

04/05/127 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Mackay, Chilcott, Hamblyn and Fraser

04/05/128 **ALSO PRESENT:** 8 members of the public.

04/05/129 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk.

04/05/130 **APOLOGIES:** were received from CCllr Huxtable (at another meeting)

04/05/131 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** had the date amended and were confirmed and signed.

04/05/132 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.

04/05/133 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:**

- a. Peat Planning Applications - Everyone was advised that there is to be a public meeting at Shapwick Village Hall tomorrow night at 6.30pm. There is also another meeting due to be held on 2nd December in Glastonbury.

04/05/134 **HIGHWAYS:**

- a. A361 temporary road closures - Clerk advised the meeting of forthcoming temporary closures for resurfacing. Details had been posted on the noticeboard.
- b. Any urgent problems arising and updates - It was noted that the work undertaken to the blocked drain outside Little Trees had resulted in no improvement. Clerk to inform Highways that there is a fundamental problem and to ask for the obstruction to be located and cleared.
- c. Speed Management Review - The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting at Catcott. Council was updated on what took place agreed that the proposal for a 50mph limit along the whole stretch from Bawdrip to Ashcott is not acceptable. It is essential that a minimum of double white lines be incorporated along the stretch covering the Moorlinch/Catcott turnings or that some other measure be incorporated to prevent overtaking in the immediate vicinity of these junctions.

04/05/135 **PLANNING:**

- a. Planning Inspectorate - Appeal decision re site at Polmark, Manor Road - Appeal dismissed.
- b. Complaint received regarding sign(s) for Crown Inn - It was noted that the signs had been taken down. It was understood that they had been only temporary to direct people to a special function.
- c. 14/04/00012 Erection of conservatory to front elevation at Westleigh, Brook Lane - permission granted.
- d. Planning Inspectorate questionnaire - to be completed by Clerk.
- e. Village Design Statement - The Chairman reported that the group has had a productive meeting redrafting the VDS in light of Rob Shuttleworth's annotations. More work remains to be done and the group is meeting again next week.

04/05/136 **FINANCE:**

- a. Amenity Grant - of £152.50 has been received from SDC.
- b. Transfer of funds from NS to bank account - Agreed to transfer £1500. Forms were duly signed.
- c. Letter of thanks from St Peter's - Clerk read a letter of thanks from St Peter's for the Churchyard Grant.
- d. Letter from Clerk's accountant for audit purposes - The Clerk's accountant had written a letter confirming that her self assessment return to the Inland Revenue included her salaries for Catcott and Edington parish councils.

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- e. Cheques for signature - were agreed as follows:- Chq.546 A Dunster (village maintenance) £80.00; Chq.547 Wells Cathedral Stonemasons (re-setting the Jubilee Stone) £229.13; Chq.548 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £264.39.
- 04/05/137 **SALC** - meeting Fiddington Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm. Minutes of prev meeting and SALC papers available for all councillors if required. Clerk would try to attend.
- 04/05/138 **MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCIL - 26TH OCTOBER 2004**: Cllrs Westmaas and Mackay had attended and reported on the meeting. Highways and Crime and Disorder were covered. The problem of the verges in the village had been raised, Cllr Westmaas discussing the matter with Richard Grove (Highways Manager), Dennis Herniman and Alan Jones (Chief Executive). They had agreed that the system needs to be looked at for future work in villages. The Clerk was instructed to write again to Liam Gill stating that Council felt the attempt at clearing was not apparent with much rubbish hidden, such as several plastic bags in Scotts Lane.
- 04/05/139 **POLDEN HILLS CLUSTER MEETING - TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, WOOLAVINGTON**: Cllr Chilcott and the Clerk had attended. Minutes were now available and were included for circulation. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that SDC no longer thought the Community Support Officers offered good value for parishes.
- 04/05/140 **RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FOR CATCOTT SCHOOL**: Application received. No objections.
- 04/05/141 **QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL BOOKLETS**: One for each councillor. Councillors to ask Clerk to put on a future agenda should they wish to discuss quality parish council status.
- 04/05/142 **PROVISION OF SEAT IN BUS SHELTER**: On further examination it had been thought that an improvement could be made. Plans were available for the work to provide the new seat. These were approved.
- 04/05/143 **JUBILEE STONE - INSURANCE**: The Clerk reported that insurance to cover damage to the stone and plaque had been agreed at no extra cost.
- 04/05/144 **LAMP**: Cllr Chilcott and the Clerk had both been in touch with LAMP regarding the missing map. Identification of it was not clear and it was agreed that if need be the Clerk and Cllr Chilcott could visit the LAMP office at Moorlinch in order to clarify the position. In the meantime LAMP would try to get a map covering the missing section from County.
- 04/05/145 **SDC RECEPTION FOR CHAIRMEN AND CLERKS 24TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM AT WOOLAVINGTON**: Chairman and Clerk would try to attend.
- 04/05/146 **CONCLUSIVE MAP OF COMMON LAND AND OPEN SPACES**: This had now been received. The only registered common land was two stretches of drove at the North end of the village. The Parish Plot was also shown as registered common land.
- 04/05/147 **PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY FOR SEDGEMOOR - MEETING ON 10TH NOVEMBER 7PM, BURNHAM**: This meeting clashes with the Peat Planning meeting at Shapwick. Nobody was available to attend.
- 04/05/148 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** incl. Countryside Voice; CCD; LCR; Rural Services Review; Town and Parish Standards; NALC Annual review and Accounts 2003-2004; Somerset Waste Local Plan - Schedule of Proposed Modifications (letter); New Ethical Framework Regulations (letter); Age Concern (letter); CAB (letter); Rural Youth Project (letter).
- 04/05/149 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE**: The application for transfer of Justices licence had been received for the King William Inn.
- 04/05/150 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**: New Community Beat Officer Alison Giddings. Dumped cars in Broadmead Lane. Cllrs also agreed to monitor the situation with regard to possible problems relating to silage effluent and rats in Broadmead Lane.
- 04/05/151 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 14th December 2004

Chairman

Date