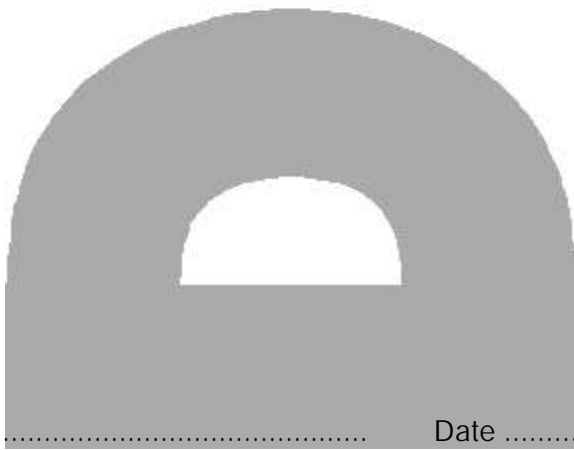


- 08/09/180 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Mackay, Chilcott and Gould.
- 08/09/181 **ALSO PRESENT:** 19 members of the public and DCllr Kingham
- 08/09/182 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 08/09/183 **MINUTES** of last meeting were confirmed and signed.
- 08/09/184 **DECLARATIONS** of interest on agenda items: none declared.
- 08/09/185 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO FILL VACANCY:** Two members of the public expressed an interest in joining the council and both were invited to speak. The Chairman then asked if any councillors wished to propose either of the candidates. Cllr Mackay proposed Fiona Redwood. Seconded by Cllr Gould. There were no other proposals and Fiona Redwood was elected unanimously and she then signed her declaration of acceptance of office and took her place at the Council table.
- 08/09/186 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** In response to a query made during the last meeting DCllr Kingham reported that it takes two years to clear the costs of redundancy. Sort it Plus trial rounds are continuing the same for the time being. Some new vehicles are being tried. Eventually everything will be collected on the same day every week. He stated that all SDC recycled materials were actually recycled and none went to landfill.
- 08/09/187 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Any updates on previous problems - Manor Road is cracking up again. Emails from Mr Gill were read to the meeting. A meeting with Mr Gill would take place at 9am on Wednesday 25th March. PC Jasmine Desmond had confirmed that equipment to monitor volume and speed of traffic in King William Road would soon be installed.
 - A39 - Petition/letters/Cluster meeting - There was still a great deal of concern about the A39 safety issues. Martin Hills had confirmed that a representative from Highways would attend the next PACT/Cluster meeting on 21st April at Woolavington. Representatives from Catcott Parish Council would attend. A recent press release from SCC outlining plans for highways expenditure made no mention at all of any proposal to do anything at all in our area. It was felt that a direct meeting between councillors and Highways would be the best way forward at present. Cllr Mackay would send an urgent letter to Alan Jones. A petition would be got together for presentation at the Red Routes Forum to be held in Edington Village Hall some time in June.
 - Speed watch - Three volunteers had attended training. Some equipment would be required. Clerk reminded the meeting that some time ago Edington, Chilton Polden and Cossington had agreed that Catcott could join in with them and share the speed gun. Other options for the loan of a gun were also available. High visibility wear would also be required. More volunteers are needed.
 - Problems arising - These would be brought to Mr Gill's attention on 25th when we meet with him.
- 08/09/188 **PLANNING:**
- 14/09/00001 - 11 Manor Road - erection of single storey extension - supported
 - 14/09/00002 - Applefields House, Lippetts Way - erection of conservatory - supported
 - 14/09/00003 - Land to South of 7-9 Manor Road - erection of dwelling - object. Inaccurate plans to the extent that they identified the site as off 'Church Road'. Increased traffic congestion and road safety. Over crowding and over development. Water run-off from increasingly large hard surfaces with decreasing area of soft surface to take the water. More backfilling objected to.
 - 14/09/00004 - Land to South of 5 Manor Road - Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling - object. Increased traffic congestion and road safety. Over crowding and over development. Water run-off from increasingly large hard surfaces with decreasing area of soft surface to take the water. More backfilling objected to. If granted there should be stipulation that properly adequate off road parking is incorporated. Density of development in this area and the building's position in the plot. Barn is very close to boundary and the development is likely to have an adverse affect on the neighbouring property.
 - Appeal at Rose Park, Scotts Lane (SDC No. 14/08/00014) (Appeal No. APP/V3310/C/08/2090199) - no update.
 - Appeal at Cypress Cottage, Steel Lane (SDC No. 14/08/00010) (Appeal No. APP/V3310/A/09/2093386/WF) - no update.
 - 14/08/00020/STH - erection of dwelling etc on land to rear of 5, 7 and 9 Manor Road (eastern plot) - granted.
- 08/09/189 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** Cllr Fraser would look at the disc prior to the next meeting.
- 08/09/190 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS AND DOG FOULING:** Clerk reported on conversation with dog warden.
- 08/09/191 **FINANCE:**
- Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.068 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses including final agreed pay rates) £312.40; Chq.069 Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fees) £35.00.
 - Any update on funding request from RLT2 for play area - awaiting consideration by Edington Parish Council.
- 08/09/192 **PACT/CLUSTER MEETINGS - INFO RE NEXT MEETING AND LETTER FROM SDC:** Considered under Highways A39.
- 08/09/193 **VILLAGE SIGNS:** Agreed that councillors should seek views of villagers to establish whether they want the blue signs replaced.
- 08/09/194 **SEAT NEAR OLD POST OFFICE:** This is the responsibility of the CVA.
- 08/09/195 **CHURCH PATH GATES:** Repair and refurbishment should be possible. Church to provide a price guide to Council.
- 08/09/196 **LAND REGISTRY:** Cllr Mackay outlined what he had found out about registering the Parish Plot.
- 08/09/197 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** C&C Direct; CPRE Somerset Matters; EDF letter re Hinkley Point; Standards Board news; Local Council Review.

08/09/198 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 14th April 2009.



Chairman Date