

08/09/58 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Gould, Chilcott, Mackay and Westmaas.

08/09/59 **ALSO PRESENT:** ccLLR Huxtable and 13 members of the public

08/09/60 **IN ATTENDANCE** Clerk to the Council

08/09/61 **MINUTES** of last meeting were confirmed and signed.

08/09/62 **DECLARATIONS** of interest on agenda items: none declared.

08/09/63 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** CCllr Huxtable said consultation between Highways and Somerset County Councillors dis sometimes take place and that regular meetings between them were now proposed. He would try to get a Highways representative to attend a Sedgemoor Cluster Group meeting. He said the new Local Initiatives Budget was in addition to his previous budget fund and he was interested in making a cycle way between Chilton Polden and Catcott School. He also answered questions from the public on various matters.

08/09/64 **HIGHWAYS**

- a. Any updates on previous problems - Clerk read the responses to previously raised problems.
- b. A39 - Responses to our letter had been received from several councils. Some would be unable to consider the matter until this month. Clerk to consult other councils with regard to meeting dates. Highways representative to be invited to our meeting. Copy all correspondence to CCllr Huxtable. Write to Ian Liddell-Grainger (MP) enclosing copy of letter to other parishes. Agreed the exit from Scotts Lane on to A39 is appalling. Needs regular monitoring and cutting back. Should be cut back further to enable sufficient visibility. There is a tree that obscures the turning on approach from Bridgwater and this needs to be corrected urgently. The hedge obstructs the view on approach from Street direction. There have been two other smashes since the fatality and the subsequent cutting back of vegetation. Clerk to ask the definition of "Red Route". Speed limit in Scotts Lane to be requested - again. Also a request for a "Horses" sign now that there are more horses in the Lane.
- c. School transport - Walking bus is not viable as King William insurance won't cover the use of the car park for this. Cycle Way, as mentioned by CCllr Huxtable would be a good idea provided it covered the whole distance. It was felt that primary school age children should have the protection of a cycle way for the total distance.
- d. Speed watch - There were now two volunteers. Clerk to contact Police to arrange training.
- e. Problems arising - Outside Pantiles the grating in the road is too high. Gully in Steel Lane and one at Wellfield need clearing. Rubble near the seat in Manor Road needs to be cleared before it washes back into the drains. Opposite side of the road to Little Trees there is an island of loose chips which is considered dangerous and needs clearing.
- f. Any other highway matters -
 - i. Temporary Road Closure - Manor Road, Catcott and Edington for 10 days starting 28th July for drainage improvements.
 - ii. Highway Lighting - Consultation received from SCC regarding street lighting for new development at Catcott Garage, Lippetts Way. This would contravene VDS (P23). The Parish Council has no intention of any street lighting ever.

08/09/65 **PLANNING:**

- a. Any updates on previous applications
 - i. 14/08/0007/DRT - erection of extension, detached garage, solar panels at 7 Lippetts Way - Granted.
 - ii. 14/08/0008/LE - Conversion of single dwelling into two and formation of access at 16 Manor Road - Granted
- b. Enforcement at Catcott Broad Drove and appeal - Letters written to Planning Inspectorate re both appeals. No other update
- c. Planning concerns - Yet another unsatisfactory response from Development Control. No point in writing again.
- d. Appeal 16 Manor Road - sub division of single dwelling into two dwellings and creation of new vehicular access - deadline 9th July - Seems unnecessary.
- e. Planning Contraventions - Various problems and contraventions were discussed and the Clerk instructed on actions to take in each case.

08/09/66 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** no update

08/09/67 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AUTHORITY:** Clerk advised on appointment of councillors to join this body.

08/09/68 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** open day - 17th July. Details are on noticeboard.

08/09/69 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Noted that the School footpath is in urgent need of attention. Council informed that Mr Bown had offered to clear the Edington-Catcott School footpath. Clerk to contact him.

08/09/70 **FINANCE**

- a. Update on audit - Audit is now complete. No problems.
- b. Somerset Local Initiatives Budget for SCCllrs - this had been covered in CCllr Huxtable's report.
- c. Cheques for signature - approved as follows:- Chq.056 Moore Stephens (audit) £141.00; Chq.057 CPRE (sub) £28.00; chq.058 J A Marshall (Clerk's pay and expenses) £293.72; chq.059 Catcott Village Association (grant towards replacement of tubs) £175.00.
- d. Any other financial matters incl New Practitioners' Guide - Clerk had printed out this new lengthy document.

08/09/71 **SDC, SCC, CPRE, SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL** - any items for information/circulation:- CCR Annual Review; Fieldwork; SDC Corporate Strategy 2008-2013

08/09/72 **BRUE VALLEY WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN:** Letter received updating ratepayers on the consultation.

08/09/73 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 9th September 2008

Chairman Date