

- 08/09/113 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Mackay, Chilcott, Gould and Westmaas.
- 08/09/114 **ALSO PRESENT:** 10 members of the public
- 08/09/115 **IN ATTENDANCE** Clerk to the Council
- 08/09/116 **MINUTES** of last meeting were confirmed and signed.
- 08/09/117 **DECLARATIONS** of interest on agenda items: none declared.
- 08/09/118 **MATTERS ARISING AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** Details of the planting of bulbs from SDC were provided by the CVA.
- 08/09/119 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Any updates on previous problems - Patching work requested had been done. Steel Lane also added to 2010 surface dressing schedule.
 - New Clean Sweep Programme - Particular areas of concern were identified for inclusion.
 - A39 - Correspondence had been received from SCC. This was regarded as unsatisfactory. Clerk to write to Alan Jones (copy to Cllr Huxtable and portfolio holder). Responses show apparent contempt for the feelings of residents and a lack of democracy. New letter for villagers to send will be drafted in the form of a petition.
 - Speed watch - Nothing new to date. Clerk to chase again. Two new volunteers identified.
 - Problems arising - Speeding in King William Road, particularly at peak times such as School runs. There appears to be a lack of consideration even by locals. Chairman will talk to Headmaster. Clerk will contact police and request speed checks. Clerk will enquire about temporary flashing signs. Potholes were identified outside Nos.7&9 King William road and in Lippetts Way, on the South side, towards the surgery.
 - Winter Service arrangements - details were put for circulation.
- 08/09/120 **PLANNING:**
- 14/08/00020/STH - erection of dwelling etc on land to rear of 5, 7 and 9 Manor Road (eastern plot) - The design of this property is unlike anything else in the village and the materials are alien. It was strongly felt that the VDS should be adhered to. The various plans conflict with each other in various respects and are inconsistent. This application would result in a considerable impact on the locality being extremely inappropriate in design and materials. The houses next door are not shown on the plans so it is difficult to assess the affect it would have on them but Council believe it will both overshadow and overlook properties to the East and possibly others as well. The Clerk will also submit other comments made regarding details.
 - Any updates on previous applications
 - Appeal re Gypsy site at Catcott Broad Drove - dismissed
 - 14/08/00015/DRT - Erection of helical wind turbine with 9m mast at Court Barn, Brook Lane - granted
 - 14/08/00017/STH - Erection of 4 dwellings and partial demolition of No.4 King William Road - land to rear of 2 & 4 King William Road - outline - refused
 - 14/08/00019/CJM - erection of hay/machinery store OS Field 8769, Little Leaze Lane - granted
 - Updates on contraventions and any new ones - none noted
 - Training/guidance on dealing with wind turbine applications - Mr Atkinson has confirmed he intends to make a presentation on latest changes to planning procedures etc but is currently short staffed. He was unsure about the matter of wind turbines as it is a specialist role.
- 08/09/121 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** no disc had been found. Clerk would locate another one.
- 08/09/122 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** no problems identified. Cllr Fraser had been invited to attend a meeting in January but felt this would not be a good way of using public money.
- 08/09/123 **FINANCE**
- Cheques for signature and requests for grants received to date - The following cheques were approved for signature:- Chq.064 M Adams (village maintenance) £32.00; Chq.065 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £300.22. It was confirmed that it is still the Council's policy to provide grants only for village charities/groups.
 - Any update on funding request from RLT2 for play area - Clerk had received forms for completion. She asked to be provided with up to date quotes for all new equipment required.
 - Set precept for 2009/2010 - Following careful consideration it was agreed to set a precept of £6,000.
- 08/09/124 **SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** items were put for circulation
- 08/09/125 **CODES OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION:** no comments to make
- 08/09/126 **DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES SURVEY:** still in circulation following last meeting
- 08/09/127 **LAND REGISTRY:** Voluntary First Registration of title - further letter received. Cllr Mackay is investigating the matter of the Parish Plot.
- 08/09/128 **EDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP:** Council agreed that copies of various interesting documents could be made available to the EDHG. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of endorsement for the Group to use. Cllr Mackay would see Mr Rigler and find out what sort of material he wants.
- 08/09/129 **FUTURE REMEMBRANCE SERVICES AND LAYING OF WREATHS:** There was interest amongst the Council and the public for this. With a new Vicar due to take up duty in January it was agreed to wait for a while before taking any further action. There would be nothing to prevent the correspondent from coming and laying a wreath and there were B&B places to stay within the village.
- 08/09/130 **REQUESTED WEB LINK:** It was agreed that the request be refused.
- 08/09/131 **LETTER FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER, SOMERSET WEST DISTRICT, AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE:** copied to all councillors.
- 08/09/132 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION:** The Clerk had produced a draft for this and it was unanimously agreed to adopt it but with an alteration in the fees to be charged for hard copies. This would be from 10p to 50p per printed side plus post and packing at cost to reflect the true cost.
- 08/09/133 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Somerset Matters, the Field.
- 08/09/134 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 13th January 2009

Chairman Date