

05/06/231 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Fraser, Mackay and Hamblyn.

05/06/232 **ALSO PRESENT:** 7 members of the public

05/06/233 **APOLOGIES:** CCllr Huxtable (another meeting) and DCllr Kingham (another meeting)

05/06/234 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council

05/06/235 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.

05/06/236 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared

05/06/237 **MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES AND NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE:** none

05/06/238 **HIGHWAYS:**

- a. Any urgent problems arising and updates - It was noted that potholes on the other side of the road and almost opposite the garage are in need of repair. Concern was expressed about the poor quality of the new lining at the bus stops.

05/06/239 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** The Clerk reported on a telephone conversation with David Huxtable earlier in the day when David had offered £630 for the provision of a heritage noticeboard at the Wellfield House site. The Clerk had accepted.

05/06/240 **POSTAL COLLECTION BOX:** The new box is now in operation. Notices have been put on the noticeboards.

05/06/241 **PLANNING:**

- a. 14/06/00001/MW - Retention of agricultural worker's mobile home - permission has been granted.
- b. 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 - due to go to committee on 4th April. No recommendations were yet available from SDC. Clerk read aloud a letter received from Catcott Garage's proprietor.
- c. 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 - permission has been granted.
- d. 14/06/00004/ - Application for Full Planning Permission - Mr M Longman - Gamma House, Old School Lane - Erection of greenhouse - no official notification received. Clerk had seen on the internet that permission has been granted.
- e. 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 - Clerk had arranged for delayed response in order to allow the Council to consider this application. Strong objections were made. It was felt that this was no improvement on previous applications. The footprint is still considered too large. The arrangement of the site is objected to. The position of the garage means that the resident of No.10 now look out onto a garage from their back rooms. In addition they have a driveway immediately adjacent to their bedrooms with consequent possibility of noise nuisance from car movements (especially with a gravel drive), nuisance from vehicles parking almost next to their bedroom windows and loss of privacy from their garden. The house is positioned much closer to No.12 with adverse impact on this listed building. With regard to the actual plan the South elevation detail looks very fussy. The wall between No.12 and this house should be all stone walling. The Council objects to the reduction in height of the stone wall to the North as it will adversely affect properties to the north. Roof tiles should be reclaimed/old tiles - otherwise it will take years to weather and harmonise with adjacent roofs. It was felt that this scheme will be very intrusive from the road. This building appears to be considerably higher (about 5 ft) than the listed building (No.12) adjacent and would therefore dominate it. It is also very much higher than its neighbour on the other side - a bungalow (No.10). This would be the only building in the area with dormer windows - right out of character. There was concern expressed with regard to the telegraph pole situated at the entrance of the site - this will surely prove obstructive to visibility. It was suggested that, apart from anything else, moving the garage to the North West corner of the site would be far more acceptable. Catcott Parish Council has objected to all proposals so far put forward - but this is certainly not an improvement. If permitted this house would stick out like the proverbial sore thumb!
- f. 14/06/00006/MW - change of use and conversion from shop and Post Office to inclusion within the residential dwelling at Catcott Post Office, Manor Road - Council unanimously supported this application.
- g. Village Design Statement - Last meeting had to be postponed. It is being rescheduled.
- h. SDC Local Plan - hard copy received and put into circulation.
- i. Any other planning updates - Clerk reported that Mr Atkinson had agreed that one or two of the planning staff from Sedgemoor would come to a parish council meeting.

05/06/242 **FINANCE:**

- a. Cheques for signature - Chq.568 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £268.88; Chq.588 Information

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Commissioner (Data Protection) £35.00. Cheque 587 will be held in abeyance - for NALC Local Council Review. Clerk to ask Edington Parish Council if they are interested in sharing one copy.

- b. Wayleave payment - Clerk reported that she had received a wayleave payment for Catcott Parish Council for £5.38 but the cheque had been made out to the Clerk personally. She had returned the cheque and asked for a replacement.
- c. Any other financial matters for information - A letter had been received from Catcott After School Club requesting a grant. This to be considered at a future date. Clerk reported that the NatWest Bank seemed the best option for the Council to change to from Alliance Leicester. The National Savings account would be kept in operation as it offered such a good rate of interest.

05/06/243 **SALC - ANY INFORMATION/CIRCULARS/MEETINGS:** next area meeting - Thursday 16th March, 7.30pm at Council Chamber, Burnham.

05/06/244 **LAMP - ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE OF LAMP:** A letter had been received asking for commitment from parishes to pay, through raising the precept, for the LAMP Moorlynch Office to be kept open. None of the council members felt that Catcott benefited from LAMP and it was noted that parish representatives were actually refused admission to some meetings. It was unanimously agreed not to provide any funding for the Moorlynch Office.

05/06/245 **ROAD CONGESTION OUTSIDE SCHOOL** - consideration of possible solutions. There was no update.

05/06/246 **REFURBISHMENT OF WELLFIELD NOTICEBOARD NOTICEBOARD:** CClr Huxtable's offer of the grant made the refurbishment of the existing board unnecessary. Consideration would now have to be given to a totally new board.

05/06/247 **CPRE:** Fieldwork had been received and put into circulation.

05/06/248 **CLERK'S CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED:** It was agreed that this be signed within the next week provided all councillors were happy with it. It remained as it had been in the draft format. It incorporated those points agreed on 14th December 2004 in minute 04/05/170.

05/06/249 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS** - it was noted that there is a lot of tree rubbish dumped near the junction of West Drove and Higher Ropes Drove. Clerk to contact Burtle as it is on their side of the Drove. A new footpath survey needs to be carried out. Cllr Mackay has made a start on this.

05/06/250 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL** - Thatch and other papers are in circulation.

05/06/251 **CLUSTER MEETING** - Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm (venue unknown). There were no items for inclusion on the agenda.

05/06/252 **SOMERSET STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOOKLET** - circulation

05/06/253 **HIDDEN SOMERSET CONFERENCE:** this was noted.

05/06/254 **REVIEW OF TENDERED BUS SERVICES:** noted.

05/06/255 **MEETING OF TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS AND SCC:** Cllr Mackay hoped to attend.

05/06/256 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** incl. Somerset by the Sea; Clerks and Councils Direct; Local Council Review; Leisure facilities data base (SDC) - children's play area; Redevelopment of Bridgwater Hospital - number of beds down from 50 to 35; Sedgemoors Twinning Assoc; Tenants Newsletter.

05/06/257 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - consideration of changing bank account; Wellfield heritage noticeboard; lining at bus stops.

05/06/258 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 11th April 2006. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** Tuesday 9th May (Annual Parish Meeting to start at 7pm followed by the annual meeting of the Parish Council).

Chairman

Date