

- 05/06/141 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Mackay and Fraser.
- 05/06/142 **ALSO PRESENT:** 7 members of the public and CCllr Huxtable
- 05/06/143 **APOLOGIES:** received from Cllr Hamblyn (broken arm).
- 05/06/144 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 05/06/145 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 05/06/146 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 05/06/147 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** none
- 05/06/148 **HIGHWAYS:**
 - a. Any urgent problems arising and updates - With regard to problems along King William Road and Lippetts Way it was agreed that the edges of roads are also footpaths and also used by invalid carriages. CCllr Huxtable offered to take this back to Highways. SCC Guide to Winter Services had been received - noted that only "A" roads would receive attention.
 - b. A39 Strategic Route Review - Documents had been circulated. Response time had expired.
 - c. The Somerset Levels Peat Study - Heavy Goods Vehicle Management - Recently received. Put for circulation. Clerk to respond on behalf of council if comments returned to her in time.
 - d. Temporary Road closures (A371) at Cheddar - These were noted.
- 05/06/149 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** David mentioned the Peat Study re HGVs and the reorganisation of the police authorities. Regarding Council Tax it was good news that no revaluation is to take place. Council pensions may affect Council Tax.
- 05/06/150 **COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION:** CCllr Huxtable reported that although central Government had increased funding over the years this was more than eaten away by the increased workload placed on authorities. Possible difficulties might arise as a result of central Government taking on responsibility for funding schools including setting the level at which it starts.
- 05/06/151 **PRESENT:** CCllr Huxtable left the meeting.
- 05/06/152 **CATCOTT POST OFFICE STORES - FORTHCOMING POSSIBLE CLOSURE:** no update available.
- 05/06/153 **PLANNING:**
 - a. Any updates available -
 - i. Changes to the Development Control System: Second consultation paper had been downloaded by the Clerk and was put for circulation.
 - ii. 14/05/00010 - Erection of chalet bungalow, garage and formation of access at 3 Brook Lane - Not yet received by Clerk but due shortly. Will be circulated.
 - iii. 14/05/00006 Change of use of holiday cottage to dwelling at Cypress House and Cypress Cottage - permission granted.
 - iv. Old Bakery and 1 Manor Road Development - (14/05/00003) Notification of the appeal decision to grant permission had been received.
- 05/06/154 **FINANCE:**
 - a. Cheques for signature - the following cheque was agreed: Chq.579 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £292.08.
- 05/06/155 **SALC:** Next meeting Thursday 15th December at Woolavington Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 05/06/156 **PARISH PLOT 'GATEWAY':** This is now completed. The invoice is awaited.
- 05/06/157 **LAMP:** -Minutes of the meeting of 10th October were put for circulation.
- 05/06/158 **PARISH RECEPTION:** Thursday 17th November at Bridgwater House at 7.30pm - any agenda items requests. It was agreed to submit an agenda item regarding planning and the VDS. Clerk hoped to attend.
- 05/06/159 **REFURBISHMENT OF WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD AND SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD:** Cllr Mackay had the address of the owner of Wellfield and would make contact. The ivy has been cleared. Cllr Westmaas would take down the School noticeboard and refurbish it.
- 05/06/160 **CPRE:** Countryside Voice had been received and is in circulation.
- 05/06/161 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** -It was agreed that an updated survey is required. Broken handrail was reported and stiles are overgrown. Cllr Mackay would identify the problem areas and let the Clerk know. It was agreed that a note be put in the Polden Post asking walkers to ensure they shut field gates after themselves.
- 05/06/162 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** incl: C&C Direct; LCR; Cluster meeting agenda; What's On.
- 05/06/163 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** None other than those arising.
- 05/06/164 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 13th December 2005 will include festive refreshments following the meeting.

Chairman

Date