [RFO] had been sent to all Parish Councillors and after discussion Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Audit were unanimously agreed. Councillor Parsons to contact Tony Beresford so that the Internal Audit can be completed.

(d) The Seavingtons’ News accounts for year ended 31st March 2019 were unanimously approved and accepted by the Parish Council

2972. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2019 – Change of date due to timings of meetings following Parish Council elections.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date