

- 06/07/116 PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Hamblyn and Mackay.
- 06/07/117 ALSO PRESENT:** 7 members of the public and Cllr Huxtable.
- 06/07/118 IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 06/07/119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Chilcott declared a personal interest in Weares Lane.
- 06/07/120 MINUTES:** of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.
- 06/07/121 PRESENT:** Cllr Fraser arrived.
- 06/07/122 HIGHWAYS:**
- a. Any urgent problems arising and updates - Mr Gill would arrange for the untreated section of Langlands Lane to be attended to when the stones on the highway have been cleared by Mr Barnett who had asked to be notified when work is to be undertaken as the stones will be brought out on to the road again by the lorries using the entrance. Clerk instructed to clarify situation with regard to stones being brought on to the public highway from private properties.
- 06/07/123 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** David reported on the initiative to improve services in Somerset. He said local government reorganisation is still on the cards with a white paper due out at the end of the month. There was also some discussion regarding wind power and alternative sources of energy.
- 06/07/124 PLANNING:**
- a. Village Design Statement - to consider the draft for formal approval/endorsement - Cllr Westmaas summarised the situation to date. It is important to regard the VDS as a living document capable of being reviewed. Mr Shuttleworth had written confirming that the draft is now suitable to be recommended for adoption as supplementary planning guidance by the District Council. The following resolution was then passed unanimously:- "Catcott Parish Council endorses the Catcott Village Design Statement and recommends its adoption by Sedgemoor District Council as supplementary planning guidance." The parish council thank all those who have worked on the VDS over the years. Cllr Huxtable volunteered £100 sponsorship for the printing of the document. This was gratefully acknowledged.
 - b. 14/06/00010 - 3 Weares Lane - ANOTHER amended plan! This was noted.
 - c. Godwins Peat application re land at Burtle Road Westhay - has been granted approval
 - d. Any other planning matters/updates -
 - i. Hill Farm - the Clerk has received no response regarding her letter about Hill Farm. This will be pursued.
 - ii. English Nature (Naturally England) - Cllr Chilcott had heard that an increasing area is being brought into the National Parks area following the National Parks and Countryside Access Act. No more is known at present.
- 06/07/125 FINANCE:**
- a. Change of bank account - The Clerk understood that everyone had now completed all the paperwork and would go to the bank as soon as possible to get the accounts into operation.
 - b. Cheques for signature were approved as follows:- Chq.608 J A Marshall (Clerk's pay and expenses) £284.90.
 - c. Requests for grants from Victim Support Somerset and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - These were considered and the members of the public present were consulted. It was agreed to restrict grants and donations to charities/causes in the immediate vicinity. It was felt that each individual person should be entirely free to decide which charities to support.
 - d. Amenity Grant received - Clerk reported that an amenity grant of £141.58 had been received.
- 06/07/126 SALC:** AGM - unfortunately nobody had been able to attend this meeting.
- 06/07/127 POLDEN HILLS CLUSTER GROUP:** This meeting had been attended by Cllrs Hamblyn and Chilcott and the Clerk. The Clerk provided a written report for circulation and outlined the comments on agricultural planning applications.
- 06/07/128 CEMETERY PROVISION:** There does not yet appear to be a pressing problem in Catcott but the situation is not clear. The Clerk was instructed to try to ascertain Catcott's true situation, what the problem is at present and the likely future requirements/problem.
- 06/07/129 DRAINAGE BOARD VOTING PAPER FOR COMPLETION:** The form was completed.
- 06/07/130 HERITAGE NOTICEBOARD:** The Clerk had visited Mr Harding twice and had hoped for a price for the work prior to this meeting. Item to go on next agenda.
- 06/07/131 RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Clerk asked if there was any progress on walking the footpaths. Mr Jones had walked some of them. Clerk advised that it was now possible to log faults directly via the SCC website. With regard to the right of way from the grit bin in Holy Well Road, Edington to Catcott School the Clerk advised that it is not adopted beyond the initial drove part and therefore SCC will not clear it in spite of it being a regular walk to school for children. Cllr Huxtable stated that he used to walk his children along that path and he was sure it could be adopted. Council asked to pursue this. The Clerk distributed leaflets about farmers and their responsibilities with regard to footpaths.
- 06/07/132 COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Unfortunately nobody had been available to attend the AGM. Report of website entry in competition was read to the meeting.
- 06/07/133 OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** SCHIPs Green Team; Volunteers in Sport; Community Directorate; SCC/PC meetings; Local Area Agreement Summary; Community Development Tam (SCC); Compact Somerset booklet; What's On (Clerk noted that the October edition had been received by her this morning and that she never had them in time to circulate or do anything useful with them in advance).
- 06/07/134 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Speed limits
- 06/07/135 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 14th November 2006

Chairman

Date