

- 22/23 /120 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Salter, Thompson and Hall.
- 22/23 /121 **ALSO PRESENT** - 82 members of the public, SCllr Munt and Messrs P Atkins and R Abbott.
- 22/23 /122 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - were received and accepted from DCllr Kingham.
- 22/23 /123 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 22/23 /124 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Play Area as she is the Council's representative on the committee. Cllr Hall declared an interest in planning at 14 Lippetts Way.
- 22/23 /125 **PRESENTATION BY MR ATKINS - DEVELOPMENT ON MANOR FARM LAND** - slides to accompany the presentation were shown using the school's projector which they kindly made available. It is proposed there would be from 5 to 9 dwellings of various kinds built or converted from existing structures. There are possible benefits to the village in the form of additional burial space and other amenities all to be discussed in greater detail in the future. There will be further presentations as the scheme progresses. Following the presentation there was a lengthy and informative Q&A session. Mr Atkins and Mr Abbott were thanked for attending and the majority of the villagers present left the meeting.
- 22/23 /126 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed
- 22/23 /127 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - It was noted that the rest of the agenda had been shortened to allow enough time for the presentation.
- 22/23 /128 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt reported that there had been about 550 responses from the LCN questionnaire. Various consultations are continuing. The following are being looked at: Tree Planting Strategy; Cost of Living and the £ shortage; How planning will work in the future.
- 22/23 /129 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - not present.
- 22/23 /130 **HIGHWAYS:** - Any urgent matters only - The Standards is again in need of attention and Cllr Thompson offered to clear the weeds for which he was thanked. The Council will pay for the concrete to set a footpath finger post in place. The Clerk will try to find out who is now able to provide strimmer training and to book Cllr Thompson in.
- 22/23 /131 **WREATH LAYING ON 11/11/2022** The Chairman has the village wreath for laying at the ceremony at the War Memorial. If he is unable to attend then one of the other councillors will stand in as they will be there anyway.
- 22/23 /132 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - The Christmas Sale is taking place on 20th November in the Village Hall from 11.30-4pm. Contributions of cakes, tombola prizes and raffle prizes will be welcome.
- 22/23 /133 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications
 - i. 14/22/00003 - 32 Manor road - demolition of conservatory and ground floor bathroom with erection of 2 storey extension and internal layout changes - granted at committee.
 - ii. 14/22/00006 - Pear Tree Cottage, Manor Road - Erection of single and two storey rear (North) extension with the installation of rear (North) dormer - went to committee on 20th October when Cllr Thompson spoke against the application on behalf of the Council and the village - granted by the committee. The Council was thanked by a member of the public for its help in trying to get the permission refused.
 - iii. **PRESENT** - Cllr Hall left the room.
 - iv. 14/22/00013 - 14 Lippetts Way - erection of single storey side extension on site of existing - Council agreed to support this application.
 - v. **PRESENT** - Cllr Hall returned to the room.
 - vi. 14/22/00014 - Bramley House, Manor road - car port extension to garage and installation of new front porch - Council agreed to support this application.
 - vii. 14/20/00018 - Wisteria Cottage, 4 Steel Lane - enforcement - it was noted that the required planting has taken place.
 - b. Any other planning matters - none.
- 22/23 /134 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS** - no updates. Presentations will be available on our website.
- 22/23 /135 **BUS SERVICES** - Mr Tilbury, Chairman of Edington Parish Council gave a brief report from an on line meeting. The message is "Use it or Lose it".
- 22/23 /136 **REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER MEETING** - councillors will all try to bring contributions.
- 22/23 /137 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check - statements were not received in time.
 - b. Cheques for signature were approved as follows - Chq.595 J Marshall (salary and expenses) £362.78; Chq.596 J Marshall (back dated pay rise in line with NALC and Clerk's contract and agreed at this meeting) £190.72; Chq.597 Porter Plant Hire (flailing North section of Parish Plot) £403.20; Chq.598 SDC (grass cutting) £226.26; Chq.599 SALC (training) £25.00.
 - c. Any other financial matters - The Play Area Committee had written to thank the Council for arranging and allowing section 106 funds to be used to purchase the new roundabout. Cllr Salter provided some information and figures regarding lights for the Christmas tree. It was agreed that reasonable expenditure could be agreed via consultation prior to the next meeting in order to get the tree up and lit before the school term ends.
- 22/23 /138 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 22/23 /139 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - Precept; Ditching/drainage at Parish Plot.
- 22/23 /140 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 22/23 /141 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 13th December 2022 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman

G. R. Barnett

Date

13/12/22