

05/06/259 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Fraser, Mackay and Hamblyn.

05/06/260 **ALSO PRESENT:** 9 members of the public and DCllr Kingham

05/06/261 **APOLOGIES:** CCllr Huxtable

05/06/262 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council

05/06/263 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.

05/06/264 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared

05/06/265 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** none

05/06/266 **HIGHWAYS:**

- a. Any urgent problems arising and updates - Clerk asked if there were any comments on the lines at the bus stops following on from the last meeting. Agreed very poor. No action to take.

05/06/267 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** DCllr Kingham said he would save his report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

05/06/268 **PLANNING:**

- a. 14/06/00002/STH - Erection of two detached dwellings, one detached flat with ground floor garages, detached garages and formation of access at land to the North and West of 9 Lippetts Way - outline - SDC Committee 04.04.06 - There was currently no update available.
- b. 14/06/00003/ - application for Outline Planning Permission - Mrs and Mrs Counsell - Land to the West of Dry Close Cottage, Brook Lane - Erection of chalet bungalow, garage and formation of access - permission granted
- c. 14/06/00004/LE - Application for Full Planning Permission - Mr M Longman - Gamma House, Old School Lane - Erection of greenhouse - permission granted
- d. 14/06/00005/CJM - Application for full planning permission - Erection of detached dwelling, garage and formation of access (alternative scheme) at land to the East of 12 Manor Road - permission granted
- e. 14/06/00006/CJM - change of use and conversion from shop and Post Office to inclusion within the residential dwelling at Catcott Post Office, Manor Road - due to be considered by SDC Committee 9<sup>th</sup> May. Parish Council unanimously agreed that a very strong letter of support for the application should be sent to SDC.
- f. 14/06/00007 - Application for full planning permission 3 dwellings, garages, erection of double garage and extension for existing dwelling, demolition of outbuildings and formation of accesses - Old Bakery and 1 Manor Road - The Council was glad that this application did not include an entry of Weares Lane, which the Council has always considered would be dangerous. There was concern with regard to the materials. Council felt that in this part of the village in particular the materials used should be natural rather than artificially constituted ones and should match those of the older buildings in the vicinity. Council did not want to see render and felt that natural stone and tiles to match those of existing buildings should be used. It was noted that the layout now differs and Council recalled that on appeal the inspector drew attention to the necessity for neighbours privacy. Plot 2 - West elevation - bedroom 1 will overlook neighbour, particularly as the plot is on the higher ground. Plot 1 dwelling - is huge and considered far too large. The window in the North elevation will overlook 2 Steel Lane. There was concern over the roof ridge height. The size of this dwelling is totally incompatible with the barn it replaces both in footprint and height.
- g. Village Design Statement - another meeting will be arranged when everyone is back from holiday.

05/06/269 **FINANCE:**

- a. Cheques for signature were approved as follows: Chq.589 Edington Parish Council £7.00 (half share of LCR subscription); Chq.590 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £289.47; Chq.591 SALC (sub) £94.07; Chq.592 Allianz Cornhill £416.64 (insurance); Chq.593 Community Council for Somerset (sub) £25.00. Clerk reported that a request for payment had been received from the drainage boards but had been mislaid. Another had been requested.
- b. Wayleave payment and Heritage Noticeboard Funding - The wayleave payment had now been received correctly made out to Catcott Parish Council. CCllr Huxtable had given the Clerk a cheque for £630.00 for a heritage noticeboard to replace the existing noticeboard at Wellfield House.
- c. Audit called for 30<sup>th</sup> June - Clerk reported that the external audit had been called for 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- d. Appointment of Internal Auditor - it was unanimously agreed that Richard Young be appointed internal auditor for the years 2005-6 and 2006-7.
- e. Letter from HM Revenue & Customs re Gratuity Scheme - following advice from SALC the Clerk had written to HM Revenue and Customs with regard to the Council's Gratuity Scheme. A reply had been received stating that the Council's scheme will be treated as an "exempt approved scheme" for the purposes of section 592 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 with effect from 06 April 2005 under reference 049/001400/C/CG.

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f. Any other financial matters for information -

- i. *Clerk had not received confirmation of payment of precept as yet. Grants would not be paid until such confirmation had been received. CATTs Club has applied for a grant.*
- ii. *The Council's entry in the Data Protection register (Z7452334) has been renewed.*
- iii. *The Nat West Bank offered the best service for a community group. Clerk would get further paperwork.*

- 05/06/270 **SALC:** Papers in circulation. Clerk had attended last meeting at Burnham which had included A39 problems.
- 05/06/271 **LAMP:** An invitation had arrived for the Council to attend a meeting of the full partnership (from which the Council had been excluded in the past). It was agreed that nobody should attend as the Council was not supportive of LAMP.
- 05/06/272 **ROAD CONGESTION OUTSIDE SCHOOL:** There was no further information and unless anything new arrived this would no longer appear on the agenda.
- 05/06/273 **HERITAGE NOTICEBOARD:** This was briefly discussed and a few ideas raised. There is one outside the Burtle Inn and another at the Abbots Fish House at Meare. There is also one at Glastonbury. Councillors would consider possibilities prior to the next meeting and would look at any in circulated magazines etc.
- 05/06/274 **CPRE** - any information received is in circulation.
- 05/06/275 **SLCC:** Clerk reported on the last meeting - Standards Board now admit they don't know how parish councils work.
- 05/06/276 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Mackay mentioned a problem with one of the stiles and suggested a moveable flap for dogs.
- 05/06/277 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** - Thatch is in circulation.
- 05/06/278 **CLUSTER MEETING** - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Cllr Chilcott hoped to attend. Clerk would try to attend.
- 05/06/279 **SOMERSET STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:** booklet in circulation.
- 05/06/280 **HIDDEN SOMERSET CONFERENCE:** in circulation.
- 05/06/281 **REVIEW OF TENDERED BUS SERVICES:** in circulation.
- 05/06/282 **MEETING OF TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS AND SCC:** The Clerk passed the details to Cllr Mackay who will be attending.
- 05/06/283 **ARRANGE CLERK'S APPRAISAL:** Clerk had obtained appraisal details from the SLCC website and would start the appraisal as soon as time permits.
- 05/06/284 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** incl. Somerset by the Sea; Clerks and Councils Direct; Local Council Review; Postwatch.
- 05/06/285 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - new bank account
- 05/06/286 Date of next meeting - Annual Parish Meeting 7pm followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May in Catcott School Hall.

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