

- 06/07/226 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Hamblyn, Mackay and Chilcott.
- 06/07/227 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** received from Cllr Westmaas (another meeting) and CCllr Huxtable (holiday).
- 06/07/228 **ALSO PRESENT:** 4members of the public and DCllr Kingham.
- 06/07/229 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 06/07/230 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Chilcott declared a personal interest in 2 Weares Lane.
- 06/07/231 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Potholes - Lippetts Way - Cllr Mackay would check on the situation with regard to potholes near Catcott Garage and let the Clerk know.
 - Any urgent problems arising and updates - Missed section of Langlands Lane is due to be treated.
- 06/07/232 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** DCllr Kingham reported that the Council Tax is due to rise by 3.5%. An environmentally friendly budget has been set with several initiatives included.
- 06/07/233 **PLANNING:**
- Village Design Statement - This is now completed. Further discussion under finance later.
 - Planning complaint re Hill Farm, 12 Manor Road - Council still not happy with response from SDC. Cllrs Mackay and Westmaas to liaise with Clerk on forming a response to the latest letter from SDC. New building does not respect the character of the listed building. No reclaimed stone has been used. Enforcement must take place. Plus other matters such as the fence between properties.
 - Scotts Lane Stables - Clerk informed Council of verbal response from SDC. Council doubtful that access is as required.
 - 14/07/00001/SJR - Erection of conservatory - 5 Hector Road - Council agreed to support.
 - 14/07/00002/KP - Erection of dwelling, garage and formation of access - Land to South of 2 Weares Lane - The Parish Council objects to this application as it stands. It was agreed that the hedge as well as the wall should be properly reinstated. This is necessary in order to preserve the street scene. It was agreed that the walls on the South, East and North faces should be stonework, such as that on the corner house at the Old Bakery. The West face, not being readily visible could be rendered. Reclaimed tiles should be used. Pointing is to be natural and appropriate. If these conditions are fully met the Parish Council would have no objection. We refer to our newly adopted Village Design Statement (provisional copy is available from our website home page) as follows:- Tiles P.21 Roofs; Wall and hedge P.22 Boundaries; Stonework P.20 Materials. Otherwise the Council supports the application.
 - SDC letter re Agricultural Developments - had been sent to all councillors. Council wondered if SDC actually apply the requirements. Do they look at the sites?
 - SDC letter re planning permissions for micro renewable energy installations - had been sent to all councillors.
 - Any other planning matters/updates - Cllr Mackay noted that there were large blue containers outside Catcott Garage. Monitor situation.
- 06/07/234 **HANDYMAN DUTIES, RATES, ETC:** Council agreed there were no further amendments to the specification. Clerk is awaiting quote from Mr Skidmore.
- 06/07/235 **MAY ELECTIONS:** Clerk handed out nomination papers to those interested. There will be at least one new councillor required.
- 06/07/236 **FINANCE:**
- Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.007 Information Commissioner £35.00 (Data Protection); Chq.008 J A Marshall £275.91 (Clerk's salary and expenses); Chq.009 Polden Joinery (Deposit on Heritage Noticeboard) £364.25; Chq.010 LCR (Local Council Review) £13.50 (Edington to be asked if they wish a joint subscription again).
 - Any other financial matters for information -
 - Transfer form for £1,000 from NS Account completed.
 - Quote for printing VDS. Agreed that quote from Somerton Printers be accepted.
- 06/07/237 **SALC:** Next meeting Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm Woolavington. Items of Interest January 2007
- 06/07/238 **WHITE PAPER, UNITARY AUTHORITY AND AREA WORKING PANELS:** latest mailing put for circulation.
- 06/07/239 **PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN:** await next template.
- 06/07/240 **CEMETERY PROVISION:** await any further information.
- 06/07/241 **CPRE:** Countryside Voice put for circulation.
- 06/07/242 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:**
- 14/30 Edington to Catcott School - Clerk informed Council of discussion and decision at last Edington PC meeting.
 - Any other updates and problems to report - Cllr Fraser thanked by SCC for taking on liaison. New problems to be investigated when weather improves.
- 06/07/243 **POLDEN HILL CLUSTER GROUP:** Next meeting Tuesday 20th March 2007, 7.30pm, Woolavington.
- 06/07/244 **CLERK'S APPRAISAL:** postponed to next meeting.
- 06/07/245 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Clerks and Councils Direct.
- 06/07/246 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** (10th April 2007) and **DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** (8th May 2007) 7pm start.

Chairman

Date