

- 07/08/139 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Westmaas and Gould (previously known as Jones)
- 07/08/140 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Fraser (left on Clerk's answer phone prior to meeting but not discovered until later); CCllr Huxtable (another meeting)
- 07/08/141 **ALSO PRESENT:** 13 members of the public
- 07/08/142 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 07/08/143 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Were approved and signed
- 07/08/144 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Chilcott declared a prejudicial interest in 5 Weares Lane if it is discussed. Cllr Westmaas declared a personal interest in the King William Inn as he lives adjacent to it.
- 07/08/145 **PUBLIC PERIOD:** The public were advised to indicate if they wished to speak on an item.
- 07/08/146 **HIGHWAYS**
- Any updates on previous problems - Drainage to correct water run off from Old Bakery site not yet completed.
 - HGV Pinchpoint consultation - none identified.
 - Overhanging vegetation - put note in Polden Post.
 - Problems arising - 'Manor Road' road sign is missing at Old Bakery (builders might have it). Standards needs resurfacing as it is now considered a health and safety risk.
- 07/08/147 **PLANNING**
- Any updates on previous applications including:-
 - 14/07/00010 Erection of Agricultural Workers Dwelling on Land to the East of Langlands Farm - granted
 - 14/07/00012 Erection of dwelling, garage and formation of access on Land to West of 3 Weares Lane - We want the stone to be LOCAL natural stone to match nearby houses (see Sedgemoor Landscape Assessment and Countryside Design Summary P.89 6.51 "Development proposals on the south side of the (Polden) ridge should respect: the consistent use of local building materials".) It was felt that the North and South elevations (in this position) should also be local natural stone NOT render. There was some confusion regarding the entrance but it was felt this is probably not a planning problem. No other objections.
 - 14/07/00014/KP - Erection of replacement dwelling etc 5 Weares Lane - this was not on the agenda. The application had been circulated for the Clerk to respond following consultation as a response had been required prior to this meeting. Response: "This is a lot better than the original application. Concern is expressed as to why planners had insisted on a) split level when the applicant was happy to dig house lower on site; b) why only a single garage was allowed; c) why it is acceptable re 'footprint' if snooker room is detached from the house (VERY ODD). Stone used needs to be LOCAL type natural stone to match other nearby buildings in the village. (see Sedgemoor Landscape Assessment and Countryside Design Summary P.89 6.51 "Development proposals on the south side of the (Polden) ridge should respect: the consistent use of local building materials".)
 - 14/07/00013 Erection of straw/hay barn (Notice of Proposed Agricultural Development) - refused. Concern was felt by councillors at the different criteria and methods of handling various agricultural developments.
 - Village Design Statement - Clerk updated the Council on the current situation.
 - Changes to SDC Local Plan (resulting from legislation) - put for circulation.
- 07/08/148 **EMERGENCY PLANNING** - to consider the way forward: This had now been located and would continue in circulation.
- 07/08/149 **PLAY AREA - SWINGS** - any update from Play Area Committee: No update as yet
- 07/08/150 **KING WILLIAM INN - FIRE DOORS TO SKITTLE ALLEY:** The Clerk outlined email correspondence she had had with the licensing authority. There were also concerns over fire door regulations and the Fire Brigade's outlook and also over light pollution. It was suggested that Palmers Brewery be made aware of the situation. Agreed to wait for the time being to see what happens when the new tenants are running the business.
- 07/08/151 **WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD:** Cllr Mackay hoped to have this erected in the near future.
- 07/08/152 **CEMETERY PROVISION** - response received from Revd Graham was read to the meeting. Decided to await reply from the Church Wardens.
- 07/08/153 **INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR NEW RESIDENTS:** Various ideas were suggested. Circulation of the ideas to continue and to be passed back to the Clerk as soon as possible.
- 07/08/154 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:**
- any problems arising - it was noted that the drove between Catcott School and Holy Well Road in Edington was now walkable.
 - consideration of items received from SCC and Ramblers Assoc. - this had been copied to all councillors. Clerk to check with Cllr Fraser regarding the response the Council had made to the initial questionnaire on priorities. ALL paths need equal status.
 - Loose dogs and dog fouling - to be mentioned again in Polden Post, with particular regard to the School footpath. The dog warden will be notified of unaccompanied dogs for action to be taken.
- 07/08/155 **FINANCE**
- Cheques for signature incl: Chq.031 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £336.77; Transfer between accounts also signed.
 - Insurance - any update re previous email. No update at present.
- 07/08/156 **SALC:** any items received in circulation
- 07/08/157 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** - Thatch for circulation
- 07/08/158 **TOWN AND PARISH STANDARD** - leaflet from The Standards Board for circulation
- 07/08/159 **SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP:** for circulation
- 07/08/160 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE:** Voting paper for Lower Brue Drainage Board completed.
- 07/08/161 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** incl. What's On; Ways to tackle climate change; Somerset Heritage Roadshow; letter from BIBIC re Search Engine for Charity contributions.
- 07/08/162 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 13th November 2007