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- 21/22/129 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople, Robins, Bell and Salter.
- 21/22/130 **ALSO PRESENT** - 6 members of the public, CCllr Huxtable and DCllr Kingham.
- 21/22/131 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none received.
- 21/22/132 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 21/22/133 **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. DCllr Kingham declared an interest in planning.
- 21/22/134 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved and signed.
- 21/22/135 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 21/22/136 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - CCllr Huxtable reported on his trip round the village with the Highways representative. The writing of SLOW on the road either side of the blind summit had been agreed and the repeater sign in Brook Lane which had been damaged would be replaced. A grant of £163m from central government had been requested for buses in Somerset. There would be unitary and parish council elections in May 2022.
- 21/22/137 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham said that staff were keeping going with many involved in setting up the unitary authority. It is budget time. The commercial side of Sedgemoor had done very well. The Gravity site is ready to operate.
- 21/22/138 **HIGHWAYS** -
- a. Langland Lane - nothing to report. Clerk and councillors will monitor potholes and report them via the app. The Clerk would send the link for the app to councillors.
 - b. Little Leaze Lane - this will definitely be sorted out to prevent cars running aground near the entrance of the lane. This will not be done immediately but CCllr Huxtable stressed that a works order has been submitted and it would be done eventually.
 - c. A39 Resurfacing - CCllr Huxtable again assured the meeting that the section not already resurfaced would be done in due course.
 - d. 30mph limit on the Nydon - Highways had now reported that they could find no record of the sign ever being at the bridge. Cllr Salter proposed that he goes ahead and organises the signs he spoke of at the last meeting. Cllr Barnett proposed that Cllr Salter should go ahead with this provided it cost no more than £300 ex VAT. Seconded by Cllr Bell. Carried.
 - e. Responsibility of surface along part of Steel Lane - Highways had now sent a map showing the outline of responsibility for the old 'lay-by' areas outside the properties on the north side of Steel Lane.
 - f. Flooding in various areas - all flooding problems reported to the Clerk had been forwarded on to Highways. There had been a substantial amount of flooding in most of the local villages recently.
 - g. Nidon Bridge - This is currently awaiting further information from Highways.
 - h. Any other updates and problems arising -
 - i. Manor Road - is in need of attention in places.
- 21/22/139 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - no update.
- 21/22/140 **OFFER OF TREES FROM SDC** - Because we were unable to provide sites with Highways approval the trees requested by Catcott had been planted at Edington. A few days after this somebody from Highways contacted the Clerk offering to look at areas in the village where trees might be planted but this was too late to meet Sedgemoor's deadline. The Clerk suggested that representatives could still meet with Highways to find out where trees might be planted so that we wouldn't miss any future chance.
- 21/22/141 **DOG WASTE BINS** - it was agreed to leave this matter for the time being.

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- 21/22/142 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - Cllr Pople gave an update. She had met a representative on Friday and now had one quote that was more favourable but the roundabout was a lot smaller and unsatisfactory on account of difficulty for wheelchair use. The matter is now in abeyance for the time being.
- 21/22/143 **PRESENT** - DCllr Kingham left the meeting.
- 21/22/144 **PLANNING** -
- a. 14/21/00014 - erection of 5 dwellings and new access on land adjacent to Old School Lane -
 - b. 14/21/00010 - first floor extension at 14 Lippetts Way - no update at 06/12/21.
 - c. 14/21/00012 - extension at 14 Brook Lane - no update at 06/12/21.
 - d. 26/21/00005 - erection of extension, garage and associated works at High Trees Broadway -
 - e. Any other planning matters - none.
- 21/22/145 **HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE** - Cllr Robins had been able to provide a suitable stone. It was felt that a stainless steel plaque would be a good idea. It was confirmed that The Pound would house the stone.
- 21/22/146 **PARISH PLOT** - no update.
- 21/22/147 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check - Accounts and bank statements had been forwarded to councillors well in advance. The accounts were approved.
 - b. Bank Mandate - The Clerk had had to go into Street recently to make a transfer between the reserve and the current account in spite of the letter which had been written to the bank. The only way to avoid similar problems in the future was to agree a new bank mandate allowing one signatory to transfer any funds between the two accounts and to have any information relating to both accounts. It was agreed to wait to do this until after the May election next year.
 - c. Cheques for signature were approved as follows - Chq.558 J Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £350.93; Chq.559 SLCC (½ subscription) £67.00; Chq. 560 G Barnett (Christmas tree) £60.00; Chq.561 SDC (grass cutting) £129.93.
 - d. Any other financial matters - none.
- 21/22/148 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION** - CPRE.
- 21/22/149 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - Precept setting. May/June Bank mandate.
- 21/22/150 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 21/22/151 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7pm in the School hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Chairman G.R. Barrett

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