

09/10/175 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Redwood and Gould.

09/10/176 **APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Mackay and Chilcott.

09/10/177 **ALSO PRESENT:** CCllr Huxtable and 8 members of the public.

09/10/178 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council

09/10/179 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** were confirmed and signed. (There was no January meeting because of bad weather).

09/10/180 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.

09/10/181 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** The County's budget is due to be set tomorrow week. The work agreed at the A39 site meeting would probably not be started until the next financial year. A list of queries submitted by Cllr Mackay was read. It is hoped that the pot hole situation will improve in the near future. Other matters will be minuted under 182a.

09/10/182 Highways

- a. Any updates on previous problems and A39 meeting - Clerk will write to the landowner regarding proposed improvements at the A39/Scotts Lane junction. Mr Gill's response to the Clerk's letter regarding the actions agreed at the walk about was read to the meeting. CCllr Huxtable suggested that one way of overcoming a couple of the problems would be to reduce the width of Lippetts Way by installing kerbing and to widen the ditch. The funds originally obtained for the safe route to school can be used for this. Clerk to arrange for Mr Gill to come out and advise on these ideas. Parents' inconsiderate parking when delivering and collecting children to and from the School was discussed. The Clerk had already spoken to the Headteacher who is very happy to co-operate. Cllr Redwood mentioned a scheme that had taken place at another school and she would send details to the Clerk for passing on to Catcott's Headteacher. The Clerk would contact Environmental Health about concerns raised regarding overflowing drains from Wellfield House.
- b. Speedwatch - Cllr Redwood advised that the first session is due to be carried out.
- c. Consideration of 20mph zone request & Gridlocked roads experienced recently and lack of gritting - It was agreed to consider these two items together. Following discussion it was agreed to purchase one green grit bin to be placed at the top of King William Road behind the commemorative stone. Clerk to arrange this. Mr Gill to be contacted with regard to obtaining permission and advice on other possible sites for additional bins. To introduce a 20mph speed limit would be expensive and unenforceable. It was also felt that it would probably make little difference. It was agreed not to pursue this idea at the present time. With regard to the gridlock which occurred in the bad weather the following points were discussed:- The Education Authority and the Headteacher roles in deciding whether or not to open the school. The fact that some parents were rude and inconsiderate when faced with the difficulties they met (and helped to cause).
- d. Problems arising - Members of the public were asked to advise of problems that need reporting. The following were mentioned with regard to potholes:- Briar House, Church Way, King William Road (half way up), Steel Lane triangle, Chipley Cottage in Brook Lane.

09/10/183 **PLANNING**

- a. 14/09/00019/STH - change of use and conversion of barn at 5 Manor Road - Granted
- b. 14/09/00020/LE - erection of stable block - Land South of Little Leaze Lane - Granted
- c. 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 - Refused. Catcott had supported this application but it was refused without going to committee. The Clerk had ascertained that this was because no positive legitimate planning grounds had been stated in the Council's letter. There was some surprise at this as this had made no difference in the past and Council had understood that planning grounds only needed to be cited when objecting to an application.
- d. 14/09/00022/LE - Retention of the profiled sheeting and concrete block walls at Rose Park, Scotts Lane - Withdrawn
- e. 14/09/00023/STH - Erection of dwelling - Land South of 7-9 Manor Road - granted
- f. 14/09/00024 - not received nor shown on SDC website as at 02.02.10
- g. 14/09/00025/LE - Retention of hay/machinery shed - OS field 8769 Little Leaze Lane - Granted

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- h. 14/09/00026 - not received nor shown on SDC website as at 02.02.10
- i. 14/09/00027/LE - retention of profiled sheeting and concrete block walls at Rose Park, Scotts Lane - refused
- j. 14/09/00028/LE - OS Field 0004 East of West Drove - variation of condition on 14/97/0008 to enable change to the approved restoration scheme - no objection by SDC (This goes to SCC for decision).
- k. 14/09/00013/RM - Planning Appeal - The Brambles, 6 Little Leaze Lane - variation of condition 2 of permission 14/04/00005 - appeal dismissed.
- l. Updates on contraventions and any new ones. None currently in progress and no new ones advised.

09/10/184 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS:** Footpath BW6/8 was mentioned. Details were given to Cllr Fraser who would pursue this.

09/10/185 **BUS SHELTER - DAMAGE:** No action as yet because of the bad weather.

09/10/186 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNS:** Following discussion it was agreed to purchase two sets of two metal Neighbourhood Watch signs. These would be purchased by one of the co-ordinators who would then be reimbursed by the Council.

09/10/187 **FUTURE FUNDING OF LOCAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES - LETTER FROM SDC:** It was agreed not to participate.

09/10/188 **FINANCE:** Cheques for signature were agreed as follows:- Chq.102 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £311.00. The Clerk's January salary had been paid in the interim on Chq.101 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and regular expenses) £286.48.

09/10/189 **SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CPRE:** NALC new Model Standing Orders had been sent via email. These are extensive. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask SALC if there was a pithy version for small councils.

09/10/190 **VILLAGE SIGNS:** agreed that this should go on the next agenda.

09/10/191 **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES:** The correspondence was noted and the latest letter from Ian Liddell-Grainger put for circulation.

09/10/192 **SDC, SCC:** Sedgemoor on the Road and Sedgemoor Community Support put for circulation.

09/10/193 **PARISH PLOT:** Clerk will check on the situation regarding reimbursement of expenses.

09/10/194 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Clerks and Councils Direct.

09/10/195 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 9th March 2010