

- 06/07/155 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Hamblyn, Fraser and Mackay.
- 06/07/156 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** none received.
- 06/07/157 **ALSO PRESENT:** 5 members of the public and CCllr Huxtable.
- 06/07/158 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 06/07/159 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 06/07/160 **UPDATES ARISING AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:**
- a. King William Inn - Cllr Westmaas reported that he had explained the problems to the proprietor. The lights are the responsibility of the brewery. Clerk to write to Palmers explaining that the fittings are inappropriate. The lights are on all the time which is a waste of energy and this also causes unnecessary light pollution.
- 06/07/161 **MINUTES:** of the last meeting were amended and signed.
- 06/07/162 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. Winter maintenance programme - much the same as last year. Put for circulation.
- b. Any urgent problems arising and updates - Langlands Lane had been cleaned today but nobody had turned up to do the work. It was reported that the grips down to the Crown were blocked on both sides of the road resulting in a lot of surface water.
- 06/07/163 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** David reported that the proposal to have unitary authorities had been rumbling on for a long time. He did not envisage a unitary authority for Somerset to bring savings. Probably cost more with less representation. There must be a general agreement that it would be good for Somerset and the Government should take heed of parish councils. Parish Councils not submitting a view will probably count as acquiescence.
- 06/07/164 **PLANNING**
- a. 14/06/00014 - revised plans - erection of three stables, barn, etc on Land to South of Rose Farm, Scotts Lane - Landscaping must be incorporated. Site is highly visible and the development should be set back further. Allow room to shut the gate - with room for horsebox. Bear in mind there is no speed limit on the road.
- b. 14/06/00016/STH - erection of three dwellings etc on land to North and West of 9 Lippetts Way (alt application) - concerns were expressed about the drainage. Houses are bigger and the one at the road is very close. There were concerns regarding overlooking of the bungalow. Previous plans were preferred. This was regarded as over development. Access and parking - including parking for visitors must be acceptable. Noted that there is no low cost housing in this application (there was a flat in the previous application). Suggested that the laying of a footpath along the grass verge to King William Road be requested.
- c. Village Design Statement - this is being considered by Sedgemoor tomorrow.
- d. Correspondence relating to planning applications at 12 Manor Road - Cllr Mackay reported on a meeting he had had with a senior planning officer regarding the barn conversions at 16 Manor Road. This is not being built in compliance with the rules but SDC will not take any action. The result is a demoralising shambles. Clerk has written again to SDC.
- e. Any other planning matters/updates -
- i. Amended application for 12 King William Road - Council was happy with this.
- ii. Appeal 16 Manor Road (Pear Tree) has been dismissed - paper put for circulation.
- 06/07/165 **Finance**
- a. New bank account - Letter requesting automatic transfers and letter to Alliance Leicester closing account were approved and signed by all signatories.
- b. Cheques for signature - Chq.002 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses and half SLCC sub) £329.17. Form for transfer of £1,000 from NS account also signed.
- c. Set precept for 2007-2008 - following discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £4,300 (last precept was £4,900)
- 06/07/166 **PRESENT:** Cllr Westmaas apologised that he had another engagement and had to leave the meeting. Cllr Fraser took the Chair.
- 06/07/167 **SALC - Agenda for next area meeting - Highbridge, 14th December. 7.30pm. Cllr Westmaas and the Clerk to attend.**
- 06/07/168 **White Paper and Unitary Authority proposals - to be considered at the next meeting.**
- 06/07/169 **Parish Emergency Plans - to be circulated. Not known if previous plan is available.**
- 06/07/170 **Parish Plans - examples obtained from SRCC were put for circulation.**
- 06/07/171 **Cemetery provision - no update. Clerk thought the Vicar is probably waiting for information from Chilton Polden.**
- 06/07/172 **CPRE - any information/circulars, etc put for circulation.**
- 06/07/173 **Rights of Way and Footpaths**
- a. 14/30 Edington to Catcott School - Clerk is trying to establish ownership of the section concerned.
- b. Letter from SCC and appointment of footpath representative - It was agreed that Cllr Fraser be the Parish Liaison Officer. A survey needs to be completed again.
- c. Any other updates and problems to report - these to be reported to Cllr Fraser.
- 06/07/174 **Community Council - Thatch, etc put for circulation.**
- 06/07/175 **Letter from National Trust - Clerk had given a copy of this to a Polden Post representative.**
- 06/07/176 **Polden Hill Cluster Group - Next meetings (special meet re white paper/unitary authority - Puriton Village Hall on Tuesday 23 Jan 2007 at 7.30pm) and Tuesday 20th March 2007, 7.30pm, Woolavington. Clerk to remind Council of the January meeting at the next Council meeting.**
- 06/07/177 **Somerset Rural Youth Project questionnaire - Cllr Westmaas has completed and returned this.**
- 06/07/178 **Community Development - form for completion in circulation. Not known where this has got to at present.**
- 06/07/179 **Any other reports or items for information, circulation, distribution incl. C&C Direct; What's On; Countryside Alliance (re POs) currently in circulation.**
- 06/07/180 **Date of next meeting - Tuesday, 9th January 2007**

Chairman

Date