

- 08/09/160 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott and Gould.
- 08/09/161 **APOLOGIES:** were received and accepted from Cllr Fraser
- 08/09/162 **ALSO PRESENT:** 18 members of the public, CCllr Huxtable and DCllr Kingham
- 08/09/163 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 08/09/164 **MINUTES** of last meeting were confirmed and signed.
- 08/09/165 **DECLARATIONS** of interest on agenda items: none declared.
- 08/09/166 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO FILL VACANCY:** It was acknowledged that the co-option at the previous meeting was invalid as a result of a technical error and any participation on the part of Mr R Westmaas as a Cllr should be construed as being null and void at that meeting. It was also felt that more time and more advertising should take place. Mrs Redwood was thanked for her understanding of the problems. Clerk would re-advertise the vacancy in a more conspicuous manner and co-option would take place at the March meeting.
- 08/09/167 **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**
- a. CCllr Huxtable - reported that the council Tax increase for Somerset is likely to be 2.74%. This is excluding the Fire Brigade (included in the past).
 - b. DCllr Kingham - reported that Sedgemoor was likely to increase Council Tax by 4.5%. Budget setting had proved difficult. Matters discussed included bin collections in bad weather and the cost of SDC redundancies.
- 08/09/168 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. Updates on previous problems - Clerk reported on emails from Mr Gill.
 - i. Drainage problems in King William Road - CCTV had highlighted a problem of root growth. This had been cut. Jetter is due to attend site again.
 - ii. Steel Lane drainage - blockage resulting from telegraph pole badly sited. CCTV survey to be done to establish scale of problem. Any necessary action will then be taken.
 - iii. Blocked gully at Wellfield - Highways had been unable to locate Wellfield. Clerk had enlightened them.
 - iv. Broken grating in Brook Lane - will be replaced within 3 months
 - v. Deterioration in road condition Steel Lane/Manor Road - has been added to patching programme and should be done in next 3 months
 - vi. Scotts Lane ditch eroded - minor edge erosion and settlement not considered dangerous. Will be monitored. Problem is that the ditch has gone. Clerk to suggest a meeting with Council representatives.
 - vii. Weares Lane ditch and verge eroded - to be reinstated within next 3 months
 - viii. Old School Lane reinstatement - The Council's Street Works Inspector will inspect this and follow it up with the Statutory Undertaker if necessary.
 - ix. Road gulleys at Little Trees - these will be checked and cleared within the next month
 - x. Speed in King William Road - no update. Clerk asked to contact Inspector Crago (Traffic Policeman) with regard to both speed and parking problems.
 - b. A39 - Petition/letters/Cluster meeting - Cllr Mackay reported that the Cluster meeting had again resulted in nothing with no attendance by anyone from the Highways Department. Cllrs Mackay and Fraser would get together to draft a really strong letter to Alan Jones. Latest letter of response (to Clerk's last letter to Alan Jones) was again from Mr Ioan Rees. The majority of it was exactly the same as the previous letter. Nothing is to be done about the Scotts Lane junction as Highways do not consider there is a problem. CCllr Huxtable agreed this was extremely poor.
 - c. Speed watch - Training has been arranged for 24th February for Catcott's three current volunteers.
 - d. Problems arising - Both in Langlands Lane and at the seating area near the old Post Office the drains are blocked. It was noted that inconsiderate parking is destroying verges. To be noted in Polden Post. Ice on the road from Broadway down Manor Road towards the School is a problem which needs addressing. Clerk to request a supply of grit/salt on site if no action by Highways is to be taken. This is important on the bus, cycle and walking route to Catcott School. Recent heavy rain has washed away the road surface outside 15 and 17 King William Road.
- 08/09/169 **PLANNING:**
- a. Appeal at Rose Park, Scotts Lane (SDC No. 14/08/00014) (Appeal No. APP/V3310/C/08/2090199) - Mr & Mrs Tremain spoke to the meeting. DCllr Kingham had visited the site and confirmed that the current use is for grain storage. He would speak to SDC Planning Department regarding the application and appeal and would contact the Clerk who would respond on behalf of the Council following consultation.
 - b. Appeal at Cypress Cottage, Steel Lane (SDC No. 14/08/00010) (Appeal No. APP/V3310/A/09/2093386/WF) - original objections.

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c. 14/08/00020/STH - erection of dwelling etc on land to rear of 5, 7 and 9 Manor Road (eastern plot) - gone to committee today

d. Updates on contraventions and any new ones - none reported

08/09/170 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** no update. To go on next agenda

08/09/171 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** The School footpath would benefit from a new gate right at the beginning of it to prevent dog access. Reports of dog fouling problems were received for other areas as well. It was noted that if photographs of offenders were taken than action against them would result.

08/09/172 **FINANCE:**

a. Cheques for signature - Chq.067 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses plus half share of SLCC subscription) ££353.44 was approved for signature.

b. Any update on funding request from RLT2 for play area - Paperwork for claiming for two new spring animals and safety surfacing was received. Clerk would submit this.

08/09/173 **SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** recent mailings received were put for circulation.

08/09/174 **SDC, SCC:** recent emails received had been forwarded to councillors and were also put for circulation.

08/09/175 **LAND REGISTRY - ANY UPDATE RE PARISH PLOT:** no update at present

08/09/176 **EDINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:** this group is seeking new members and would welcome input from any Catcott residents. Catcott Parish Council endorsed this request.

08/09/177 **RURAL SERVICES NETWORK/RURAL SERVICES COMMUNITY:** emails received had been forwarded to councillors and put for circulation.

08/09/178 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** CVA would like to offer some funding for something to help the village; Clerk to establish what village signs are on offer from SCC; the front of the seat near the old Post Office needs attention but responsibility needs to be established; Church path gates need to be made more user friendly - it was noted that the Council has some funds set aside for this.

08/09/179 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 10th March 2009

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