

- 22/23 /59 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Salter, Thompson and Hall.
- 22/23 /60 **ALSO PRESENT** - 9 members of the public and SCllrs Harry Munt and Matt Martin.
- 22/23 /61 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none.
- 22/23 /62 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 22/23 /63 **SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - prior to the start of the meeting Cllrs Hall and Thompson had both signed their declaration of acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed them to the Council and they both introduced themselves to the meeting.
- 22/23 /64 **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 Thompson declared a registerable interest in the Catcott Village Association.
- 22/23 /65 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 22/23 /66 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - SCllr Munt mentioned that there is a new leader for Highways. The Clerk would gather together information regarding highways and send it to the two SCllrs in the hope that they would be able to generate more positive action on some matters.
- 22/23 /67 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- Signage on the Nydon at the bridge and on the road - the Clerk had still not received any information as to when the writing of "SLOW" on the road both sides of the blind summit would take place.
 - Flooding in Old School Lane - the promised meeting with Highways representatives has still not taken place. The Clerk had chased this up to no avail. An unsatisfactory response had been received from Highways. A Highways team had been seen on site and some jetting had taken place.
 - Various signage on posts and roads - Traffic Management wanted a list of signs in need of attention - position and what is wrong with them. Cllr Thompson offered to generate this.
 - Any other updates and problems arising - The Clerk was instructed to report the potholes in Langlands Lane again as they were worsening.
- 22/23 /68 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson offered to take on this responsibility. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.
- 22/23 /69 **THE STANDARDS** - there is concern regarding the amount and strength of the vegetation growing at the sides of the path which is used by many people including elderly and infirm. The Clerk would ask Highways to clear it.
- 22/23 /70 **PLAY AREA REPORT INCLUDING ANY POSSIBLE NEW EQUIPMENT** - Cllr Pople reported that with the help of RLT2 and CIL funds it would be possible to purchase a new roundabout.
- PRESENT** - Cllr Pople left the room.
- The use of the RLT2 funds and CIL funds for the proposed purpose was discussed and unanimously agreed that both the funds should be used for this purpose. The Clerk would check that the Parish Council would be permitted to use the CIL funds and had already ascertained that permission would be forthcoming for the RLT2 funds to be used. It was agreed that a cheque for 30% of the total cost should be raised and sent to Dragon Play and Sports as soon as the necessary confirmation regarding the CIL funds was received.
- PRESENT** - Cllr Pople returned to the meeting.
- 22/23 /71 **PLANNING:-**
- 14/22/00004 - Berts Barn - Erection of two storey rear (North) extension to form annex on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished) - no update at 14/06/22

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- b. 14/22/00005 - Bramley House, Manor Road - Erection of front (North) carport extension to existing detached garage, also with the installation of new front (North) porch roof - granted.
- c. 14/22/00006 - Pear Tree Cottage, Manor Road - Erection of single and two storey rear (North) extension with the installation of rear (North) dormer - Some members of the public spoke of the impact the proposed development would have on their properties. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council would object to this application. It is a large development with a significant increase in the footprint, situated near other properties and would have an adverse affect on them because of the close proximity and height resulting in the blocking out of sunlight. There is also concern over windows which would be larger than existing ones and at a higher level enabling overlooking which is a concern. It was noted that there is a kitchen door directly on to the driveway (a private drive belonging to another property with no general right of way over it) which is in constant use and this is considered a safety hazard with regard to small children. The development would result in a change of character both to the house and the area. We would also ask that the concerns of neighbours are fully taken into account.
- d. 14/22/00007 - TPO work on Walnut to reduce height and spread and crown lift branches at 14 Brook Lane - granted
- e. Any other planning matters - none.

22/23 /72 **HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - INCLUDING GRANT FROM SDC TOWARDS PLAQUE AND/OR STREET PARTY** - it was reported that the event had been a success in spite of the problematical weather conditions. The Council needed to decide on the distribution of the £200 grant from SDC.

PRESENT - Cllr Thompson left the room.

It was decided that as the plaque for the Pound had cost £95 and the stone to which it was attached had been donated the CVA should be awarded the balance of £105.

PRESENT - Cllr Thompson returned to the meeting.

22/23 /73 **PARISH PLOT** -The Clerk would contact Mr Porter to arrange for this year's flailing to take place.

22/23 /74 **NEW CODE OF CONDUCT** - This had been forwarded to all members and it was agreed to adopt it.

22/23 /75 **FINANCE**

- a. Accounts check - accounts and statements had been forwarded with the agenda. The accounts were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.577 J Marshall (Salary and expenses) £352.01; Chq.578 CPRE (subscription) £40.00; Chq.579 Aller Engineering (Plaque inclusive of VAT) £114.00; Chq.580 St Peter's Church (Churchyard maintenance) £500.00 (the Clerk reminded the Council of the problems relating to this but it was agreed that the Churchyard would be very unsightly without this necessary help - it was agreed to make the grant); Chq.581 Dragon Play and Sports Ltd (30% deposit on new roundabout) £5195.88; Chq.582 Catcott Village Association (passing on a portion of the SDC Jubilee Grant) £105.00.
- c. Bank mandate - no update.
- d. Any other financial matters - The Chairman suggested that a small present be made to the acting headteacher of the School in recognition of her understanding and help over various matters. Agreed.

22/23 /76 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION** - no update.


22/23 /77 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.

22/23 /78 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** - none.

22/23 /79 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

22/23 /80 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 12th July 2022 in Catcott School Hall at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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Date 12/7/22