

- 22/23/ 260 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Tilbury (in the Chair), Heale, Gilbert and Welch.
- 22/23/ 261 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - received and approved from Cllr Olive.
- 22/23/ 262 **ALSO PRESENT** - 1 member of the public, SCllr Munt and DCllr Kingham.
- 22/23/ 263 **IN ATTENDANCE** - the Clerk to the Council
- 22/23/ 264 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none.
- 22/23/ 265 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 22/23/ 266 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 22/23/ 267 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt Munt apologised for missing the previous meeting. Tricky budget setting was now completed and recycling centres and libraries would be kept open. Adult and child social care are the biggest costs. £3m was being saved by reducing the number of senior management positions and a further £600,000 saved by reducing the number of councillors. £100,000 has been earmarked for initial expenditure on LCNs. A new constitution has been passed and a new Council Plan will be published. Regarding education 9 areas of significant weakness had been identified regarding Special Needs and disability. Seven of those nine have already improved. A new School at Comeytrowe will be net carbon. Additional plastic recycling will be trialled. There will be big spends in Burnham and Yeovil on the Princess Theatre and the Octagon.
- 22/23/ 268 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham reported that the last planning meeting of Sedgemoor District Council will take place on Tuesday. Apart from this SDC has virtually closed down.
- 22/23/ 269 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Speed Indicator Device - The Clerk had tried to chase up the firm assigned with installing the posts but was unsuccessful. She had then chased up Highways but had not heard back. She would chase it again.
 - b. Signage at Nidon Bridge - The Clerk had chased this up but not yet had a response. She would chase it again.
 - c. Broadway request for a highways representative to walk -The Clerk would chase up this as nothing had been heard from Highways since the walk.
 - d. Broadmead Lane - Unsuitable for HGVs - To be chased again.
 - e. Blocked drains - Jetting had taken place a second time at some of them.
 - f. Holywell Road - Cllr Gilbert reported that she had heard nothing further from anybody. The representative from BT had told her that he would be informing Highways that a proper job needed to be done providing a soakaway.
 - g. Problems arising and any other highway matters - The recent bad weather has caused some nasty potholes along Edington Road which the Clerk would report. The possibility of providing additional grit bins was discussed and it was decided that one or two should be provided at strategic points where there was room for them to be sited in the Autumn.
- 22/23/ 270 **PLANNING** -
- a. 26/21/00007 - erection of one self-build dormer style bungalow on land to East of West Close, Church Road - there is still no update.
 - b. 26/22/00003 & 26/22/00005 - Full application and listed building application - erection of dwelling with works to existing gardener's hut at Edington House, Broadmead Lane - there is still no update.
 - c. Pillar Barn - the Clerk reported that she had emailed the contact who had been given to her at the last meeting. He had responded that it was not in his province but that he would hand it on to the correct person.
 - d. Any other planning matters - none.
- 22/23/ 271 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - covered under SCllr's report.

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- 22/23/ 272 **GROUND MAINTENANCE DATES** - suggested dates had been received and these were acceptable:- 28 March, 23 May, 18 July, 26 September.
- 22/23/ 273 **APPOINTMENT FOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LUTTRELL TRUST** - Anne Bassi's term on the Trust was coming to an end. She was willing to remain in post until a replacement is found. The Council was grateful for her work on the Trust but did not know of anybody who might wish to take on the role. Enquiries would be made and a couple of suggestions were put forward for "sounding out".
- 22/23/ 274 **EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE** - Cllr Gilbert reported that of the 160 leaflets sent out on 26 replies had been received although those had been very encouraging showing a lot of generosity. Anybody who has lost their form can ask for another from the Council. Forms will also be included in village Welcome Packs in the future.
- 22/23/ 275 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Olive had provided the information that there is a large backlog of problems - 561 of them. This is why it is taking so long to get any action on new ones as they have to wait their turn.
- 22/23/ 276 **NIDON LAND** - no update.
- 22/23/ 277 **HOLY WELL REFURBISHMENT** - it was agreed that grants would need to be applied for and before that could happen three firm quotes would be needed. In addition the Parish Council would be expected to make a substantial contribution if grants are to be obtained. Prices for commodities being so variable at present it was agreed to postpone this project for the time being and again remove it from the agenda.
- 22/23/ 278 **VILLAGE CLEANUP** - Following discussion it was agreed that this should be held on either 26th March or 2nd April depending on when it would clash with church activity. As usual a letter would be sent out to all villagers once details were known.
- 22/23/ 279 **FINANCE** -
- Accounts check - The Clerk had provided accounts and bank statements which were approved.
 - Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.982 SDC (ground maintenance) £38.52; Chq.983 J Marshall (Salary & expenses) £370.55; Chq.984 Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £40.00.
 - Any other finance matters - consideration of purchasing additional grit bin. Agreed that this could wait for several months now.
- 22/23/ 280 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - C&CD.
- 22/23/ 281 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 22/23/ 282 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - Coronation Lunch - Village Hall and CVA venture.
- 22/23/ 283 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 13th April 2023 in Edington School Room at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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Date 13th April 2023