

- 07/08/188 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Westmaas, Fraser
- 07/08/189 **APOLOGIES:** for absence received from Cllr Gould (ill) and CCllr Huxtable
- 07/08/190 **ALSO PRESENT:** 7 members of the public.
- 07/08/191 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 07/08/192 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared
- 07/08/193 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Any updates on previous problems - Mr Gill had replied to the Clerk's emails concerning blocked drains in King William Road. However, it was felt this was not satisfactory as no rodding appeared to have taken place. The drains at the bottom run almost empty whilst those higher up are often full to overflowing. This is not limited to exceptional weather conditions. With the current danger of freezing it was felt this is unacceptable. Repair work at The Old Bakery and The Standards had been undertaken but it was felt the work was poor. There is a blocked drain in The Standards. Clerk to enquire when the drains in Catcott were last sucked clear.
 - Problems arising - Clerk asked to write to Fire Brigade regarding the situation in Catcott and concerns about testing of hydrants and availability of alternative water sources. There is a big dip in the road outside Hill House. Lippetts Way needs attention between Old School Lane and the Surgery. Grips along the Nidon are blocked (cleared by local residents).
 - Highway related services results - put for circulation.
- 07/08/194 **PLANNING:**
- Any updates on previous applications
 - 14/07/00015 - Erection of detached garage and formation of access at 9 Lippetts Way - This has been refused as the site cannot accommodate adequate turning facilities. Clerk was asked to find out whether permission was required for the container currently situated at the site.
 - 14/07/00016 - Erection of one/two storey extension, garage/workshop, installation of solar panels at 7 Lippetts Way - this is going to committee (date not currently known).
 - Village Design Statement - This has now had the Village Information Sheets inserted and is ready for delivery. (A second insert will be included. This will relate to overhanging vegetation.)
 - Enforcement at Hill House, Manor Road - a letter had been received from Pam Berry (Enforcement Officer) stating that the conditions had now been complied with.
 - 14/07/00018 - Outline application for two chalet bungalows and formation of access on land to the rear of 5, 7, 9 Manor Road - is now listed on the SDC website. No details are yet available.
 - Sedgemoor's Proposed Local Requirements (Validation Checklists) - Clerk had received an email regarding this and the new Standard Application Form for planning applications. This had been forwarded to all councillors but as it was received today nobody had had a chance to study it.
- 07/08/195 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** Cllr Mackay would ask Mr D' Ambrumenil if he could provide a copy of the previous document.
- 07/08/196 **PLAY AREA - SWINGS:** no positive update. Enquiries are on-going.
- 07/08/197 **WELLFIELD HERITAGE NOTICEBOARD:** Chairman to liaise with CCllr Huxtable regarding an 'opening ceremony'.
- 07/08/198 **CEMETERY PROVISION:** Cllr Mackay had been informed that the Churchwardens had met and that one of them would contact the concerned villager personally.
- 07/08/199 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Fraser was notified of various problems and had compiled a list of these for submission.
- 07/08/200 **FINANCE:**
- Cheques for signature - were approved as follows: Chq.035 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses plus ½ SLCC sub) £367.26.
 - PRECEPT:** will be set at the January meeting.
- 07/08/201 **CLUSTER MEETINGS:** Cllr Mackay had drafted a letter to be sent to the Cluster Group regarding the concerns felt over the way our previous submission was dealt with. Following consideration it was agreed that this be re-drafted and forwarded to all councillors for their consideration. Once fully accepted it would be sent to the Chairman and Secretary of the Cluster Group.
- 07/08/202 **SOMERSET STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:** Shaping the future of Somerset. Circulation.
- 07/08/203 **SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL:** Letter advising of a reduction in grant funding had been received. There were no specific details in the letter but the Clerk advised that when setting the precept any possible amenity grant be excluded from consideration.
- 07/08/204 **SAFER SOMERSET AWARDS:** circulation.
- 07/08/205 **REFUSE AND RECYCLING OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD:** notices had been put on the noticeboards and the website.
- 07/08/206 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Somerset chamber Choir; Sedgemoor Area Working Panel (grant bids); SDC Cleansweep - due 21/04/08.
- 07/08/207 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** precept; Hall grant and safety lighting at school; enquiry into building in Brook Lane.
- 07/08/208 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 8th January 2008