

SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 507th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 21st February 2023
SEAVINGTON SHOP/CAFE – 6.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr A Doble
Cllr P Parsons
Cllr C Reyland
Cllr S Whitefield

District Councillor Crispen Raikes
County Cllr Jo Roundell-Greene,
County Cllr Adam Dance

There was 1 member of the public present.

3646 **To receive and agree to any apologies for non-attendance:**

3647 **Declarations of Interest:**

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

3648 **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.

3649 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Tuesday 21st January were approved.

3650 **Co-Option of new Councillor** – Jim Pendleton was proposed by Cllr Parsons to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, Cllr Doble seconded. The vote was unanimously in favour. Cllr Pendleton completed the Acceptance of Office Form and Declaration of Interest Form. Cllr Pendleton declared an interest in the Community Land Trust.

3651 **Consultation Notification** – Somerset Statement of Community Involvement 1st February to 16th March 2023: The questionnaire was completed and submitted at the meeting.

3652 **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. **(Pending)**
- **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 was not on the agenda for SSDC's February Area West meeting. CPRE are negotiating with the Monitoring Officer, Councillor Raikes will keep the Parish Council updated on any changes.
- **Application No 22/02853/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)**

3653 **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: District Cllr Raikes will liaise with John Hammond and update the Parish Council at the March meeting.

Action: District Councillor Raikes

3654 **Report from County/District Councillors:** [..\Councillor Reports\February Monthly Report JRG\(3\).docx](#)

It was agreed that the County Cllr Report will also be published on the Seavington's website to ensure members of the public are aware of significant dates and deadlines.

In addition to the report the County Councils advised that budget setting for the Unitary Authority was taking place this week. During the transition contact County Cllr Roundell-Greene or County Cllr Dance if Parish Councillors require any points of contact. It was confirmed that there will be four planning committees within the new Unitary Authority.

County Cllr Roundell-Greene stated that she had reported that the bins are not being emptied and litter is not being picked up within the Seavingtons. The Clerk will email County Cllr Dance who will email the Manager responsible at South Somerset District Council. This can also be reported on the SSDC website until 31st March 2023.

Action: The Clerk

Resolutions.

3655 **Footpaths Notice Boards:** It was proposed by Cllr Whitefield and seconded by Cllr Reyland to delay commissioning the interpretation board, the vote was unanimous in favor. This is due to the footpaths changing over the next six months and the graphics could potentially require changing, also due to rising costs - would like to see our financial position in a years time.

3656 **Community Shop update:** No grant request has been received to date.

3657 **Dogs on Playing Field:** The Parish Council has been notified of an incident where a young child fell off their trike and was licked by two dogs that were off the lead. The child's Mother and Grandmother were then verbally abused by the owner, leaving the child anxious around dogs. Cllr Doble confirmed that after speaking with the CCS that neither the SPFA nor the Parish Council would be liable should there be a dog attack, it would be the dog owner. A notice has been included in the Seavington News.

3658 **Annual Parish Meeting Agenda:** The agenda was agreed and the Clerk will contact village organisations for their annual reports. These will be emailed to the Clerk prior to the meeting on 21st March.

Action: The Clerk

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

3659 **SID's and Community Speedwatch;** - Matthew Harley has stepped down as lead of the Community Speedwatch Team and a replacement is being sought. The Speed Indicator Device will be moved from Falcon Close to the Playing Fields and the device on the village car park will be turned around to face the opposite direction.

3660 **Highways issues:** The Clerk is waiting for Rebecca Vaughan to make contact and will chase again for a meeting to discuss signs within the village.

Action: The Clerk

- 3661 **Ranger Scheme update:** Cllr Reyland reported that the Ranger has a new van. The drains in David Lane are on the list to clear and the Ranger is also having to litter pick as SSDC are not fulfilling this obligation at present.
- 3662 **Village Footpaths update:** No more stiles will be replaced this financial year as the County Council has now run out of money. Once the new financial year begins in April, they will catch up replacing stiles with gates.
- 3663 **Seavington Orchard:** District Cllr Raikes will ask for a response.
Action: District Councillor Raikes
- 3664 **Tree Works:**
- Trees – Cllr Doble reported that the tree works on the Playing Fields have been completed and the logs are being sold.
 - Cherry Tree - Cllr Parsons has received an email regarding a villager using the felled Cherry Tree to produce an item for selling to raise funds. Cllr Doble proposed thanking the resident but not pursuing it further. Cllr Parsons will contact the resident to inform them of the Parish Councils decision and to thank her for her offer.
Action: Cllr Parsons
 - Planting of new trees – Cllr Reyland stated that the tree has not been purchased due to Councillor circumstances and it is now getting too late for planting, if purchased in time then the Tree Warden will plant, otherwise it will be delayed until the appropriate time.
Action: Cllr Reyland
- 3665 **Finance Matters:**
- a) **Balances:** NatWest closing balance £18770.99. Lloyds - £6453.36, Lloyds Business Reserves Account - £0.
 - b) **Closure of the NatWest account:** It was unanimously agreed that the NatWest account can now be closed and a cheque was written to transfer the funds to Lloyds.
 - c) **To note the items of expenditure and approve payments for January 2022.**
K.Buckley - £219.00
Millennium Hall - £1
Andrew Doble - £19.95
The outstanding payments to SSDC for the Ranger Scheme will be checked prior to payment
- 3666 The Clerk will check with the Information Commission Office regarding payment.

Date of next Meeting – **Tuesday 21st March 2023 Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting.**

Meeting closed 7.36pm