

- 05/06/187 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Mackay.
- 05/06/188 **ALSO PRESENT:** members of the public
- 05/06/189 **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Hamblyn & Fraser (both ill)
- 05/06/190 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 05/06/191 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 05/06/192 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Mackay declared a prejudicial interest in the developments at Pear Tree, 16 Manor Road as it is the neighbouring property to his own. However, there was only a report to give and no discussion or decisions to be made.
- 05/06/193 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** none
- 05/06/194 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. LTP 2006-2011 - any further comments invited via forms provided for all councillors.
 - b. Any urgent problems arising and updates -
 - i. *Speed Limit in Scotts Lane and The Nidon* - Previous correspondence referred to. Concerned that the limits had not been activated at the same time as the A39 limits. Clerk to chase.
 - ii. *Correspondence received regarding provision of low floor bus kerbs near St Peter's Church* - Clerk instructed to query the justification for this, to request details of the proposed elevations and to ask that the bin not be moved.
- 05/06/195 **POSTAL COLLECTION BOX:** Mr & Mrs Eccles of Polden Rise, Steel Lane had kindly offered a site for the provision of a replacement postal collection box (to replace the one lost on the closure of the Post Office). Various other sites within the village had been looked at but failed to meet all the criteria. A Type A pillar box is to be installed and Mr Eccles confirmed that Royal Mail had agreed to continue the Sunday collection from the new box. The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Eccles for the generosity in offering the site.
- 05/06/196 **PLANNING:**
- a. 14/05/00010 - Erection of chalet bungalow, garage and formation of access West of Dry Close Cottage, Brook Lane - permission has been granted
 - b. 14/05/00011 - Erection of dwelling, double garage and formation of access - Land to the East of, 12 Manor Road, Catcott, Bridgwater - (see 14/05/00017) - this earlier application had been deemed unsuitable by the planning officer (the architect had not visited the village and did not know that it was adjacent to a listed building).
 - c. 14/05/00012 - Modification of Planning Obligation (Section 106 agreement) related to Planning Permission 1/14/88/11 to enable occupation of barn as an independent dwelling - the Parish Council has never received any documentation relating to this application! See (e).
 - d. 14/05/00013/MW - Erection of dwelling, garage and formation of access at Pear Tree Guest House, 16 Manor Road - refused. See (e).
 - e. 14/05/00014/MW - Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling and erection of detached garage - The Clerk advised that this had been considered at the SDC Development Control meeting earlier in the day (outcome not yet known). There was considerable disquiet over the way applications 12, 13 and 14 had been handled. Both David Joslin and Stuart Kingham had been very helpful to the Council in a damage limitation exercise. Amongst other concerns were: the statement that it was not necessary for parish councils to be concerned with the red tape involved regarding application 12; the fact that it had been deemed unnecessary to display any public notices in respect of ANY of these applications in spite of the importance of the site (in the centre of the village); the fact that the parish council had not been kept properly informed as to what was happening with any of the applications; the fact that only one of the council's comments regarding application 14 had been provided to the planning committee.
 - f. 14/05/00015/STA - Conversion of additional area of loft to living accommodation, including installation of dormer window to rear (North) at Greenacres, 7 Brook Lane - no update
 - g. 14/05/00016 - TPO works - Chestnut Lodge, Lippetts Way - remove 3 large branches and reduce height of one Holm Oak Tree by 25% - supported.
 - h. 14/05/00017/CJM - Erection of dwelling, double garage and formation of access, demolition of outbuildings within the curtilage of a listed building at Land to the East of 12 Manor Road - The original conditions of the outline permission were referred to. On circulation of the application all councillors had written their comments. Clerk was instructed to collate the comments and respond in light of them. It was noted, in particular, that blue lias should be used rather than render in order to match the adjacent listed building.
- 05/06/197 **FINANCE:**
- a. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows: Chq.583 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and 2 months expenses) £317.87; Chq.584 R Westmaas (refurbishment of Parish Council noticeboard at Catcott School) £52.83. The Clerk had made a temporary loan of £300.00 which had been refunded on chq.582.
 - b. Set precept for next financial year - Following consideration of the budget it was agreed to set a precept of £4,900.
 - c. Consideration of changing bank account (Alliance Leicester will now only send statements quarterly). Council agreed the current

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arrangement was unsatisfactory. All agreed the National Savings account should be kept as it provides good interest. Clerk suggested a current and a deposit account with another bank such as NatWest so that funds would always be gaining at least some interest. Noted that not all banks will provide for parish councils. Clerk instructed to investigate alternatives.

- d. **Parish Plot gateway** - Vicky Breeze had requested an invoice from the Council. The Clerk had provided this and received an acknowledgment that this would now be processed.

05/06/198 **SALC** - The latest circulation had arrived today. It included the new salary scales and a section on the ODPM consultation on the Code of Conduct.

05/06/199 **LAMP** - Cllr Chilcott confirmed that parish councils had never been invited to full partnership meetings. Correspondence relating to the folding up and re-forming of an alternative to LAMP were put for circulation.

05/06/200 **REFURBISHMENT OF WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD AND SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD** - The noticeboard at the School has now been refurbished and is back in use. Cllr Westmaas was thanked for undertaking this. Cllr Mackay has agreed the method of refurbishment and refixing with the manager of Wellfield House and hopes to proceed with the work as soon as there is some better weather.

05/06/201 **CLERK'S CONTRACT**: Clerk had spoken to SALC today and is expecting a letter regarding the Edington Contract. Item to remain on agenda.

05/06/202 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS** - Somerset Access, annual newsletter received and put for circulation. Handrail on BW6/6 is being attended to. A tree has fallen across the bridge on the Shapwick boundary on footpath BW6/5 and this needs clearing. Noted that Gardner's yard is very muddy. Noted that a new Footpaths Survey would be of benefit.

05/06/203 **WORKSHOP ON YOUTH PROJECTS FOR PARISHES** - Thursday 23rd February 7pm East Huntspill Village Hall

05/06/204 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION**: Local Council Review; Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future (ODPM Discussion Paper); letter from SDC re computers; Clerks and Councils Direct.

05/06/205 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 14th February 2006

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