

- 09/10/22 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Redwood and Gould.
- 09/10/23 **APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Fraser
- 09/10/24 **ALSO PRESENT:** 14 members of the public, DCllr Kingham and PCSO Rachel Aston.
- 09/10/25 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 09/10/26 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr Mackay proposed Cllr Fraser, who had indicated that she was willing to stand again. Seconded by Cllr Redwood. Carried. It was agreed that Cllr Fraser's declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman be signed prior to or at the next Council meeting.
- 09/10/27 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR:** Cllr Chilcott proposed Cllr Mackay. Seconded by Cllr Gould. Carried.
- 09/10/28 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 09/10/29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Redwood declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 14/09/00008 and left the room for the duration of discussion and decision of that item.
- 09/10/30 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. A39 - Petition/letters/Cluster meeting - Clerk drew attention to a forum meeting to be held at Edington Village Hall on 11th June between 3pm and 7pm. Cllr Mackay urged everyone concerned about the A39 to attend and make their views known, including a written submission. It was agreed that it was imperative that many people do this and that it was disgusting that the A38 has had massive amounts of money allocated but the A39 was not even mentioned in the forthcoming spending.
 - b. Speed watch - PCSO Rachel Aston advised contacting Steve Greenhalgh again with a view to assessing possible sites. This information was passed to Speed Watch volunteers who would take the necessary action.
 - c. Problems arising - A lot of rubbish is blocking the flow of water in the ditch along Lippetts Way. This causes flooding in some properties. The problem of parked vehicles blocking access along Hugdole Lane was mentioned and PCSO Aston would take this matter up. The Clerk would find out when the speed monitoring in King William Road is likely to take place as nothing has yet happened.
- 09/10/31 **PLANNING:**
- a. Consideration of letter of concern from Mr & Mrs Robins re Catcott Garage Development site - A letter from Mr & Mrs Robins complaining about a report in the Polden Post and demanding an apology from the Council was read to the meeting. The paragraph from the Polden Post was also read to the meeting. Cllr Mackay explained to Mr and Mrs Robins that the Council had a duty to look into such concerns raised by the public and this had been done. The reply from the Enforcement Officer to the Clerk's enquiry was also read to the meeting. Cllr Mackay proposed that the Council refute the claim that allegations had been made against Mr and Mrs Robins, stating that the matter had been raised by members of the public at the last Council meeting, was then discussed by Council as a possible contravention and the Clerk was instructed to investigate the concerns raised. He also proposed that a letter be sent to Mr & Mrs Robins explaining this but that no apology was due to them and therefore none would be given. This was carried unanimously.
 - b. 14/09/00003 - Land to South of 7-9 Manor Road - erection of dwelling - refused
 - c. 14/09/00004 - Land to South of 5 Manor Road - Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling - refused
 - d. 14/09/00005 - Western plot on land to rear of 5, 7 & 9 Manor Road. Erection of garage and dwelling - granted
 - e. 14/09/00006 - 48 Manor Road - Erection of two storey extension, loft conversion, dormer windows, etc. - no update
 - f. 14/09/00007 - Rose Farm, Scotts Lane - Conversion of loft to living accommodation and raised roof - a letter of thanks to the Council for its support of the application was read to the meeting. The application has been granted.
 - g. 14/09/00008 - 8 King William Road - erection of single storey rear extension on site of conservatory - Cllr Redwood declared a prejudicial interest. She was invited to speak on the application which she did. She then left the room. Following discussion it was agreed to support the application with the proviso that tiles should match, as nearly as possible, the existing tiles both in colour and texture. Following the decision Cllr Redwood returned to the meeting.
 - h. 14/09/00009 - 7 Lippetts Way - erection of single storey side extension to include garage - following discussion it was agreed to support this application provided the materials used were as originally agreed.
 - i. Appeal at Rose Park, Scotts Lane (SDC No. 14/08/00014) (Appeal No. APP/V3310/C/08/2090199) - still in progress
 - j. Appeal at Cypress Cottage, Steel Lane (SDC No. 14/08/00010) (Appeal No. APP/V3310/A/09/2093386/WF) - no update
 - k. Letter to planning department regarding parking problems associated with developments - there was some confusion regarding who has the final say with regard to highway matters when planning applications are decided. DCllr Kingham would investigate. Clerk would write to Mr Atkinson and Somerset Highways.

Chairman

Date

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 8.15pm in Catcott School Hall

1. Future update on planning legislation from Mr Atkinson - Mr Atkinson had confirmed that he will attend a round of Cluster meetings in the Summer and speak on this.

09/10/32 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS:** It was noted that the School footpath has been properly cut right back to the hedge. Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Hawkins regarding the state of the hedge adjacent to The Standards as it has fallen into The Standards and impedes pedestrians. Clean Sweep programme should include The Standards, the Tarry Path and weeds in the pavement opposite the bus stop.

09/10/33 **FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS:** Clerk had belatedly received posters for display showing those who are standing for the European elections and the County Council elections.

09/10/34 **INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE DVD:** Cllr Mackay has passed this to Cllr Fraser.

09/10/35 **FINANCE:**

a. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows: Chq.074 R Young (internal audit) £10.00; Chq.075 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £340.74; Chq.076 Catcott School (Hall) £140.00; Chq.077 St Peter's Church (Churchyard maintenance) £475; Chq.078 Catcott Parish Council (Transfer to National Savings Account) £4,000.00.

b. Update on funding request from RLT2 funds for play area - Our request is to be considered at the Grants Award Sub Committee meeting on 26th May.

c. Annual audit and accounts including Annual Governance Statement - Internal Audit had been completed with no problems. The Accounts and Statement of accounts, copied to councillors prior to the meeting, were signed by Cllr Mackay and the Clerk. The Annual Governance Statement, copied to all councillors prior to the meeting, was gone through point by point and duly signed by Cllr Mackay and the Clerk.

d. Any other financial matters - Bank charges have been refunded. Sedgemoor have written to say that some Amenity Grant will be paid this year. DCllr Kingham emphasised that it is likely to be quite reduced and may not be available at all next year. Clerk would put in a claim.

09/10/36 **SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Some SALC items put for circulation. Clerk asked for ideas to help with attendance at SALC area meetings. Meetings need to be more interesting with perhaps something on planning or highways. Cllr Mackay suggested they all have another think.

09/10/37 **VILLAGE SIGNS:** Cllr Mackay had not yet looked at the one in Manor Road. The Clerk had obtained a brochure from a firm recommended by Sedgemoor. This was put for circulation.

09/10/38 **CHURCH PATH GATES:** No update regarding possible costs. Suggestions of where the PCC could get help with metal work were put forward. It was noted that the damaged tarmac which impedes the opening of the gate needs to be addressed. Clerk to contact Lawrence Hacklin (while Liam Gill is away). It is hoped that he will agree that the tree roots are causing the problem and will instruct the landowner to take the necessary action. Should action not be taken it is understood that Highways could then undertake the work themselves and charge the landowner.

09/10/39 **LAND REGISTRY:** no update re Parish Plot

09/10/40 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Somerset Community Safety Newsletter; Clerks and Councils Direct; Village of the Year.

09/10/41 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Clean Sweep; Election results.

09/10/42 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 9th June 2009