

- 07/08/163 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Westmaas, Fraser and Gould.
- 07/08/164 **ALSO PRESENT:** CCllr Huxtable and 11 members of the public.
- 07/08/165 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 07/08/166 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR:** Cllr Mackay asked if anyone would be prepared to take this position for the remainder of the year. There were no nominations so he remained as Chairman.
- 07/08/167 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved and signed.
- 07/08/168 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 07/08/169 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** CCllr Huxtable reported that the budget round is progressing. Government guidelines have set a maximum increase of 5%.
- 07/08/170 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Temporary Closure - Manor Road - This has been cancelled for the time being. They will try to undertake the work in school holidays some time in the future.
 - Any updates on previous problems - Manor Road sign & Pothole at Old Bakery - both done.
 - Problems arising - Drainage is still blocked in King William Road (this has been reported to Highways in the past). BT have left tree cutting in the ditch along Lippetts Way - Clerk to report this to Mr Gill. Clerk also to ask Mr Gill when the hydrants were last tested. CCllr Huxtable informed the meeting that as pressure was generally poor across the Poldens, two appliances are sent to fires as a matter of routine. An arm has broken off a finger post.
- 07/08/171 **PLANNING:**
- Any updates on previous applications including:-
 - 14/07/00012 Erection of dwelling, garage and formation of access on Land to West of 3 Weares Lane - withdrawn
 - 14/07/00014 Erection of replacement dwelling etc at 5 Weares Lane - granted
 - Clarification on situation regarding discrepancies in agricultural applications - poor response received from SDC. No action to take.
 - 14/07/00015 - Erection of detached garage and formation of access at 9 Lippetts Way - Council unanimously objected to this application on the grounds of highway safety.
 - 14/07/00016 - Erection of one/two storey extension, garage/workshop, installation of solar panels at 7 Lippetts Way - there were concerns expressed regarding the size and style of the resulting property which was considered out of sympathy. However, as it was reasonably screened the Council did not object and the Clerk was instructed to respond that the Council supported the application.
 - Village Design Statement - The Clerk had now collected these. An insert would be included. Clerk and Cllr Westmaas to liaise over content and to produce the document.
 - Changes to SDC Local Plan (resulting from legislation) - this document was returned to the Clerk for Local Plan amendment.
- 07/08/172 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** this is still in circulation.
- 07/08/173 **PLAY AREA - SWINGS:** no update. Research is ongoing.
- 07/08/174 **WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD:** The Heritage Noticeboard has now been erected at Wellfield House. County Councillor Huxtable will officially 'open' it in due course.
- 07/08/175 **CEMETERY PROVISION:** No reply from Church Wardens to date. As they have not met since the last Council meeting it was agreed to wait another month to allow time for them to meet and respond.
- 07/08/176 **INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR NEW RESIDENTS:** covered under Village Design Statement.
- 07/08/177 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Fraser confirmed that she had prioritised many paths in Catcott including all which she knew were walked by anyone. Some problems were reported to Cllr Fraser including a rotten step on a stile and thin planks on a bridge.
- 07/08/178 **FINANCE:**
- Clerk's Salary - Notification of the new pay scales in line with the Clerk's contract had been received and these were backdated to April.
 - Grant Requests From Outside Village - Agreed to continue the policy of only giving grants to village groups.
 - Cheques for Signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.032 M Adams (village maintenance) £60.00; Chq.033 Somerton Printery (VDS) £50.00; Chq.034 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £329.76.
 - Insurance - no update.
- 07/08/179 **CPRE:** Countryside Voice put for circulation.
- 07/08/180 **SALC & NALC:** SALC papers were put for circulation.
- 07/08/181 **SDC & SCC:** SDC Corporate Strategy and Area Working Panel papers were put for circulation.
- 07/08/182 **WASTE MANAGEMENT:** papers put for circulation.
- 07/08/183 **SAGE - CLIMATE CHANGE MEETING:** Details given to meeting, put on noticeboard and on website.
- 07/08/184 **POLICE AWARDS:** put for circulation.
- 07/08/185 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** What's On; Vista; C&C Direct; Energy Advice Centre.
- 07/08/186 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** precept; Cluster meetings (because of perceived lack of democracy regarding planning discussions)
- 07/08/187 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 11th December 2007 - *This will include festive refreshments.*

Chairman

Date