

- 05/06/206 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Fraser.
- 05/06/207 **ALSO PRESENT:** 10 members of the public
- 05/06/208 **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Hamblyn (ill), Cllr Mackay (holiday), CCLLR Huxtable.
- 05/06/209 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 05/06/210 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 05/06/211 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Cllr Chilcott declared a personal interest in 9 Lippetts Way as her cousin lives there.
- 05/06/212 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** none
- 05/06/213 **HIGHWAYS:**
- a. Speedwatch - The Clerk mentioned the speedwatch initiative being set up in Edington, Chilton Polden and Cossington and asked the councillors to consider their views should Catcott be invited to join in.
 - b. A39 speed limit order received - Official notification has been received.
 - c. LTP consultation leaflet - new version received - new version with correct colours received.
 - d. Any urgent problems arising and updates -
 - i. Speed Limits on Scotts Lane and The Nydon - A very negative response had been received from Mrs Norman (Senior Traffic Engineer). It was agreed the Clerk should write, pointing out that a 30mph limit had been promised and asking for a 40mph limit (or at least 50mph such as in Chilton Polden and Cossington) if 30 was no longer allowed.
 - ii. King William Road - potholes - It was agreed that the Clerk should write again to Mr Gill as it was considered that the bit pothole in King William Road is now in a dangerous state. Cllr Westmaas would take a picture to send with the letter.
- 05/06/214 **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:** DCLLR Kingham reported that the SDC budget for 2006/2007 had now been settled.
- 05/06/215 **POSTAL COLLECTION BOX - UPDATE:** Clerk reported that all was progressing and gave details of the written permission given by Mr & Mrs Eccles. It was noted that 6 months notice would be given should it ever be required for the box to be removed.
- 05/06/216 **PLANNING**
- a. 14/05/00007 & 14/05/00008 - Conversion of garages to kitchen, erection of single storey extension and external staircase to first floor fire escape door, installation of first floor rooflights and replacement of window with door, all to North elevation, removal of windows in South and East elevations, replacement of window with door in South elevation, replacement of window and door with door in West elevation and internal alterations - approval given - official notification awaited.
 - b. 14/05/00011/CJM - Erection of dwelling, double garage and formation of access at land to the East of 12 Manor Road - approval notice received
 - c. 14/05/00013/MW - Erection of dwelling and garage at Pear Tree Guest House, 16 Manor Road - refusal notice received
 - d. 14/05/00014/MW - Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling and erection of detached garage - amended plans and permission notice received
 - e. 14/05/00015/STA - Conversion of additional area of loft to living accommodation, including installation of dormer window to rear (North) at Greenacres, 7 Brook Lane - permission notice received
 - f. 14/05/00016/JAB - TPO works - Chestnut Lodge, Lippetts Way - remove 3 large branches and reduce height of one Holm Oak Tree by 25% - permission granted.
 - g. 14/05/00017/CJM - demolition of outbuildings within the curtilage of a listed building at Land to the East of 12 Manor Road - permission has been granted.
 - h. 14/06/00001/MW - Retention of agricultural worker's mobile home - Response submitted. The Clerk reported that a reply had been required prior to this meeting and that she had replied, following consultation, that the Council neither supported nor objected to the application provided the necessary requirements for an agricultural worker's dwelling were complied with.
 - i. 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 - (Cllr Chilcott declared personal interest). Very strong objections from all councillors. Particular points of concern were backland development, inadequate parking and turning space, inadequate sewerage as it would overload the pipe. Clerk to respond accordingly taking into account the written notes submitted by councillors.
 - j. 14/06/00003/- application for Outline Planning Permission - Mrs and Mrs Counsell - Land to the West of Dry Close Cottage, Brook Lane - Erection of chalet bungalow, garage and formation of access - Application supported but it was noted that there

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is no turning bay allowed for on the existing site .

- k. 14/06/00004/ - Application for Full Planning Permission - Mr M Longman - Gamma House, Old School Lane - Erection of greenhouse - Council unanimously supported this application.
- l. 14/06/00005/CJM - Application for full planning permission - Erection of detached dwelling, garage and formation of access (alternative scheme) at land to the East of 12 Manor Road - although it was noted that some aspects of this application were possibly an improvement on the previous scheme this was over-ridden by the fact that the footprint is considerably larger. Council unanimously agreed to object because of the increased size.
- m. SDC response to letter about planning concerns - Cllr Westmaas outlined the reasons for the Council’s concern over various planning matters and read parts of the response to the meeting. It was noted that the SDC website is not easy to use to look at planning applications. The Clerk has put a short cut on the Catcott Parish Council Website www.freeweb.telco4u.net/catcottparishcouncil - go to the planning page and click on “Direct link to Sedgemoor District Council’s Planning Portal”.
- n. Village Design Statement - consideration of any updates - Cllr Westmaas reported that Mr Rob Shuttleworth had returned the second draft of the VDS with the comment that with minor modifications he would recommend it to SDC for adoption. Cllr Westmaas hoped that one more meeting of the VDS group should now suffice.
- o. PPS7 and Any other updates available - Clerk had printed a copy of PPS7 relating to planning in rural areas, for circulation.

05/06/217 **FINANCE**

- a. Cheques for signature - the following cheque was approved for signature: Chq.585 £291.96 J A Marshall (Clerk’s salary and expenses).
- b. Consideration of changing bank account - consideration of any update - The Clerk had received replies from NatWest and Barclays. She had not yet had time to study them in detail.
- c. Consideration of Insurance options - A letter from SDC regarding insurance cover had been received. It was unanimously agreed that the Council was interested in this idea. The Clerk advised that it would result in a considerable saving but had not yet had time to compare the cover provided.
- d. Any other financial matters for information - £1000 had been transferred from NSB to Alliance Leicester.

05/06/218 **SALC - ANY INFORMATION/CIRCULARS/MEETINGS** - next area meeting - Thursday 16th March, 7.30pm at Council Chamber, Burnham. Items were put for circulation.

05/06/219 **LAMP - ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE OF LAMP** - Clerk outlined the situation regarding the SCC consideration of the future of LAMP and information received earlier in the day from Cathy Bakewell (SCC Leader). Council agreed that it would not want to precept in order to fund LAMP.

05/06/220 **RESPONSE TO SDC STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** This is still in circulation.

05/06/221 **ROAD CONGESTION OUTSIDE SCHOOL - CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:** Cllr Westmaas outlined some ideas put forward by the Head Teacher of Catcott School. Council agreed there was no objection to the wall being moved provided it was rebuilt with the original stone. It was, however, felt that the idea might not prove workable in practice.

05/06/222 **REFURBISHMENT OF WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD - UPDATE:** postponed to next meeting.

05/06/223 **CPRE - ANY INFORMATION/CIRCULARS:** none received.

05/06/224 **CLERK’S CONTRACT:** Clerk reported that her Edington Contract had been approved by Peter Lacey but she had not yet re-printed and checked her Catcott contract.

05/06/225 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS - ANY UPDATES AND PROBLEMS ARISING:** Clerk advised that Guy Manning has acknowledged the work to be done in Catcott. The Clerk had sent him a full copy of the Council’s latest footpath survey along with the latest list of works to be carried out.

05/06/226 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL - ANY INFORMATION/CIRCULATION:** these had been received in the SALC envelope and were included for circulation.

05/06/227 **WORKSHOP ON YOUTH PROJECTS FOR PARISHES** - Thursday 23rd February 7pm East Huntspill Village Hall - reminder

05/06/228 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** no additions.

05/06/229 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** none.

05/06/230 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 14th March 2006. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the second Tuesday in May prior to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

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