

- 07/08/209 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Fraser
- 07/08/210 **APOLOGIES:** for absence received from Cllr Gould (bereavement) and Cllr Westmaas (family health appointment)
- 07/08/211 **ALSO PRESENT:** 8 members of the public.
- 07/08/212 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 07/08/213 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Fraser declared a prejudicial interest in The Brambles planning application.
- 07/08/214 **HIGHWAYS:** Any updates on previous problems. Mr Gill had responded as follows:-
- King William Road - included on drain jetting list, to be done shortly. It will then be monitored. Council agreed to wait and see what happens after the jetting has taken place.
 - Old Bakery and The Standards - Highways consider standard of work acceptable and roads left in safe condition.
 - Blocked gully at The Standards - to be checked and cleared shortly.
 - Road surface outside Hill House - Highways consider satisfactory. This will be monitored.
 - Pot hole on Lippetts Way - has been reported for repair.
- 07/08/215 **SEDGEMOOR CHARTER:** Copy sent by email to all councillors 19.12.07. Clerk advised councillors of the meeting to be held on 21st February. Council felt there would be no advantage to signing up to the charter.
- 07/08/216 **PLANNING**
- Any updates on previous applications
 - 14/07/00015 Erection of detached garage and formation of access at 9 Lippetts Way - REFUSED
 - 14/07/00016 Erection of part two storey, part first floor side extension to include garage etc - COMMITTEE 08/01/08
 - 14/07/00017 Erection of dwelling, garage and alterations to access - Land to the West of 3 Weares Lane - Reserved matter. Council objected to this application as it is too close to the road. Visibility for vehicles leaving the site appears to be totally inadequate uphill. It was difficult to understand the exact intention with regard to access from the plans submitted. The proposed access to Woodstock also looks inadequate. The building itself was considered satisfactory provided the stone used is LOCAL natural stone on the North, South and West faces. The building seems to meet the VDS criteria. It was felt that the building would be far better situated further back on the site to allow for better access and visibility.
 - 14/07/00018 Erection of two chalet bungalows and formation of access - Land to the rear of 5, 7 and 9 Manor Road - Outline. Council objected to this application. This constitutes back land development and it was noted that when the inspector allowed the Old Bakery site it was specifically stated that this was not to constitute a precedent. There was grave concern regarding future parking problems with no provision made for off road parking for numbers 5, 7 and 9 - in spite of the fact that a garage is being lost. Currently the occupants of Number 5 park on the road and this is far from satisfactory. The chalets are big!
 - 14/07/00019 Removal of conditions 2 & 3 of permission 14/04/00005 - The Brambles, Little Leaze Lane - Full. Cllr Fraser left the room for discussion on this agenda item. Discussion took place but as only two councillors remained the meeting was not quorate at this point. Those present objected strongly to this application. The Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council taking the written views of Cllrs Gould and Westmaas into account as well as those views expressed at the meeting. Cllr Fraser returned to the room.
 - Enquiry into building in Brook Lane - Cllr Mackay and The Clerk would research the original application.
 - Enquiry regarding container in Lippetts Way - SDC had confirmed that planning permission is required for such containers. The owner has been made aware of the necessity for this and a Planning Contravention Notice has now been issued.
 - VDS Grant from CCllr David Huxtable's Community Budget has been received.
 - Change to delegation arrangements in relation to planning enforcement matters - emailed to cllrs 17/12/07. It was felt that this is probably a step in the right direction. Parish Councils will need to raise planning contraventions and submit them to SDC.
- 07/08/217 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** Cllr Fraser handed the disc and documents to Cllr Mackay.
- 07/08/218 **FIRE HYDRANTS:** No reply from the Fire Brigade as yet.
- 07/08/219 **PLAY AREA - SWINGS:** The Committee is still having problems obtaining satisfactory quotes and information. Cllr Mackay would contact another council which recently installed some new swings.
- 07/08/220 **WELLFIELD HERITAGE NOTICEBOARD - OFFICIAL OPENING:** No update as yet.
- 07/08/221 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** no new problems reported other than mud, slush, water-logging!
- 07/08/222 **FINANCE**
- Hall grant and safety lighting at School - Cllr Fraser had spoken to Mr Ellis. The lighting was greatly improved. It could be further improved with an additional light on the corner of the new classroom.
 - Other grants from Parish Council - Agreed not to support Citizen's Advice Bureau but to only support immediate village charities/groups.
 - Set Precept for 2008/2009 - Following discussion it was agreed to set a precept of £5,100.
 - Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.036 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £276.90.
- 07/08/223 **CPRE** - Fieldwork was put for circulation.
- 07/08/224 **CLUSTER MEETINGS - CONCERN RE DEMOCRACY:** Cllr Mackay would let the Clerk have the agreed draft.
- 07/08/225 **SDC:** List of grants which had been made was put for circulation.
- 07/08/226 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** LCR; C&C Direct; Community Empowerment Awards; Summary of Annual Report of PCT.
- 07/08/227 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** none raised.
- 07/08/228 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - 12th February 2008