

- 09/10/156 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser the Chair), Mackay, Chilcott, Redwood and Gould.
- 09/10/157 **APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from CCllr Huxtable.
- 09/10/158 **ALSO PRESENT:** 13 members of the public.
- 09/10/159 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 09/10/160 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** were confirmed and signed.
- 09/10/161 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 09/10/162 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** DCllr Kingham reported that the budget process is under way. SDC is involved in the planning for Hinkley. Morrisons are due to start work on the new distribution centre. Town Hall is being refurbished. Splash has been removed and the new pool is being financed without selling assets. The Chilton Trinity site was discussed and DCllr Kingham will clarify various matters, particularly with regard to traffic, at our next meeting.
- 09/10/163 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Updates on previous problems - It was noted that more accidents of a serious nature had occurred on the A39, including one at the Edington junction. Tarmac at Church Path was a temporary measure and would be looked at again and the tree root problem assessed. Clerk to contact Mr Gill again in order to get answers to outstanding problems.
 - Problems arising - road surface is cracking up on Lippetts Way on the North side East of Old School Lane. Drainage at Vine Orchard and King William Road drainage were also discussed.
- 09/10/164 **PLANNING:**
- 14/09/00019/STH - change of use and conversion of barn at 5 Manor Road - going to committee 15th December
 - 14/09/00020/LE - erection of stable block - Land South of Little Leaze Lane - this and application 14/09/00025 were considered together. It was agreed to support both applications with the following provisos. Roofs should be the same colour. Landscaping should be undertaken and maintained (noted that the hedge behind the stable block does not belong to the applicant).
 - 14/09/00021/RM - Removal of condition 2 of permission 14/03/00007 to allow parking agricultural equipment and goods outside the building - Land North end of OS field 9473 Little Leaze Lane - no update as at 03/12/09
 - 14/09/00022/LE - Retention of the profiled sheeting and concrete block walls at Rose Park, Scotts Lane - This application was strongly objected to. It was agreed that the Clerk respond in line with comments made previously by the Council and by the Inspector in his Appeal report. What was a simple pole barn now looks inappropriate in its location. Noted that the barn is currently empty.
 - 14/09/00023/STH - Erection of dwelling - Land South of 7-9 Manor Road - Council objects to this application. The paths are inadequate. Drainage problems which currently exist will be exacerbated. There will be increased traffic generated together with poor visibility at the entrance of the road resulting from parked cars.
 - 14/09/00024 - not received nor shown on SDC website as at 03/12/09
 - 14/09/00025/LE - Retention of hay/machinery shed - OS field 8769 Little Leaze Lane - Considered with 164a.
 - 14/09/00013/RM - Planning Appeal - The Brambles, 6 Little Leaze Lane - variation of condition 2 of permission 14/04/00005 - Clerk had drafted a letter of response which was approved.
 - Updates on contraventions and any new ones - none
- 09/10/165 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS:** Finger post at the end of Poplar Lane has been reinstated. Some stiles where the top bar is too high or broken were identified. Cllr Fraser to report to SCC.
- 09/10/166 **BUS SHELTER:** Wood has been obtained to repair this. Mr Adams and Cllr Mackay to undertake the work.
- 09/10/167 **EDINGTON VILLAGE HALL EXTENSIONS AND FUND RAISING:** Clerk read a response to the enquiry as to what fund raising the Hall Committee is doing on its own behalf. Clerk instructed to write to the Chairman to the effect that whilst the Council is minded to make a charitable donation of some kind it is not prepared to commit itself in advance for three years. The Council will look at the situation at the end of the financial year. It would be appreciated if the Hall Committee would keep Council informed of their financial situation
- 09/10/168 **FINANCE:**
- Clerk's Salary - Council agreed the Clerk's pay rise of 1% in line with national recommendations. Clerk's contract to be looked at again by Council in the near future. Clerk to enquire into current and future model contracts of employment.
 - Cheques for signature - Chq.098 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £344.25; Chq.099 SLCC (Subscription - half share) £47.50; Chq.100 M J Chilcott (wood for bus shelter repairs) £30.07.
 - Set precept for 2010-2011 year - Following discussion Cllr Mackay proposed that there be no increase this year. Seconded by Cllr Chilcott. Cllr Fraser proposed a precept of £6000 which would result in a small decrease in payment for households. This was carried.
- 09/10/169 **CPRE:** Fieldwork was put for circulation.
- 09/10/170 **VILLAGE SIGNS:** The Burtle sign was considered suitable by those who had seen it. DCllr Kingham reported that Burtle's had been purchased from SCC at a cost of about £300 for three signs. Other Councillors asked to look at them. Cllr Mackay would look at the Middlezoy sign.
- 09/10/171 **CLUSTER WORKSHOP:** No parish councillors had attended. DCllr Kingham said it had been poorly attended generally but that Ashcott had turned out in force.
- 09/10/172 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Somerset's Community Safety Newsletter; Somerset Rural Youth newsletter.
- 09/10/173 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Speedwatch
- 09/10/174 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 12th January 2010

Chairman

Date