

- 19/20/1 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Tilbury (in the Chair), Heale, Turner and Gilbert.
- 19/20/2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received and accepted from Cllr Coakeley.
- 19/20/3 **ALSO PRESENT:** 4 members of the public and DCllr Kingham.
- 19/20/4 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 19/20/5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS & DISPENSATIONS AS REQUIRED** - DCllr Kingham declared an interest in planning.
- 19/20/6 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 19/20/7 **UPDATES ARISING FROM LAST MEETING AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 19/20/8 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham reported that the new cinema in Bridgwater is on track. Tenders are out for the other businesses on the site. The lease is for 25 years. He said he had enjoyed our meetings and will continue to support us if re-elected.
- 19/20/9 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - CCllr Huxtable was not present.
- 19/20/10 **HIGHWAYS** -
- a. Any updates on previous problems -
 - i. Speedwatch - Two sites have now been approved for use. The Clerk has been assured that on site training will be given soon.
 - ii. Nidon Lane road markings - Clerk to chase Kathryn Tyson again.
 - iii. Visibility at Crossroads - Cllr Heale kindly cut the vegetation back for the householder.
 - iv. Holywell Road pot hole at bend near Church Road - Clerk to chase this up.
 - v. A39 - Clerk to report bad pothole opposite Woodland Cottage.
 - vi. Redlands - the big hump has gone but there are nasty potholes further on.
 - vii. Chandlers Lane pole - Highways have instructed BT to get this sorted out.
 - viii. Pothole on Holywell Road bend near Chandlers Lane - this has been repaired.
 - b. Any other highway matters
 - i. Broadmead Lane - there are potholes that need repairing. Siting of them to be established.
 - ii. Road Closures - nobody was sure whether the repairs on Lippetts Way/Broadway have been actioned. Notification of other closures had been put on the noticeboards and forwarded to councillors.
- 19/20/11 **PLANNING** -
- a. 26/18/00004 - erection of two dormer bungalows and formation of vehicular access on land to the east of West Close, Church Road - The removed trees did not have TPOs on so there is no action that can be taken.
 - b. Grafton Lodge, Broadmead Lane - Clerk to chase response. Clerk mentioned that she had had an acknowledgement explaining that there is a delay because of the number of complaints they are dealing with.
 - c. Any other planning matters -
 - i. SDC new Local Plan now in force - This is now the Development Plan and Maps that we must be guided by.
 - ii. 19/19/00007 - erect 26 dwellings on land off Hayne Walk (via Chapel Close), Chilton Polden - Although not in our parish we had been consulted as it could affect us. Clerk will ask for a short time extension to enable a response after the May meeting. Affordable houses would be welcome. Perhaps some CIL funding could be put towards making it safer to access the shop and Post Office from there. Clerk to contact Chilton Polden regarding this application.
- 19/20/12 **FOOTPATHS** - There was concern over signage near Woodland Cottage.
- 19/20/13 **CLEANUP** - Cllr Tilbury reported that this went well with twelve active volunteers. There was less litter than in previous years.

19/20/14 **FLY TIPPING** - still takes place along the road to Burtle but is soon picked up by Clean Surroundings.

19/20/15 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - Statements and accounts had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. Approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.851 J A Marshall (pay and expenses) £322.87; Chq.852 St George's Church (Churchyard maintenance grant) £510.00; Chq.853 J A Marshall (McAfee software) £89.99; Chq.854 Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £40.00; Chq.855 R Tilbury (Cleanup refreshments) £15.16; Chq.856 Edington School Room (hire of hall for meetings) £132.00.
- c. Internal and External Audits - It was agreed that Richard Young should again be asked to undertake the internal audit. The paperwork for the external audit had been forwarded to councillors in advance. The certificate of exemption was signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Annual Governance Statement was agreed for all boxes and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Accounting Statement had previously been signed by the Clerk and was now signed by the Chairman. The value of assets was increased to include both sides of the land on the Nidon.
- d. Any other finance matters -
 - i. Insurance - the Clerk had asked for the figure for the cost of renewal as this hadn't been sent with the other documentation. She would also try to get another quote now that the value of the Nidon land was established.
 - ii. Precept - SDC has notified the Clerk that the precept has been paid to us.
 - iii. VAT reclaim - the Clerk has submitted a reclaim in the sum of £91.58.

19/20/16 **NOTICE BOARD IN BUS SHELTER** - Mr Meade is hoping to look at this next week.

19/20/17 **ELECTIONS** - There were five nominations for five vacancies so it will be an uncontested election. Details of training can be provided by the Clerk for the two new members.

19/20/18 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - to take place on Thursday 9th May at 7pm.

19/20/19 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - The Clerk had received European Election Posters to display on the noticeboards.

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

19/20/21 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - new bank signatories; insurance; Nidon land; Risk Assessment and Management; Statement of Internal Control.

19/20/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Thursday, 9th May following the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm