

- 19/20/22 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the chair), Pople, Salter, Bell and Robins.
- 19/20/23 **ALSO PRESENT:** 4 members of the public and CCllr Huxtable
- 19/20/24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received from DCllr Kingham.
- 19/20/25 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 19/20/26 **DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - All councillors signed their declarations of acceptance of office which were witnessed by the Clerk. The Clerk drew attention to training opportunities and distributed Register of interest forms.
- 19/20/27 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR** - Cllr Salter proposed Cllr Barnett. Seconded by Cllr Robins. Carried. Cllr Barnett signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman witnessed by the Clerk.
- 19/20/28 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** - Cllr Pople proposed Cllr Salter, seconded by Cllr Bell. Carried.
- 19/20/29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is the Council's representative on the committee.
- 19/20/30 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 19/20/31 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AS REQUIRED** - It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint Mr Thomas as the Council's Footpath Liaison Officer and to re-appoint Cllr Pople as the Council's representative on the Playing Field Committee.
- 19/20/32 **STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL** - this was reviewed, having previously been sent to councillors, and agreed to be satisfactory.
- 19/20/33 **RISK MANAGEMENT** - this was also reviewed. With regard to the War Memorial it was noted that the insured value has been substantially increased as a result of consideration of insurance renewal.
- 19/20/34 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - none.
- 19/20/35 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 19/20/36 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - CCllr Huxtable added to his report to the Annual Parish Meeting with the information that the Annual Meeting of Somerset County Council is due to take place.
- 19/20/37 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham not present.
- 19/20/38 **HIGHWAYS**
- a. Any updates on previous problems
 - i. Kerbing round the war memorial - the Clerk has not yet received a response to her request for assurance that the work would be carried out in this year's school summer holidays.
 - ii. Broken pipe at the bottom of The Standards - repaired.
 - iii. Little Leaze Lane - CCllr Huxtable would try to get something done about the situation.
 - iv. Lines outside School - the Clerk has not yet received a reply to this request.
 - v. Any other updates - none.
 - b. Problems arising and any other highway matters - large cycle rides are due to take place on 19th May and 27th July - both using Holywell Road, Edington and part of the Broadway.
- 19/20/39 **PLANNING**
- a. Entrance to Barn Conversion off A39 East of Holywell Road - Sedgemoor have now confirmed that the application is time expired. Therefore all the conditions laid down are also time expired. A new application will have to be submitted,.
 - b. 14/19/00001 - erect garage and garden store at 3 Lippetts Way - Granted.
 - c. 14/19/00002 - change of use of annexe to holiday let and erection of single storey extension at 7 King William Road - granted.
 - d. 14/19/00003 - prior notification - agri development off Little Leaze Lane - agri building to store fodder - delegated.
 - e. Any other planning matters - 19/19/00007 - 26 dwellings in Chilton Polden - no comment.

Chairman

Date

19/20/40 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - none.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.476 J A Marshall (pay and expenses) £338.16; Chq.477 R Young (internal audit) £20.00; Chq.478 SALC (sub) £143.23; Chq.479 Came& Company (insurance) £344.74.
- c. Internal and External Audits - the internal audit report stated there were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council. Being an exempt authority there is no external audit report.
- d. Any other financial matters - a thank you letter had been received from St Peter's for the Churchyard grant.

19/20/41 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS** - nobody knew whether the dangerous branch had been dealt with. Cllr Bell was authorised to purchase fuel for the hedge cutter together with a can if necessary.

19/20/42 **PLAYING FIELD REPORT** - Cllr Pople reported that holding the Easter Egg hunt on Sunday instead of Saturday hadn't worked as numbers were down. There is to be a Health and Safety check in June. Clerk to request SDC to cut the grass.

19/20/43 **PARISH PLOT** - acknowledgement of receipt of Environmental Stewardship Claim has been received.

19/20/44 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - Cllr and Mrs Bell had attended a fingerpost refurbishment training workshop and were now certified to carry out the work. C&CD, Fieldwork and Countryside Voice were put for circulation.

19/20/45 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - Signs in the village need straightening, Scotts Lane signs in particular.

19/20/46 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

19/20/47 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm