- 21/22/152 PRESENT Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Robins, Bell and Salter.
- 21/22/153 ALSO PRESENT 5 members of the public, CCllr Huxtable and DCllr Kingham.
- 21/22/154 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE none received.
- 21/22/155 IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk to the Council.
- 21/22/156 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Play Area being the Council's representative on the committee.
- 21/22/157 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING were approved and signed.
- 21/22/158 UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED none.
- 21/22/159 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** CCllr Huxtable said the Council would be setting its budget for next year at the end of the month. There will be a considerable increase in funds for roads and children's and adults' social care. The overall increase would be 1.99%. There would be a rebate of £150 for anyone in a band D or lower property.
- 2. .2/160 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT DCllr Kingham said Sedgemoor is in wind-down mode. Normal services are being kept going preparatory to the unitary authority. Sedgemoor will also be setting its budget.

## 21/22/161 HIGHWAYS -

- a. <u>Signage on the Nydon at the bridge and on the road</u> Cllr Salter was thanked for his work installing the new signage at the Nydon Bridge. The writing of 'Slow' on both sides of the blind summit has not yet taken place but has been chased up. Cllr Salter suggested a sign to the South of the Nydon Bridge to indicate the hazard of the blind summit. Councillors agreed to look at possible sites for this prior to the next meeting.
- b. Nydon Bridge This item to be removed from the agenda.
- c. <u>Flooding in Old School Lane</u> This is a complicated problem because if care isn't taken the flooding problem will simply move downhill to properties lower in the village. There was discussion regarding the ditching and drainage on Lippetts Way and at the top of Old School Lane. CCllr Huxtable would do some research with Highways and see if a solution can be found to channel all the water away from all properties.
- d. <u>30mph limit on Scotts Lane</u> The Council had tried a few years' ago to have a 30mph limit put on Scotts Lane and had failed. CCllr Huxtable assured the meeting that there was no way it would qualify. It was agreed that unofficial signage such as has been installed at the Nydon Bridge might be the best answer.
- e. Any other updates and problems arising
  - i. <u>Little Leaze Lane</u> Cllr Salter reported that a car had recently cracked its sump because of the state of the road. Councillors would look at it before the next meeting. There is also a large pothole at the entrance to the lane which the Clerk will report.
- 21/22/162 **PRESENT** CCllr Huxtable left the meeting.
- 21/22/163 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** a problem with a stile on one path had been mentioned to Cllr Pople. The church kissing gates on the path through the churchyard caused problems for some people. This is a matter for the Church to sort out as it is on church land and is their responsibility.
- 21/22/164 **OFFER OF TREES FROM SDC** Paul Sweetman had met with the Chairman and Clerk to look at possible places for planting trees. He advised that the only possibility was a couple of hawthorns along

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Lippetts Way. We would need to pay for a licence to put them there and an annual fee for maintaining them. Following consultation the Clerk had, therefore, asked for two trees for planting on Edington's Nidon land.

- 21/22/165 **DOG WASTE BINS** on hold. Remove from agenda.
- 21/22/166 **PLAY AREA REPORT** Cllr Pople had no report but had received some further quotes. She would clarify these and send everything to the Clerk for forwarding on prior to the next meeting.

## 21/22/167 PLANNING -

- a. 14/21/00009 erection of dwelling and two storey garage at 3 Lippetts Way granted.
- b. 14/21/00010 first floor extension at 14 Lippetts Way no update at 08/02/22.
- c. 14/21/00012 extension at 14 Brook Lane granted.
- d. <u>26/21/00014</u> erection of 5 dwellings and formation of new access on land adjacent to Old School <u>Lane</u> it was noted that there is now a TPO on two trees on site. No further update at 08/02/22.
- e. Any other planning matters none.
- 21/22/168 HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE on hold until after May elections.
- 21/22/169 PARISH PLOT no update.
- 21/22/170 **RECYCLE MORE TRIAL** Cllrs Barnett and Robins had signed up for this. Cllr Barnett has not received his blue bag. The full scheme is due to come into operation at the beginning of March.

## 21/22/171 FINANCE

- a. Accounts check the statements arrived this morning. Clerk will forward accounts in due course.
- b. <u>Precept</u> As we had not held a meeting last month the precept had to be set via consultation. It was unanimously agreed to ratify the decision to again set the precept at £8,500.
- c. <u>Cheques for signature were approved as follows</u> Chq.564 J Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £339.22
- d. Any other financial matters It was agreed to change to a different web address.
- 21/22/172 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION** Clerk had attended an on-line meeting regarding the Local Government Reorganisation on 03/02/22. The next will be held on 17/03/22.
- 21/22/173 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETINGS** May/June Bank mandate & To consider changing banks to enable internet transfers of money and/or use of bank cards. Elections.
- 21/22/174 URGENT CORRESPONDENCE none.
- 21/22/175 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm in the School hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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