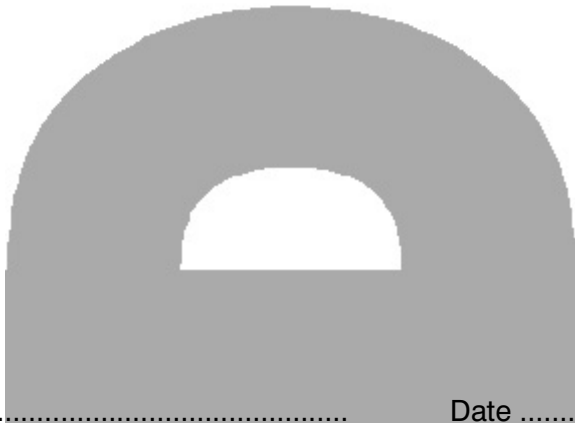


- 05/06/121 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Mackay and Fraser.
- 05/06/122 **ALSO PRESENT:** 7 members of the public
- 05/06/123 **APOLOGIES:** received from Cllr Hamblyn (broken arm).
- 05/06/124 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 05/06/125 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were amended (106b Clerk's pay and expenses only £279.07 - not £3279.07!) and signed.
- 05/06/126 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Westmaas declared a prejudicial interest in The King William Inn planning applications as he lives next door.
- 05/06/127 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** none
- 05/06/128 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. Any urgent problems arising and updates - A letter from a villager had been received complaining of the condition of Brook Lane. This would be passed on to Dunball. The Clerk had just received notification of the proposed signage on the A39. This would be circulated round councillors and the Clerk would then respond on the Council's behalf as a reply is required prior to the next meeting.
 - b. Steel Lane markings and meeting with Mr Brian Aston - The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr Brian Aston. The Steel Lane markings would be corrected.
- 05/06/129 **CATCOTT POST OFFICE STORES - FORTHCOMING POSSIBLE CLOSURE:**
- a. The Chairman invited Mr John Rose to speak to the meeting. John expressed regret at the way things had turned out but although the business had been on the market for well over a year it generated insufficient income to attract a buyer. Other than selling at an unrealistic price which would not reflect the freehold value of the property the only option was to close the business if no buyer is found by the end of the year. Both John and Judy regretted the decision and were well aware of the unfortunate implications for the village, however, he felt it was only a matter of time before it became impossible to swim against the tide of social custom. The Chairman thanked John and Judy Rose for their understanding, for attending the meeting and for the years they had served the village. He said everyone realised it was a decision not taken lightly.
 - b. There was considerable discussion during which it transpired that the Post Office rates of pay are very poor and the hours are very long. A considerable difference in take-up of services came about when benefits were paid directly into bank accounts. Facilities in the Post Office are also a difficulty with little room available.
 - c. The Clerk explained that Mr Ian Preese from the Post Office had been in touch with her regarding any possible solution and they are keen to continue to provide facilities in some form for a basic service. Possible premises which might be considered are halls, pubs, businesses. The Clerk would ensure Mr Preese is aware of all possibilities.
 - d. The Chairman told John Rose that everyone was extremely sorry to hear of the closures but would like to thank both him and Judy most sincerely for the valuable contribution they have made to Catcott life.
- 05/06/130 **PLANNING: PRESENT:** Cllr Westmaas left the room and Cllr Mackay took the Chair for the next agenda item.
- a. 14/05/00007/STH and 14/05/00008/STH - Change of use and conversion of garages to kitchen, erection of single storey extension and external staircase to first floor fire escape door, installation of first floor rooflights and replacement of window with door, all to North elevation, removal of windows in South and East elevations, replacement of window with door in South elevation, replacement of window and door with door in West elevation and internal alterations - The King William Inn - following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should reply as follows:- The Council would object to any lessening of parking provision as there is already a frequent problem with cars parking in King William Road. It was felt there should be no seating at the front of the pub to allow a bit more parking on site. Concern was expressed regarding the 1st floor roof lights in the listed building and Council wondered at their purpose as there was no mention of loft space being used for any stated purpose. Are the roof lights compatible with listed building status? It was agreed that the current stipulation regarding keeping the doors of the skittle alley closed should continue as this was imposed to protect against noise problems.
 - b. **PRESENT:** Cllr Westmaas returned to the room and took the Chair.
 - c. 14/05/00004/CJM - Erection of two storey side extension etc at 21 King William Road - permission has been granted.
 - d. Any updates available - Although the Clerk had not received full details she had found that the Planning Inspectorate had overturned Sedgemoor's refusal relating to The Old Bakery and No.1 Manor Road. Permission is now granted.
- 05/06/131 **FINANCE:**
- a. Cheques for signature - Chq.578 J A Marshall, Clerk's pay and expenses £280.70.
 - b. Any other financial matters for information - bank statements and NS book were all available for inspection.
- 05/06/132 **SALC - ANY INFORMATION/CIRCULARS/AGM:** Cllr Westmaas reported that he had been able to attend for the morning only on 1st October at Burrowbridge. He gave a brief report outlining some of the matters discussed.

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- 05/06/133 **PARISH PLOT 'GATEWAY'**: Vicky Breeze had confirmed the sum available and a member of the public would be asked if he would be willing to undertake the work. An alternative was agreed should it be necessary. Two posts with a single bar between them is all that is required.
- 05/06/134 **LAMP - ANY INFO/CIRCULARS/MEETINGS/LEAFLETS AND NEW AVALON MARSHES LEAFLET**: all in circulation. Set of LAMP papers recently received had only half the pages printed.
- 05/06/135 **LOWER BRUE DRAINAGE BOARD - VOTING PAPER**: The Clerk read the names and addresses of all candidates. Council agreed on which members to vote for. Clerk to complete the ballot paper.
- 05/06/136 **REFURBISHMENT OF WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD AND SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD**: Clerk outlined situation with regard to the School noticeboard, which the PTA had found more expensive to undertake than anticipated. It was agreed that Cllr Westmaas would look at this noticeboard to see if he could undertake the work with materials supplied by the Council. It was also agreed that Cllr Mackay undertake the necessary work to the Wellfield board as soon as he is able, with materials supplied by the Council.
- 05/06/137 **CPRE**: all papers received are in circulation.
- 05/06/138 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** incl: St Margaret's Hospice newsletter; Health & Social Needs in Somerset 2004; Pointers to Good Practice - A Guide for town and parish councils; Parish Reception; Round table discussion session.
- 05/06/139 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**: none.
- 05/06/140 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 8th November 2005



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