

- 06/07/136 PRESENT:** Cllrs Westmaas (in the Chair), Chilcott, Hamblyn and Mackay.
- 06/07/137 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Fraser (ill) and CCllr Huxtable.
- 06/07/138 **ALSO PRESENT:** 8 members of the public
- 06/07/139 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 06/07/140 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 06/07/141 **MINUTES:** of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.
- 06/07/142 **HIGHWAYS:** No problems identified.
- 06/07/143 **PLANNING:**
- a. Village Design Statement - Cllr Westmaas reported that Rob Shuttleworth was now satisfied with the VDS and was recommending its adoption. It is likely to go to SDC meeting on 15th December.
 - b. 14/06/00014/CJM - Erection of three stables and barn on land to South of Rose Farm, Scotts Lane - It was agreed that landscaping and screening should be requested. A hard standing and hard surface access should be provided to prevent mud coming on to the highway. The entrance gate should be set back.
 - c. 14/06/00015/CJM - Erection of extension at 12 King William Road - It was agreed to support this application.
 - d. Correspondence relating to planning applications at 12 Manor Road and result of application to lower wall - Council was very unhappy at the way the various applications relating to this site had been handled and also at the lack of attention and consideration given to the Council's comments and requests for information. It was felt that the Development Control's handling of the applications had been negligent and inconsistent. Clerk to write to SDC again with a copy to James White who has a responsibility for heritage at SDC.
 - e. Any other planning matters/updates -
 - i. Planning Inspectorate Newsletter - This had been copied to all councillors.
 - ii. Barn Applications - A barn currently under construction was causing concern. The Council knew nothing of this but it seemed that the siting could be inappropriate. Clerk to get clarification from SDC and alert them of the concerns.
 - iii. King William - There were several points of concern raised with regard to the King William Inn. The lights on the exterior of the building collectively create a nuisance as they appear to have inappropriate and inadequate fittings. They are on 24 hours per day as is the store room light. This adversely affects the people living opposite. This is a waste of energy and is also light pollution. People were also complaining about food waste being tipped outside and running down the hill.
- 06/07/144 **FINANCE:**
- a. New bank account - A new current account and a new reserve account were both now established with the NatWest. A cheque book and paying in book had been received. Clerk instructed to arrange for automatic transfers between the two accounts to ensure best interest rates are applied. It was agreed that any sensible costs incurred would be acceptable.
 - b. Cheques for signature - The following cheques were approved for signature:- Chq.609 Catcott Parish Council (to transfer the balance remaining in the old account to the new account - the Clerk had phoned to double check on the balance) £1,071.56; Chq.001 NatWest J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £301.15.
 - c. Heritage noticeboard quote from Mr Harding - The Clerk read the quote received from Mr Harding. This was covered by the grant obtained from SCC by CCllr Huxtable. It was agreed to ask Mr Harding to go ahead but with the noticeboard fixed to batons directly attached to the wall of Wellfield House. Cllr Mackay confirmed that he had ascertained that this was acceptable to the Manager of Wellfield House.
 - d. Funding for Parish Plans - Clerk advised that CCllr Huxtable had reminded her that he was prepared to support funding of a parish plan via SCC grant up to £250. It was felt it was too soon after the VDS (which has still to be adopted by SDC) to start work on a Parish Plan. Clerk to find out more about these and try to get some examples.
 - e. CAB letter and any other financial matters for information - put for circulation.
- 06/07/145 **SALC:** Agenda for next area meeting - Highbridge, 14th December. 7.30pm. New mailing re White Paper. Clerk provided copies of the latest SALC mailing for all councillors and urged attendance at the next meeting. Cllr Westmaas and the Clerk will attend. Others also encouraged.
- 06/07/146 **PARISH RECEPTION AT SDC:** It was felt that this had not proved worth attending last time. Neither the Clerk nor the Chairman were able to attend this time.
- 06/07/147 **CEMETERY PROVISION:** The Clerk had written to Revd Bruce Graham but had not yet received a reply.
- 06/07/148 **RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS:**
- a. 14/30 Edington to Catcott School - Clerk advised councillors of the response she had received from County. An effort would be made to trace the ownership of the drove in the first instance.
 - b. Any other updates and problems to report - the Clerk advised on an email received from Mr Skidmore advising that his gardening orientated work was in abeyance until next Spring. Councillors were asked to keep this in mind in case a replacement was needed in due course.
- 06/07/149 **POLICE - LOCAL ACTION TEAMS (LAA):** put for circulation. It was reported that Linda Ebdon is often seen in the village. Rob Jacobs is sometimes seen in specific areas. The play area has suffered damage.
- 06/07/150 **POLDEN HILL CLUSTER GROUP:** minutes of 3rd October. Next meeting Tuesday 20th March 2007, 7.30pm, Woolavington.
- 06/07/151 **SOMERSET RURAL YOUTH PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE:** Cllr Westmaas to complete the form.
- 06/07/152 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** incl. C&C Direct; What's On; Countryside Alliance (re Pos); Playing Field.
- 06/07/153 Items for next meeting - Precept
- 06/07/154 Date of next meeting - Tuesday, 12th December 2006

Chairman Date