

- 08/09/1 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Westmaas, Fraser and Gould
- 08/09/2 **APOLOGIES:** received and accepted from Cllr Chilcott (leg in plaster)
- 08/09/3 **ALSO PRESENT:** 12 members of the public and DCllr Kingham
- 08/09/4 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 08/09/5 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** were confirmed and signed
- 08/09/6 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared
- 08/09/7 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Stuart reported on trials of new recycling arrangements to include Catcott and Edington. This would test the vehicles used to assess suitability. Various problems regarding the scheme were discussed.
- 08/09/8 **HIGHWAYS**
- Any updates on previous problems - Old School Lane closure had been unofficial. Drainage system in King William Road has been added to CCTV Survey list to give a better idea of what the problem is.
 - School transport - Grant from CCllr Huxtable's Community Fund - £1879.99 had been received. Walking bus was discussed. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Headmaster and the Chair of the Friends of Catcott School.
 - Speed watch - Edington is agreeable to Catcott joining the scheme. Chilton Polden and Cossington are being consulted.
 - Transporting Somerset leaflet - put for circulation.
 - Accessibility Planning and Access to Key Services - Bridgwater and surrounding area - put for circulation.
 - Problems arising - drain cover in Manor Road near the seat area is disintegrating and water is not draining. Nydon grips need clearing.
- 08/09/9 **PLANNING**
- Any updates on previous applications
 - 14/08/0001 Erection of replacement garage at 12 Brook Lane - committee 4th March - granted
 - 55/07/00010 (Burtle) Gypsy homes and buildings on land at Little Wood Yard, Catcott Broad Drove - refused
 - 14/08/00002 Erection of dwelling, garage and new access at land to South of 2 Weares Lane - Full - granted
 - 14/08/00003 Removal of condition 2 of Planning Permission 14/04/5 to allow occupation of the annex by someone other than the occupant of the main house, to enable the annex to be used as holiday accommodation - The Brambles, 6 Little Leaze Lane - Full - withdrawn.
 - 14/08/00004 Sub division of single dwelling into two dwellings - 16 Manor Road - Full - refused
 - 14/08/00005 erection of 2 dwellings to rear of 5, 7 & 9 Manor Road - pending
 - 14/08/00006 - Erection of 4 dwelling on land to the rear of 2 and 4 King William Road - outline (plans awaited)
 - Planning contraventions - Letter to the Chairman from a member of the public was discussed. Agreed that the start date for action would be anything currently in construction and onwards. Clerk to draft a letter to those in contravention. Future planning responses not to include mention of contravention but this to be acted upon separately.
 - Any other planning matters - Concerns relating to Weares Lane and Langlands Lane were discussed.
- 08/09/10 **CLUSTER MEETING CONCERNS:** Cllrs would consider a draft response to what was considered an unsatisfactory response from the Chairman of the Cluster Group.
- 08/09/11 **BOOST FOR RECYCLING IN SEDGEMOOR - SORT IT PLUS TRIALS** - forwarded to councillors 01.04.08. Discussed at 08/09/07.
- 08/09/12 **PLAY AREA - SWINGS:** Swings and surfacing now installed and invoices received. Clerk to contact SDC re RLT funds and grants.
- 08/09/13 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Some of the reported problems had been acted upon but not others.
- 08/09/14 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/GRASS CUTTING:** Agreed that Matthew Adams undertake the task at the same rates as last year.
- 08/09/15 **LOCAL ACTION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES** - forwarded to councillors 27.03.08
- 08/09/16 **WEBSITE PROBLEMS:** The Council website had been un-accessible for a month and the response from the hosters was unsatisfactory. Council will consider other options. Cllr Westmaas will investigate possibilities.
- 08/09/17 **FINANCE:**
- Audit - internal and external arrangements - Mr Young has agreed to undertake the audit for 2008-2009 and is ready to audit 2007-2008. The external audit has been called with the auditors requiring the documentation by 2nd June. Notices are on display.
 - Draft accounts for 2007-08 - Clerk produced draft accounts. Final accounts will be available in May following receipt of bank statements.
 - Insurance - Clerk has requested details and prices from an alternative provider. This will be considered at the next meeting.
 - Cheques for signature - incl Chq.041 SALC £106.56 (subscription); Chq.042 J A Marshall (£288.73 (Clerk's pay and expenses); Chq.043 NALC £13.50 (Local Council Review).
- 08/09/18 **CPRE:** Fieldwork and Voice put for circulation.
- 08/09/19 **STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION:** circulation.
- 08/09/20 **NEW CONSERVATION OFFICER AT SEDGEMOOR:** Kathryn Saunders is new Conservation Officer. Invite to future meeting.
- 08/09/21 **HOUSING NEEDS ACROSS SEDGEMOOR:** circulation.
- 08/09/22 **LOCAL COUNCILS UPDATE:** Agreed not to subscribe.
- 08/09/23 **SALC, NALC** - Clerk attended a training event re Finance and Interests. Papers put for circulation.
- 08/09/24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** 13th May 2008. Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairman

Date