

- 08/09/25 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Fraser and Gould
- 08/09/26 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR COMING YEAR AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr Mackay proposed Cllr Fraser; Seconded by Cllr Gould. Cllr Fraser was elected Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 08/09/27 **CLLR FRASER TOOK THE CHAIR.**
- 08/09/28 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR COMING YEAR:** Cllr Fraser proposed Cllr Mackay; Seconded by Cllr Gould. Cllr Mackay was elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
- 08/09/29 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Chilcott (incapacitated), Cllr Westmaas (holiday) and CCllr Huxtable (holiday)
- 08/09/30 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** were confirmed and signed.
- 08/09/31 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None declared.
- 08/09/32 **DISTRICT AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** DCllr Kingham mentioned the changes in the title roles of executives at Sedgemoor. DCllr Kingham's role is Environmental Support concentrating on climate change. The format of District Council site meetings for planning has also been changed. In future these will be closed to everyone but the Development Control Committee.
- 08/09/33 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Any updates on previous problems - Drains in Langlands Lane will be checked to establish if CCTV investigation is necessary. Old drain cover in Manor Road will be replaced. Grips in The Nydon will be cut in the next three months.
  - School transport - any update including information received during the Annual Parish Meeting - a meeting will be arranged with the Headmaster, PTA Chairman and Catcott Parish Council representatives to consider all the options.
  - Speed watch - Chilton Polden is happy for Catcott to join the scheme. Response from Cossington awaited.
  - Environmental maintenance - information received regarding verge cutting. Second cut to be requested prior to Open Gardens day on 27<sup>th</sup> July.
  - Problems arising - unacceptable repairs - Minor repairs along Lippetts Way continually break up and need re-doing. Costly and unsatisfactory.
  - Highways Group Changes - Clerk had received details.
- 08/09/34 **PLANNING:**
- Any updates on previous applications
    - 14/08/0004 Sub division of single dwelling into two dwellings - 16 Manor Road - Full - Refused. A letter from Mr & Mrs Hill was read to the meeting and noted.
    - 14/08/0005 erection of 2 dwellings to rear of 5, 7 & 9 Manor Road - outline - Granted.
  - 14/08/0006 - Erection of 4 dwelling on land to the rear of 2 and 4 King William Road - outline: responded to between meetings and response read. Additional comments were made which the Clerk would forward on to Mrs Hobbs.
  - Enforcement at Catcott Broad Drove and appeal - It was agreed that additional comments be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. Clerk will include the fact that the Human Rights Act is supposed to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms to the public as a whole to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside.
  - Planning contraventions & enforcement - consideration of letter to villagers; email from S Atkinson; Ashcott Gypsy site - The problems encountered by objectors and the positive discrimination against ordinary members of the public with regard to their rights was outlined. Council felt this was extremely unsatisfactory and unjust. A query was raised as to whether the District Council's Legal advisor was present.
  - Planning contraventions letter - Council agreed to use Cllr Westmaas' draft letter. This to be emailed to all councillors.
- 08/09/35 **EMERGENCY PLANNING** - no update
- 08/09/36 **BOOST FOR RECYCLING IN SEDGEMOOR** - update had been forwarded to all councillors
- 08/09/37 **PLAY AREA - SWINGS:** The Clerk had confirmed that RLT funds would cover the whole cost of both the swings and the surfacing. VAT is fully reclaimable. The swings will be the property of the Play Area Committee from the outset.
- 08/09/38 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Fraser outlined the current situation. A problem on the Catcott-Edington path will be looked at.
- 08/09/39 **WEBSITE:** The Council's new website is now up and running at [www.catcottparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.catcottparishcouncil.gov.uk) although there are still a couple of minor issues to sort out.
- 08/09/40 **FINANCE**
- Accounts for 2007-08 - Were approved.
  - Completion of audit form - The form was completed for return to the External Auditor. The Internal Auditor had found no problems.
  - Insurance - it was agreed to accept the quote from Came and Company for insurance with Norwich Union for a three year period.
  - Income: Precept £5,100 received; RLT funding £4,462 requested - the full precept has been received. RLT funding has not yet been received.
  - Cheques for signature were approved as follows:- chq.044 GB Sport & Leisure (play equipment) £4595.66; chq.045 Community Council for Somerset (sub) £25.00; chq.046 HCI Data Ltd (website) £117.50; chq.047 Lower Brue Drainage Board (Drainage rates) £14.64; chq.048 Richard Young (internal audit) £5.00; Chq.049 Julia Marshall (Clerk's salary & expenses) £332.28; Came and Company (insurance) £355.41.
- 08/09/41 **SDC, SCC, CPRE, SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL** - items for information/circulation - incl. Thatch; NALC; SALC meeting.
- 08/09/42 **SEDGEMOOR AREA WORKING PANEL:** circulation
- 08/09/43 **LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN RE THE STANDARDS:** Cllr Mackay whilst chairman had received a request for a letter outlining what he knew of the history and ownership of The Standards. He had provided this.
- 08/09/44 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** C&C Direct; Citizens Advice Bureau AGM invitation; Somerset Community Safety Newsletter
- 08/09/45 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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