

- 09/10/108 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay(in the Chair), Chilcott and Gould.
- 09/10/109 **APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Redwood and Fraser.
- 09/10/110 **ALSO PRESENT:** 12 members of the public DCllr Kingham and CCllr Huxtable.
- 09/10/111 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 09/10/112 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** were confirmed and signed.
- 09/10/113 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 09/10/114 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** CCllr Huxtable reminded the Council of the meeting arranged with Ian Liddell-Grainger MP, Highways officers and Parish Councillors at the top of Scotts Lane at 9am on Friday 6th November.
- 09/10/115 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** DCllr Kingham reported that budget time is coming up again. Sort it Plus trials become permanent in November with all of Sedgemoor involved by this time next year.
- 09/10/116 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Any updates on previous problems - The problems caused by insufficient car parking spaces being provided for new housing developments was discussed. Responsibility for ditches was also discussed. It was noted that the footpath sign at the bottom of Poplar Lane still needs to be re-instated.
 - A39 - The meeting on 6th was discussed earlier. CCllr Huxtable is attending the next Cluster meeting on Tuesday 20th October when the A39 is on the agenda.
 - Speed watch - Clerk had designed a poster seeking more volunteers. This will be put on display.
 - Problems arising - A member of the public raised the fact that a safety fence at the Catcott Garage development blocks the pavement. This is dangerous at night and the Clerk was instructed to report it to the District Council.
- 09/10/117 **PLANNING:**
- 14/09/00018 - Erection of agricultural building on OS field 9473, Little Leaze Lane - granted
 - Appeal at Land to the rear of 2 & 4 King William Road for erection of 4 dwellings (SDC No.14/08/00017 (Appeal No. APP/V3310/A/09/2104715/NWF) - no update available.
 - Local Development Framework - News Update - put for circulation.
 - Planning Training - Councillor Gould reported on the session which she had attended together with other councillors and the Clerk. The Clerk had obtained, and copied to all councillors, the presentations made at the meeting. She also had one print out of them all.
 - Any other planning matters for information -
 - Application 14/09/00019 Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling at 5 Manor Road. Clerk to respond following consultation.
 - Vine Orchard - it was agreed that a check should be kept on the road grill for surface water drainage to ensure it works properly.
- 09/10/118 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS - INCLUDING CHURCH PATH GATEWAY:** The gateway had been repaired and resurfacing is scheduled for some time in the future. Clerk to write to Highways expressing concern that unless the tree roots are dealt with the problem will quickly recur.
- 09/10/119 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Cllr Mackay and Mrs Mackay reported on the current situation. It was agreed that the Council is not responsible for NW although it is willing to assist by financing signage. Because of various problems it was noted that most properties in the village, although protected by the NW Scheme, are not officially in it and therefore there may be a problem with insurance for those properties.
- 09/10/120 **BUS SHELTER:** Matthew Adams had looked at the damage. Cllr Mackay would meet with him to discuss rectifying it. The Council would meet the cost of repairs.
- 09/10/121 **FINANCE:**
- Finance sheet and letter regarding amenity grants - Council was happy with the finance sheets. Nothing, or very little in the way of amenity grants can be expected in the future. Council has not included any possible amenity grant in its budget for a few years now because of the doubtful nature of these.
 - Clerk's Salary - New pay scale sheets had arrived indicating a small drop in Clerk's salary. Sheet to be circulated and the matter discussed at the next meeting.
 - Cheques for signature - Chq.093 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £302.06.
- 09/10/122 **VILLAGE SIGNS:** it was agreed that councillors should look at the new Burtle signs supplied by SCC.
- 09/10/123 **CONSULTATION RE: REDEVELOPMENT OF BRIDGWATER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL:** put for circulation. Details on Council's website. To be discussed at the next Cluster meeting.
- 09/10/124 **SDC, SCC:** Incl. Electoral Review; SDC Charter & New Consultation System; Building Schools for the Future; Cluster Workshop; Cluster Agenda; SDC Budget Consultation. Put for circulation.
- 09/10/125 **COMMUNITY PLAN:** Clerk pointed out that Catcott does not currently have a Community Plan.
- 09/10/126 **LAND REGISTRY:** update re Parish Plot. Cllr Gould reported on the progress being made and the steps she was taking. A further £10 was required to meet the new charges. Cllr Gould would send a cheque and be reimbursed later.
- 09/10/127 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Somerset Crane Chronicle; Somerset Waste Partnership. Circulation.
- 09/10/128 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Clerk's salary
- 09/10/129 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 10th November 2009