

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE 473<sup>rd</sup> PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP/CAFE  
On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6.30 pm**

**2988. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT**

**Mr N Loxton – elected Chair – see Minute reference 2989**

**Mrs J Ash**

**Mr A Doble**

**Mrs E Edwards**

**Mr N England**

**Mrs P Parsons**

**Mr C Reyland**

**Adam Dance – County and District Councillor [arrived 6.40pm]**

**Crispin Raikes – District Councillor [arrived 7.00pm]**

**Seven members of the public**

**APOLOGIES**

None

- 2989. ELECTION OF CHAIR – To complete formalities following Parish Council elections in May, Councillor Loxton was proposed as Chair by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Ash and agreed unanimously.**

**2990. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/01483/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land west of 1 Abbots Close, Upton Lane – for discussion  
Councillor Doble registered an interest in this application and took no part in the discussions. The Chairman stated that the Application should be discussed under National Planning Policy and the fact that Seavington is a Rural Community and that sustainable development should be encouraged as long as certain criteria is met. The main concern that had been raised was the position regard to access, but the applicant had indicated that there was more than one access route available to him. As the application was for Outline Planning Permission only the Parish Council were only concerned with the Principle of the application. Matters such as services, access etc would be dealt with if a full planning application was received, as has been the case with several other applications considered recently. This being the case it was unanimously agreed that The Parish Council had no objections to this application

19/01290/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Carpenters, West Street. – As outlined above as the Parish Council was only considering the development in Principle they had no objections to this Outline Planning Application

19/01070/OUT – Outline planning application for Land OS8374 Water Street Seavington St Michael – awaiting SSDC decision

19/00905/OUT – Erection of 1 dwelling adjacent to 4 Council Houses, West Street – awaiting SSDC decision

19/00952/HOU – Retrospective plan for garden shed and store – going to full Area North Meeting. Both District Councillors advised that the Parish Council should send representatives to the meeting to put forward the case for refusal of this new retrospective application. Members of the Public who also attended the meeting were also advised to do the same. Agreed.

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

18/02609/FUL – **Kingstone Parish** – Erection of buildings re carnival floats.- nothing further to report

19/00747/FUL – Erection of a lean to extension to accommodate 2 loading docks – Mr M Hallett – approved

19/00968/S73 – Application to vary approved plans [18/02239/FUL] – Upton Barn –Approved

- 2991. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No further issues raised as members of the public attending raised concerns under Planning Applications.**

- 2992. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S** Nothing to report from either District or County

- 2993. MINUTES OF THE 472<sup>nd</sup> ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were agreed as correct and signed**

- 2994. UP-DATE RE SIGNAGE AND WHITE LINING OF C5021 – E-mail received indicating that the Works Notice had been issued and works should start within 3 months.**

**2995. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SID** – Councillor Dance reported that when canvassing in The Seavingtons recently speeding was an issue raised by many residents. Agreed that investigations should be made with regard to purchasing a SID for the villages similar to that purchased recently by South Petherton.

**2996.OTHER HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Drains, potholes and road edge erosion etc**

Still waiting for works to be carried out in Church Lane. Councillor Parsons advised that she had reported some dropped covers adjacent to 2 Park Villas, along the C5021. A request had also been received from a resident with regard to dropped kerbs. This has been taken up with County Highways who have advised that they have no monies for this at present. However, if a plan is drawn up and submitted monies may become available. Councillor Parsons to put a note in the Newsletter asking for residents views on this.

**2997. REPORT FROM POLICE SURGERIES** The issue of inconsiderate parking was raised by residents at the Police Surgery. However, it would seem that the Police no longer have powers to deal with this unless it is considered to be dangerous parking and this is only on a blind bend. It was advised that County Highways are the Agency to deal with this. Agreed that this should be reported to residents through the Newsletter and views sought.

**2998.RANGER SCHEME** – Nothing to report

**2999. VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – A permissive path has been agreed through Meade Farm and this will be signed in the near future.

**3000. SPFA** - Councillor Ash attended the last meeting of the SPFA. Works to the area behind the Millennium Hall have been completed. Several Grants have been received in connection with the various works being carried out on the Playing Field. There will now be a delay in the installation of the zip wire as it has been advised that if all the new equipment is purchased and installed at the same time this could be more cost effective. However, some works will be carried out before the summer holidays on the swings and slide. Concerns were raised with regard to the amount of dog poo not being cleared up on the field. A suggestion was made that perhaps a further poo bin should be purchased. However, Councillor Ash advised that it was possible that the SSDC would not empty an extra bin as the Parish Council had been advised of this when a request was made in 2017. Councillor Raikes supported this and indicated that dog poo bags can be put in normal litter bins as long as the bin has a plastic liner in it. AGM to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**3001. COMMUNITY SHOP** – Repayment of Bonds is ahead of schedule. Recent fund raising events – bric-a-brac and Male Voice Choir raising almost £2,300. AGM to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**3002. SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Recent concerns regarding the final surface of the Estate Road, pavements and outside of the development had been raised with the Parish Council by several residents. The matter has been taken up with County Highways and it would seem that Highways expect the developer to complete the works needed to the area in front of the houses even though this was not done when the rest of the works were completed.

**3003. ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Balances - £13,539.74 cr [repayment of VAT of £1,448.04] Business Reserve - £19,844.57 [int £3.37]**

(b) **Payment requests – SES [CCTV for Shop and SPFA] Somerset Landscapes - £559.50**

(c) **Annual donations to village organisations** – PCC Seavington - £1,250 – proposed Councillor England, Seconded Councillor Loxton – agreed unanimously

£1,000 to Seavington Community Shop – Proposed Councillor Loxton, Seconded Councillor Ash – agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that the monthly payment to the Shop for use of the Cafe for PC meetings would be increased to £25 per meeting in line with present increases being suggested by SPFA. The Parish Council pays for the cutting of the main playing field so no further donation is made annually. However organisations are reminded that if they are considering other projects during the year they can approach the Parish Council for further financial help.

(d) **Agreement of Accounts for 2018/2019 following Internal Audit** – Agreed unanimously that the Certificate of Exemption from External Audit be signed by Chair and RFO. Councillor Parsons to send form to External Auditor and send all necessary financial information to village web-site. Notices regarding commencement date for residents to exercise their public rights to be put on notice boards.

**3004. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**