

- 23/24 /72 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Pople and Thompson.
- 23/24 /73 **APOLOGIES** - were received and approved from Cllrs Hall and Salter.
- 23/24 /74 **ALSO PRESENT** - SCllr Martin and 13 members of the public.
- 23/24 /75 **IN ATTENDANCE** - the Clerk to the Council.
- 23/24 /76 **TRUESPEED** - Two representatives from Truespeed told the meeting that the firm would be installing a network within the villages of Catcott and Edington. They outlined what they could currently provide and at what cost. Everyone was urged to visit their website for full details. There are special packages for village amenities and businesses. They plan to start work in October and finish about November or December depending on various aspects of the work. There was concern over the siting of any additional poles and the representatives assured the meeting that they would be open to negotiation.
- 23/24 /77 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is the Council's representative on the committee. Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the CVA as he is the Publicity Officer and his wife is the Treasurer.
- 23/24 /78 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were confirmed and signed.
- 23/24 /79 **SOMERSET COUNCILLORS' REPORT** - SCllr Martin reminded the council of the LCN meeting due to take place on 19th July in Street.
- 23/24 /80 **LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS - LCN AREA 17 - AVALON AND POLDENS** - the inaugural meeting of this group is due to take place on 19th July, 7pm in Crispin Hall, Street. Catcott representatives would be attending.
- 23/24 /81 **HIGHWAYS:-**
- a. Any updates and problems -
 - i. Little Leaze Lane - The Clerk had walked the lane a couple of days ago. Some good patching had taken place but the serious issue at the end of the lane remained. Cllr Martin had also been chasing this up. On 23rd June in an email to Cllr Martin and the Clerk it was stated that this would be attended to within 28 days (28 days takes it to 21st July. 28 working days takes it to 2nd August).
 - ii. Flooding in Manor Road near Old Post Office - no update. Remove from agenda for the time being.
 - b. Problems arising and any other highway matters - Water down Weares Lane and Steel Lane - the Clerk had written to highways about the large quantity of water being funnelled down a drive in Steel Lane. A member of the public had also complained about it.
- 23/24 /82 **RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS** - Cllr Thompson reported that the dead trees have still not been dealt with in spite of both Cllr Martin and the Clerk writing to Somerset Council. Being adjacent to the School there is a definite health risk. This will be chased again.
- 23/24 /83 **PLAY AREA REPORT** - No update.
- 23/24 /84 **PLANNING:-**
- a. Any updates on previous applications - none.

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- b. New applications - none.
- c. Manor Farm Development - There was no news from the developers regarding a village meeting. The Clerk had asked for an update but not received one. The School had confirmed that the booking for the 18th July has never been confirmed.
- d. Any other planning matters - none.
- 23/24 /85 **PARISH PLOT** - Cllr Barnett would check with Mark Blake on which ditches surrounding the plot were the council's responsibility for clearing etc.
- 23/24 /86 **CARE OF THE POUND** - it was agreed that the Clerk should ask Stepping Out if they would undertake this to keep it looking reasonably tidy.
- 23/24 /87 **DOG WASTE BINS** - Two have been installed. One at the top of Weares Lane and one at the entrance to the footpath off Steel Lane. Discussion regarding the siting of the third was again held. The ground at The Pound would make it hard to install the bin but this could be looked at again in the future. It was agreed that the bottom of Hector Road would be an appropriate place.
- 24 /88 **FINANCE** -
- a. Accounts - The accounts and statements to the end of June had been forwarded to councillors a few days ago and were approved.
- b. Cheques for signature - were approved as follows:- Chq.630 J Marshall (salary and expenses) £376.75; Chq.631 J Marshall (salary and regular expenses August) £359.65; Chq.632 A Thompson (clips for installing two dog waste bins) £19.49.
- c. Any other financial matters - CIL income £1,181.80 has been received. Clerk is chasing VAT repayment as it has not yet been received. Cllr Barnett has asked Mark Blake to provide details of whom to make the cheque out to for Neighbourhood Watch as agreed at the May meeting.
- 23/24 /89 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - none.
- 23/24 /90 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)** - Hedge along Lippetts Way above the Tarry Field; Parking at the School.
- 23/24 /91 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 23/24 /92 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, 12th September at 7.00pm in Catcott School Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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