

SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 506th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 17th January 2023
SEAVINGTON SHOP/CAFE – 6.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr A Doble

Cllr P Parsons

Cllr C Rayland

District Councillor Crispen Raikes

There were two members of the public present.

To receive and agree to any apologies for non-attendance: Apologies were received and agreed from Cllr S Whitefield, County Cllr Jo Roundell-Greene, County Cllr Adam Dance.

3631 Declarations of Interest:

- Cllr Parsons and Cllr Reyland declared an interest in the Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)

3632 Public Question Time: Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 20 minutes in total)

There were no questions from the members of the public.

3633 Minutes of Previous Meeting – Tuesday 15th December were approved.

3634 Planning Applications:

- **Application No 22/03382/REM** Reserved Matters for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of planning consent 19/01070/OUT; Outline application for residential development together with the formation of vehicular access to plots. It was felt that this application was very detailed and the properties had been changed to detached 3 bedroom properties, car charging points and takes into account the trees and ecology. Cllr Parsons proposed approval, Cllr Reyland seconded. Cllr Whitefield, as part of her apologies stated that she would be happy to approve the plans. The vote was unanimously in favour.
- **Application No 22/03141/HOU** Removal of two pitched roofs, raising of the eaves, and the construction of one new roof to allow a replacement second bedroom on the first floor. Thyme Cottage, Old A303 Seavington St Michael, Ilminster. **(Pending)**
- **Application No 21/02654/FUL** Erection of buildings to store and facilitate the construction of carnival floats: The Carnival Park is not on the agenda for SSDC's January Area West meeting. CPRE are in touch with the Monitoring Officer, after these talks, Area West will then put this on the agenda for their next meeting. District Councillor Raikes will keep the Parish Council updated on any changes.
- **Application No 2/02853/HOU** Detached Carport with Room Over, Hunters Barn School Lane Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QD **(Pending)**
- **Application No 22/00610 Land at Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael (Pending)**

3635 Planning Enforcement: 2 Southernaways - continued use of the track and erection of the wooden fence

and 5-bar gate - SSDC Planners refusing to enforce Refused Planning Application for residential use of the track: the following response has been received from John Hammond
Further to your requests for release of the legal advice received, we would respond as follows:
This would fall under EIR 2014 Regulations, and is excepted from disclosure under Reg 12 (5)(b) as the advice received is covered by legal professional privileged (LPP protects advice given by a lawyer to a client and confidential communications between them about that advice).

3636 **Report from County/District Councillors:** See Appendix A.

The Local Community Networks (LCN's) have now been agreed, Seavington are linked with South Petherton, Crewkerne and Ilminster.

Discussion is taking place with South Somerset District Council regarding the Orchard behind St Mary's Close; the land is owned by SSDC, the Parish Council are liaising with them regarding maintenance of the orchard in the future. In the short term it was asked if volunteers could carry out pruning the trees and grass cutting. The orchard was a community project in the past. District Councillor Raikes will liaise with South Somerset District Council regarding the possibility of taking over ownership of the Orchard after the vesture day on 1st April.

Action: District Councillor Raikes

3637 **Resolutions.**

- a) Footpaths Notice Boards: Cllr Doble has created the draft artwork which Councillors approved subject to some minor amendments. It was agreed that the A1 model should be purchased. The Clerk will check with the company that the legs of the notice board are welded and what the difference is between options 1 and 2.

Action: Clerk

To receive any additional updates (if any) on the following:

3638 **SID's and Community Speedwatch:** The SID needs to be moved. It was reported that the battery is not charging.

3639 **Highways issues:** The Clerk will chase Rebecca Vaughan regarding a meeting to discuss new 30mph signs Scotts Hill, David's Lane and Water Street. Cllr Parsons has agreed to meet with Rebecca if Cllr Doble is unavailable.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Parsons

3640 Cllr Parsons reports that there is surface water in Water Street, the drain is blocked but Highways cannot act as it is not a risk to houses. Mud is coming down the road in David's Lane. A resident in School Lane has reported a pothole by the church which is causing a big puddle but has not heard back as yet. There is a pothole by Roundell's Orchard that has been repaired but the smaller one has been left. When asked, the contractor stated that it was not on their list.

3641 **Ranger Scheme update:** Cllr Reyland confirmed that everything was going well. The tractor and hedge cutter have been used in Dark Lane. The worst places have been tidied and Karen has been cleaning the drain covers but with the bad weather the drains keep blocking. The ditch across the road from the Village Hall has a very soft bank, which could be a risk when strimming. This needs to be kept an eye on.

3642 **Village Footpaths update:** Cllr Reyland is liaising with County Footpaths Officer in connection with several footpaths in the village.

3643 **Community Shop update:** The shop has requested a grant to improve the outside space. This will be

a flat resin surface, removing the step for better access to the shop and toilet facilities. The value of the grant request is expected to be £4000 and work will be completed by March/April. The shop used to have an annual grant of £2000 from the Parish Council but this had not requested it this financial year. It was suggested that the grant be split over this financial year and next. This was agreed in principle but will be formally discussed at the February Parish Council meeting. Cllr Doble will send the Clerk a copy of the request.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Doble

3644 **Tree Works:**

- Trees – Recommended works on trees on the playing field, which SPFA will pay for, was sanctioned.
- Planting of new trees: A weeping silver birch tree will be purchased and planted in the next month at a cost of £90-£100.

Action: Cllr Reyland

3645 **Finance Matters:**

- a) Balances: The Business Reserve account has now been closed. Cheque number 808 has not yet been presented. The Lloyds bank account has an opening balance of £8000. Closing statement for the Business Reserve account showing a closing balance of £14,921.82 which includes December interest of £9.15 and November interest of £8.57. Balance on current account £18,770.99
- b) To note the items of expenditure and approve payments for December 2022.
 - K. Buckley - £218.80
 - SALC – £203.64
 - SSDC - £768.30
 - Parsons Landscapes – £500.40
 - Parsons Landscapes - £400.40

Date of next Meeting – **Tuesday 21st February 2023**

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