

- 06/07/50 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott and Hamblyn.
- 06/07/51 **ALSO PRESENT:** 10 members of the public, Cllr Huxtable and Mr Steve Atkinson (Group Manager, Development Control)
- 06/07/52 **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mackay (away) and Fraser (another appointment).
- 06/07/53 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 06/07/54 **MR STEVE ATKINSON, DEVELOPMENT CONTROL, SDC:** Mr Atkinson outlined the organisation and workings of the Development Control Department and answered various questions put to him by members of the public and by the Parish Council. Catcott is in the South Area under SDC. Mr Atkinson was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the meeting.
- 06/07/55 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 06/07/56 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Chilcott declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application in Weares Lane.
- 06/07/57 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. Any urgent problems arising and updates -
 - i. *Verge Cutting* - The Clerk reported that Mr Gill had confirmed that they will ensure the verges in Catcott are cut by the 2nd or 3rd week in July.
 - ii. *Nydon, Lippetts Way and Langlands Lane* - Mr Gill had written to the Clerk: The potholes at The Nydon will be repaired shortly; the pothole at Lippetts Way has been repaired; the end section of Langlands Lane, to the extent of the adopted highway, is due to be surface dressed at the end of July. Any required patching will be done prior to this.
 - iii. *Parish Survey* - a letter from SCC's Public Interface Coordinator regarding the parish response to the 2005/6 highways survey was read to the meeting. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the yellow lines marking the bus stops had been replaced.
 - iv. *Speed limit on Scotts Lane and The Nydon* - The Clerk had been informed that Mr Aston has retired and a new Traffic Engineer has been appointed. He is due to start full time in July. His name is Chris Betty and the Clerk's message has been copied to him.
- 06/07/58 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** David mentioned that the bus shelter might be changed for a different one with lights. It was pointed out that the existing shelter is Parish Council property. It may be that the one referred to is to be installed on the opposite side. Anyone noticing work beginning is asked to contact David Huxtable immediately. Local Government reorganisation is suffering from very high costs. Tiers are working together where possible.
- 06/07/59 **PLANNING:**
- a. 14/06/00002/STH - Erection of two detached dwellings, one detached flat with ground floor garages, detached garages and formation of access at land to the North and West of 9 Lippetts Way - outline - SDC Committee 04.04.06 - no decision received as yet - Still no update as at 05.06.06 - Clerk reported that she had still heard nothing. She had checked the SDC website and there was nothing posted there. It was understood by a member of the public that permission has been granted. Clerk to check with SDC.
 - b. 14/06/00007 - Application for full planning permission 3 dwellings, garages, erection of double garage and extension for existing dwelling, demolition of outbuildings and formation of accesses - Old Bakery and 1 Manor Road - granted.
 - c. 14/06/00008 - Erection of stables to the North of Greenacres, Brook Lane - it was felt that the block was a bit big but otherwise there were no objections.
 - d. 14/06/00009 - Erection of dwelling, formation of parking and access on land to the West of 3 Weares Lane - Cllr Chilcott declared a prejudicial interest. This left the Council non quorate for this item. Clerk would respond on behalf of the council following consultation.
 - e. Village Design Statement - The last draft of this is currently with Rob Shuttleworth.
 - f. Any other planning matters/updates - The Clerk had received the official notification that the planning application for change of use for the Post Office had been granted permission.
- 06/07/60 **FINANCE:**
- a. Consider statement of assurance - The Statement of Assurance was completed and signed.

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- b. Consider grant requests and payment to School - A cheque for the School was agreed for £120.00 for the use of the hall for meetings. An application for grant had been received from the CATTS Club. Clerk was instructed to respond that there would be no grant this year.
- c. Change of bank account - forms for completion - Cllr Fraser still had to complete her form.
- d. Cheques for signature - were agreed as follows: Chq.597 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £265.08; Chq.598 Somerset County Council (for Catcott School) £120.00 as agreed above.
- e. Any other financial matters for information - the Clerk had just received a letter from SDC regarding group insurance for parish councils. The Council had previously expressed interest. Clerk to check with Peter Lacey (SALC) regarding any extra cover required.

06/07/61 **SALC:** any information/circulars/meetings were put for circulation.

06/07/62 **HERITAGE NOTICEBOARD:** Various ideas for designs were in circulation. It was agreed that local firms/individuals be made aware of the need for the new noticeboard and to be asked to give prices if interested in undertaking the work. Some idea of the design required would be necessary prior to this.

06/07/63 **CPRE:** any information/circulars, Fieldwork, etc were put for circulation.

06/07/64 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** design of dogways was now available. It was thought it should be possible to produce something similar more economically. Noted that the landowner's permission was required prior to commencing work. Some of the paths had been walked prior to production of the next footpath survey.

06/07/65 **CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH WEST 2006-2026:** Cllr Westmaas had read this. It was put for circulation to the other councillors.

06/07/66 **POLICING PLAN 2006/07 - AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AUTHORITY:** put for circulation.

06/07/67 **SCC - MAKING A DIFFERENCE BOOKLET:** put for circulation.

06/07/68 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** mailing was put for circulation. Agreed that the website be entered in the competition.

06/07/69 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:** to consider options. It was noted that Mr Dunster's work was not entirely satisfactory and that alternatives should be sought. However, because of the time problem it was agreed to ask him to undertake a good cut and clear up shortly before the open day on 30th July. Chairman to inform Clerk when the work is done. Clerk to send Chairman a copy of the job specification.

06/07/70 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Litter collection packs; What's On; Charter 88; Getting the message across - SDC meeting 20th July; Bridgwater and District Civic Society (for Polden Post); SDC Newsletter; Local Council Review; new version of Clerk;s appraisal form.

06/07/71 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 11th July 2006

An apology had been received from St Peter's Church for having failed to provide a report for the last Annual Parish Meeting. The report, which was included with the letter, will be added as an appendix to the minutes of that meeting.

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