

CURRY RIVEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2016 @ 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Madelaine King-Oakley (Chairman), Andy Anderson, Mike Cousins, Paul Deacon, Peter Goodenough, Tiffany Osborne and Derek Yeomans.

306). **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that at the October meeting when we had discussed Eastfield, because she was on the Village Hall Committee she felt at that point she should do so. However, the decision now is because it is a separate group raising money at the Curry Rivel Live event she and Cllr Peter Goodenough would be able to remain during discussion of this item. There is no conflict of interest.

307). **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Robert Atkins and Tony Greenaway.

308). **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2016**

The Minutes of the meeting, having been circulated to the members, were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Andy Anderson.

John de Ronde referred to the comment he had made in Minute 286(c) in respect of the re-use of existing graves after seventy-five years. This was a Church of England Rule and not an (English rule). The Chairman would make an amended to this Minute.

Adjournment to Allow Public Comment

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that as there were a number of planning applications to be discussed, she had brought the Planning Report up to this point in the meeting. Residents would be allowed to speak to each planning application prior to its discussion by the councillors.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley asked if there were residents present who wished to speak in connection with matters other than the planning applications.

Rick Deadman wished to speak about Neighbourhood Watch and 'spam' which was hitting at the elderly and had been delivered with the normal buff developed by the Post Office. He had looked into the Curry Rivel News to find a Neighbourhood Watch number and had encountered a bit of a problem. He was given a second name to contact and advised that they have three co-ordinators. The third name had not been passed to him. He suggested that with the modern internet that we have now it could be used on the Curry Rivel Website and directly emailed forward to the Neighbourhood Watch. People could send their concerns in and they could be contacted with replies coming back. This would make it easier for the co-ordinators.

He said that the Parish Council had done a nice job of clearing the bushes on the footpaths in the village. He drew attention to the fact that if you take the trip to Langport, on certain areas of that pavement he would not like to be in a wheelchair or a motorised vehicle. There is an edging that is now covered where the bank has eroded in several places. If anyone wanted to contact him, he would willing walk around with them. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley would walk the area with Mr. Deadman and was given his mobile number to contact.

309). **PLANNING REPORT**

a). **Applications received**

No. 16/04190/FUL

Erection of single storey rear extension. Bramley Cottage, Honeylands, Curry Rivel, Langport.

On the proposition of Cllr Mike Cousins, seconded by Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this application.

No. 16/04236/OUT

Outline application for the erection of a dwellinghouse and garage, seeking approval for access, with all other matters reserved. Land North of Stoneleigh House, Heale Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport.

Cllr Mike Cousins said that there were objections to this application. One of them mainly from the landscape architect who works with South Somerset District Council. There are other consultees who have brought up the fact that it is meadow land as well. The architect has also made reference to EQ2 – the need to respect local character and distinctiveness and EQ3 – safeguard of the character, setting and local distinctiveness of heritage assets. Basically, it does not fit in with the surrounding area which is against planning regulations. Cllr Peter Goodenough said that Robert Archer, the Landscape Architect makes a very powerful case against the proposed development. It respects neither the setting nor character of the locality, hence there are clear policy grounds on which to base an objection to this proposal.

On the proposition of Cllr Mike Cousins, seconded by Cllr Andy Anderson, it was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application on the grounds of policies EQ2, EQ3 as referred to in the SSDC Landscape Architect's report.

No. 16/04346/FUL

Proposed erection of a dwelling. Land Adjacent to The Old Coach House, Westover, Langport.

Clive Miller, the agent for the application, advised that a similar proposal to this was submitted and refused several years ago. There have been three key changes to the circumstances in relation to this proposal since that time which has prompted the owners to submit again. There is no longer a clear development boundary for Langport and previously the site was outside it. Locations in and around Langport are now judged on a sustainability criteria, in other words, proximity to shops and services etc. There is also a change in highway policy and highway circumstances since the last application. The access for the Westover area out onto the 'A' road opposite the trading estate is now right on the edge of the 20mph zone. National highway policy has now changed and development proposals should now only be refused where the highway safety impact implications are judged to be severe. Our Highway Consultant has said that the highway safety indications here are not severe. He referred to some comments made by the Environmental Protection Officer on the SSDC Website which said that the site might possibly be partly a land-fill site. This would be investigated fully.

Cllr Mike Cousins said that they have actually changed the false floor-level through the flood zone which has been put higher. Clive Miller said that there was a much more accurate flood zone map and they would ensure that the foot print of the dwelling is completely outside of that flood zone line.

Cllr Mike Cousins said looking through the comments of the consultees and the only issue coming out of these were the health and safety factors. We could not find anything to stop this work.

Cllr Peter Goodenough said that there were a large number of contributors who are objecting to this. The area marked in red is not owned by the person asking for planning permission but, they have a right of way over it. It is the largest number of people he had seen objecting strongly, mostly about access. They do not want wheeled access down that road but, they cannot do anything about it because it is a right of way. Their main issue is the increased traffic on a very small road going down there and also going out onto the main road. They consider it to be over-development.

Clive Miller said that it was common with a lot of private driveways which are shared by a large number of people but, owned by a single person and this situation prevails here. The owners of the site are currently using it as a low key builders yard, so they do travel up and down it, possibly not on a daily basis. It would seem that there are no legal or civil means by which it can be prevented. However, if there is a civil dispute that is not a planning matter.

Cllr Mike Cousins proposed no objections and this was seconded by Cllr Andy Anderson. A vote taken resulted in four in favour (Cllrs Madelaine King-Oakley, Mike Cousins, Andy Anderson and Derek Yeomans) one against (Cllr Peter Goodenough) and two abstentions (Cllrs Paul Deacon and Tiffany Osborne).

Although the Parish Council was not putting forward any objections it should be made clear that this decision was only reached by a majority decision when a vote was taken.

No. 16/04521/FUL

New detached dwelling on garden to side of 27a Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel, Langport.
proposed external materials

David Pember said he lived at No. 27 and he considered it far too much development. They are proposing to make two drives into one drive out. We already have a tremendous amount of traffic down that close. The proposed development will overlook the back of his property.

Mrs Smith said that she lives in No. 26a and enquired whether anyone had checked with the water services. We have had trouble with the water pipes and the road is subsiding. She had been advised that the pipes are very bad in that area and we have leaks. Another building would be putting further pressure on those pipes. She pointed out that it was like a car park down there and to have more cars on that road was not feasible.

David Pember said that the soakaways from all the houses go into a site in the middle of the garden. What is going to happen to those soakaways?

Cllr Mike Cousins said that the proposed development was very tight. Traffic-wise, one of his concerns was who owns the driveway? He did not know there was a soakaway there. If that was the case it would have to be removed and sited somewhere else. They must be a certain distance away from the building, possibly three metres. That would come under building regulations. Cllr Paul Deacon considered there would be insufficient parking considering the number of cars already parked in that area.

Cllr Mike Cousins proposed that the Parish Council should recommend refusal of this planning application on the grounds of over-development. This was seconded by Cllr Tiffany Osborne and unanimously agreed.

No. 16/04601/FUL

Removal of the existing conservatory and concrete garage. Erection of two storey extension, complete renovation of existing property. Erection of new triple garage with office above. Treetops, Heale Lane, Curry Rivel, Langport.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mike Cousins said that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this application. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans and unanimously agreed.

No. 16/4522/S73

Location – Land North of Stanchester Way, Curry Rivel, Langport

Application to vary condition 2 (plans list) of Appeal Decision APP/R3325/W/15/3018532 to substitute approved drawings with revised drawings. 1) changes to and clarification of the proposed external materials for various plots as shown on drawing 2511-108-B and House Type Booklet. 2). Plot 28 & 29 house type amended from 818 to 602 type as per House Type booklet drawing 2511-204, 3) plot 25 & 26, 818 house type revised as per House Type booklet drawing 2511-205, 4). Adoption Plan unpadding to suit highways requirements as soon on 2511-107-C, 5). Locations of garages for plots 5,6 & 7, plot 8,22 and unallocated parking to rear of P23-24 amended as Site Layout drawing 2511-102-B.

Having examined the revised drawings it was proposed by Cllr Mike Cousins that the Parish Council had no objections to raise in respect of this application. This was seconded by Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley and unanimously agreed.

b). **Application approved with conditions**

Change of use and conversion of part of existing barn into a garage for secure storage of private cars, domestic equipment and horticultural. Beechfield Farm, Currywoods Way, Curry Rivel, Langport.

310). **EASTFIELD**

a). **Ecological Interest of Eastfield**

Cllr Paul Deacon had prepared a detailed report which had been circulated to the members for information. One point he wanted to make was that he was not trying to stop Curry Rivel Live. He was in favour of Curry Rivel Live and had a high regard for Simon. However, he wished to find a compromise between running Curry Rivel Live and preserving the meadow at Eastfield.

He wished to highlight some of the points he had made. Eastfield is important because it is an unimproved neutral grassland field belonging to the parish of Curry Rivel, and in the care of the Parish Council. This field is classified as Priority habitat, belonging to just 5% of species-rich grassland that has **not** had its native flora destroyed since the Second World War.

The field supports a large number of wildflower species of which 15 are rare.

It is also the home to several rare insects and birds, including Nightingales, the Brown Hairstreak butterfly and the very rare Shrill Carder Bee only found in six small sites in the UK.

This is a wonderful asset to our community and I believe that we have an obligation to protect it. As elected members we do not want to be remembered as the council that ignored the importance of this meadow and contribute to its demise? To preserve the meadow the grass should not be cut until late July and events should be delayed until after grass cutting. After that you can have as many events as you like. This unimproved neutral grassland meadow is our responsibility to preserve for future generations.

Several conversations had taken place with Simon who is sympathetic and understands the significance of Eastfield. Simon says he cannot hold this event after June for the following reasons:

August is a busy time for his other business activities.

August is a busy month for other events and there will be more competition

He believes many people are away in August so fewer ticket sales – I think perhaps there may be more people in Somerset in August due to holidays.

Under the threat of Curry Rivel Live being cancelled next summer (a valued event which has my support) perhaps we should allow the event June 2017, but he would like to propose that in future it was agreed that events should not be held until after grass cutting at the end of July. Simon Champion said that he would try to find another venue if that was the case and Cllr Paul Deacon was hoping that he would also try to find a way of holding the event in August or September on Eastfield. Should Curry Rivel Live proceed, the area not used should be fenced temporarily for the event. This would cost about £300. He would remind the members that the government policy on biodiversity

2014 says that we have a duty as a Parish Council to have regard to conserving biodiversity. That is not a statutory obligation it is just a duty.

Cllr Peter Goodenough said that in July the PC unanimously agreed to manage Eastfield as a community wildflower meadow and cut it once only at the end of July each year. The Curry Rivel in Bloom group immediately incorporated the meadow into our route for the judges in early July. It will form a large part of the Environmental Responsibility section of the portfolio - worth 25% of the marks, and also play to the Community Involvement section, worth a further 25%. The meadow must be credible - ie the field must look as if it is undisturbed and forms an ecologically intact environment. Clearly the judges will easily be able to distinguish a field that has a flora in it that could only have developed over years without disturbance from one that has quickly developed on disturbed ground. Vehicle and crowd damage leads to churned areas where annuals quickly develop but are indicators of intensive usage when we need to demonstrate that populations of perennial plants have developed over years without disturbance. This is very rare and supports its own unique invertebrate fauna.

Our 2017 entry into the competition will be our first attempt to provide a focus for community involvement in the enhancement of the street scene and environmental ambience, and we are delighted with the response so far, with a large number of people already involved. However, we need the best possible result to encourage even more participation in the future.

Cllr Derek Yeomans said there were a great deal of people who wanted Curry Rivel Live to go ahead as it was thought to be excellent for the village and was very much appreciated. He would ask that we have consultation with Simon Champion to find out just how much of the field he would require and that would be how much he is allowed to use. That position could be varied every year so that we do not habitually use the same spot. Cllr Mike Cousins said that he had measured the field up and there was approximately 22,000 sq. metres. He had met with Simon Champion and for Curry Rivel Live to run they would need 9,000 sq. metres. On the screen there was a plan showing where the main gate was. We could put a pathway in leading to the Main Gate. To the left and right of that there would be areas that would not be cut. Where there was a line of 'xxx' on the plan, that would possibly be the boundary of Curry Rivel Live. Cllr Mike Cousins thought that Simon Champion had compromised quite well. There would be a lot of grass untouched. Cllr Derek Yeomans asked if there was an alternative site for the next year.

Cllr Peter Goodenough said that if you have a situation where you have a very wet day and then you have the festival, then the biodiversity is gone. It may not have gone yet because we have been very lucky with the weather. If you have a wet day it will be like Glastonbury and that has to be rested every few years to let the ground recover. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that the very first year it did rain. Also in the last few years we have actually been cutting the whole field the whole summer. It has recovered from our miss-management so far and the view is that we should seek another venue that is acceptable to Simon.

Catherine Mowat said that the left-hand part of the field is more interesting. It was originally two fields. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that we could move it back a bit but, we would still need to have a footpath. Catherine Mowat felt that it could not be said whether or not the festival has had an impact. A festival now and then is fine but she would suggest that if it was held year on year, it would have an impact on the biodiversity. She would recommend identifying another site.

Cllr Derek Yeomans ask if a detailed analysis had been done of the field that does not belong to the Parish Council. She advised that she had done so. Cllr Derek Yeomans said that area could effectively be a seed bank for any damage that is done to Eastfield. Given that we could fence off the area used by Curry Rivel Live that would be acceptable next year and he took note of her suggestion that somehow we have to find a suitable venue for Curry Rivel Live. Cllr Mike Cousins said that we could put some marks down in Eastfield prior to the event next year to ensure that the correct area is used by Curry Rivel Live.

b). **Proposal for the use of part of Eastfield for Curry Rivel Live in 2017**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley proposed that we permit Curry Rivel Live to be held on Eastfield next year in June with keeping as much of the field as possible unused. This was seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans. A vote taken resulted in eight in favour (Cllrs Madelaine King-Oakley, Mike Cousins, Paul Deacon, Andy Anderson, Tiffany Osborne and Derek Yeomans) with one abstention (Cllr Peter Goodenough).

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley proposed that we allocate up to £300 for additional fencing to protect the field if necessary. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Cousins and unanimously approved.

311). **FINANCE REPORT**

a). **Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment on the proposition of Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley, seconded by Cllr Derek Yeomans.

Wessex Water – Changing Rooms	£ 11.63
Somerset Association of Local Councils – Planning Course Fee	£ 95.00
Clerk’s Wages – Month 7	£326.80
EDF Energy – Car Park Lighting	£ 80.38 incl vat.
<i>(The Clerk said that she had recently been advised that EDF Energy would be changing its tariff)</i>	

b). **Quotation obtained in respect of new Noticeboards**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that she had obtained a quotation from The Notice Board Company in the sum of £798 plus vat in respect of the notice board it was proposed to site adjacent to the Sandpits notice board near the entrance to the Car Park. This price would include the lettering along the top i.e. Curry Rivel Parish Council and is large enough to hold 16 x A4 notices. It will enable the groups in the village to advertise their events.

The owners of the petrol station had agreed that a notice board could be sited to the left of the shop door and she had obtained a quotation from the same company in the sum of £55.00 plus vat. There would be a delivery charge of approximately £10.

On the proposition of Cllr Derek Yeomans, seconded by Cllr Peter Goodenough, it was unanimously agreed that an order should be placed for the two notice boards.

312). **FOOTPATH LEADING TO THE CAR PARK – update**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that since the last meeting the panels were taken down and left on Mrs Linham’s property. Since then she had spoken to her about lighting and we have had a quotation for solar lights. Before taking any further action, she would speak to Mrs Linham again.

Mrs Linham has drawn attention to the fact that her fence needs to be repaired, for which the Parish Council is responsible. We need to assess exactly what is required and undertake the necessary work. She has also asked for the footpath to be reduced by 2 feet to allow an extra 2 feet by the side of her house. However, this does not agree with the Deeds in which there is a stipulation that the footpath should be 5 feet wide. Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that we have always maintained that footpath, provided lighting, kept it clean and provided a handrail.

The Clerk was asked to contact Taunton Deane DLO to repaint the white stripes on the steps leading to the footpath.

313). **COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ABOUT ROAD WORKS TO WESTFIELD LANE**

The Clerk had received a number of telephone calls from adjacent residents complaining about the fact that the road and ditch have been dug up to enable water pipes to be laid for connection to a

meter and she had brought this to the attention of County Highways, the District Council and Water Board. Cllr Derek Yeomans advised that it is not a maintained road because it is a private road. When he visited Westfield Lane he had met with Adrian Noon and Stephen Baimbridge who had taken photographs of everything. However, there is nothing they can do about the damage to the road and the ditch because it is a private road. It all now depends on what application is made for the use of the adjacent field. Cllr Tiffany Osborne said that she had been advised by Stephen Baimbridge that the owner of the field would go for a Caravan Club Exemption. So far, no laws have been broken so there is nothing they can do.

314). **PARISH PLAN**

a). **Update on proposed telephone mast on the Church**

The Clerk read out a letter John de Ronde had sent to Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley concerning the Erection of the proposed mobile telephone communications mast on St Andrew's Church tower. It advised that the Rector had already been in contact with a representative of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, the ecclesiastical authority to which the request would have to be submitted requesting permission to erect a mast on the church tower. It would appear that currently, a 'more positive' attitude exists towards this issue but, this does not mean that a request is granted automatically, as permission will depend on various considerations and advice from other organisations. The Standing Committee considered that the erection of a telephone mast would benefit not just those living in the immediate vicinity of the church but, also the wider community. This matter will be brought to the PCC meeting on the 14th November, with a view to obtaining its approval to continue investigations, to ascertain whether any telecommunication companies might be interested and, if so, to commence the procedure for obtaining permission. If, in the unlikely event, the PCC were to decide not to pursue this matter we would be advised.

b). **Britain in Bloom**

Cllr Peter Goodenough said that he had sent round the plans for the War Memorial for next year. The idea is that because it is so overgrown we need to have an annual temporary planting next year and a permanent planting for 2018. We start to clear the War Memorial on the 16th November and there are two particular plants that we think we can rescue. On the 20th of November we are going to clear up the vegetation that has been cut off the plants. Taunton Deane DLO have agreed to cut back the two big Yews either side of the War Memorial at the end of the month. If anyone wants to lend a hand on the 20th of November. The plants are going to be provided by Northwing Nursery. Julia Jewel and Sue Hand have formed a team that is going to put troughs and plants up the High Street from Sandpits up to Derek Annetts. The main part of the route will be from the Garage up to the King William. The theme is going to be the 250th Anniversary of William Pitt coming to Curry Rivel with his retinue all wearing purple and gold, after being given the Burton Estate by Pynsent. After Pynsent died the Burton Estate passed to William Pitt because he had prevented a tax on cider.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley wished to record a vote of thanks to James Duder at County Stores because she had asked for £200 and they had donated £400 towards the planting this year. She also said that, depending on how many people visit the petrol station, they have a charity where they will give money back to the local community.

c). **Welcome Pack**

Cllr Peter Goodenough said that the Welcome Pack was complete. He said he wanted permission to book the Village Hall to bring together the people who had expressed an interest in distributing it and monitoring new homes in the parish to form an organisation to do this. We need to appoint and co-ordinator who will keep a database and he hoped it would be Mike Davis who has recently come to the village. On the proposal of Cllr Peter Goodenough seconded by Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley it was unanimously agreed to finance the hiring of the Village Hall for this meeting. A vote of thanks was expressed to Sylvia Goodenough for her part in preparing the Welcome Pack.

315). **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

a) **Police UK Report – August**

On or near	Churchway	Violence and sexual offences
	Giles Close	Offences which cause fear, alarm or distress – under investigation
	Church Street	includes offence where person enters a home or other building with intention of stealing – under investigation
	Church Street	includes damage to buildings or vehicles and deliberate damage by fire – under investigation.
	Parking Area	includes damage to buildings or vehicles and deliberate damage by fire – under investigation.
	Chatham Rise	Burglary – under investigation
	Chatham Rise	2 No. violence and sexual offences
	Chatham Place	Public Order – fear, alarm or distress – no subject identified
	Westfield	Public Order – fear, alarm or distress – no subject identified

b). **Report from PC Toni Lines**

A report had not been received this month

c) **Speedwatch**

There was nothing to report this month.

316). **CEMETERY**

a). **Commonwealth war Graves Commission sign**

The Clerk had been advised that if a Cemetery contained any war graves it was possible to have a sign, free of charge, indicating the presence of war graves. We do have the grave of a young soldier killed in the Second World War. It was agreed to apply for a sign to be erected at the Cemetery.

317). **REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Cllr Derek Yeomans' report had been circulated to members for information.

District Cllr Tiffany Osborne said that the Bell was due to be auctioned in London on the 7th November for a guideline price of £200,000. Her report was featured in the Curry Rivel News.

318). **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that she had attended a meeting with Cllr Tony Greenaway about a Railway Station in this area. She felt they would probably have enough money to carry out a study to see whether it is viable or not. It was thought it would cost about £50,000. She had also been invited to a meeting about a Neighbourhood Plan with Langport Town Council. They have a meeting about Neighbourhood Plans with Huish Episcopi and she had been invited because our parish is adjacent. There is the possibility that the three parishes could join up and carry out a Neighbourhood Plan. It was totally open and nothing has been decided. When questioned, Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that a Neighbourhood Plan has much more enforcement, particularly when it comes to planning decisions. She said that the average time from starting a Neighbourhood Plan to having a Referendum is between four and six years. Cllr Derek Yeomans said it could cost £100,000 but Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said you can get a grant from the government. Consideration could be given to inviting the speaker at that meeting who had given a very good presentation to come and speak to us. She already works with South Petherton & Martock on their Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley would be attending the 2017/2018 Council Tax Setting Town & Parish Workshop on the 14th November at 4.30pm at Brympton Way.

319). **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

a). **Vehicle Parking around the Village Green**

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from Greg Phillips together with photographs of the problems being experienced on the Village Green with parked cars. He was sure that the Parish Council were aware of the fact that congestion on the Green in Curry Rivel is becoming increasingly difficult. Now that the Firehouse is fully open and the staff have been asked to **NOT** park in the car park but find alternative parking (he can only assume that this leaves the car park freer so they can get more possible paying customers in their business), we who live on the Green are having to suffer. Access, parking/garaging and turning arrangements, are getting more difficult as cars are now parking on both sides of the road and this is making reversing out of the drive and getting into the drive very difficult and dangerous. Not to mention the days when we cannot leave by the front entrance because a car has inconsiderately parked completely across our gate. He would appreciate the Council's comments on this matter and look forward to a prompt response.

Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley said that she had today spoken to Bob Macey about the problems being experienced and she had noted this evening that the Village Green had looked really empty. She had requested him to ask his staff to park further away and he had said he would speak to them again.

b). **Complaint about a fence that has been erected**

Alan Cockerell had emailed saying that he would like to bring to the attention of Curry Rivel Parish Council a 2m wooden fence, that was erected on the 1st November, at the house called Burview, on the main road of Churchway, about 50 mtrs west of the junction with Stanchester Way. The fence is built to face the main road. After checking on the SSDC planning portal it appears that planning permission is required for such a fence, but there does not appear to be a planning application shown on the SSDC website. Perhaps the owner of the house is unaware of the requirement. The Clerk had spoken to the Planning Department and District Cllr Tiffany Osborne would look into this complaint.

c). **Complaint about traffic congestion on the High Street**

A resident who lives almost opposite Sandpits and Church Street in one of the three houses fronting Hillside Close where cars are continually being parked in front of these properties. This is not a problem for them but the situation is really dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. We are all used to cars parking outside of One Stop and further up the High Street opposite the old Post Office and indeed this is a traffic calming situation as cars pull in to allow traffic to filter through. For cars to park further up from the railings towards the entrance to Hillside Close and directly opposite the road from the School is horrifying as we have witnessed one accident and several near misses because this is a blind spot and traffic including ambulances cannot get through. Could not white lines be put along there. One other concern she had noticed this week was the wall along the field on the second half of Post Office lane. Part of it is in a dangerous state, and she had stopped walking her dog along there.

d). **Complaint about overhanging trees and broken metal fence**

Mr Richard Barnes was a member of Sedgemoor Ramblers and they were walking from Curry Rivel to the monument but, to get out onto the road from the field behind what looks like part of Redhill Farm there are lots of big overhanging trees and an old piece of metal fence which needs a proper kissing gate or stile. On the OS map it shows it as Heale on a t-junction. Can this problem be passed on to your footpath member so it can be addressed at some point. Cllr Paul Deacon would look into this complaint.

320). **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a). Village Hall Annual General Meeting – 15th November @ 7.30pm (for information)
- b). Agenda for Langport-Somerton Station Funding Meeting 14 October 10-12 – SSDC Office
- c). Government is prepared to consider extending referendums to ALL parishes.
- d). SSDC Historic Environment Strategy (HES) – Draft for consultation
- e). Rural Housing Action Plan 2016/2018
- f). 2017/2018 Council Tax Setting Town & Parish Workshop, 14th November at Brympton Way

g). Winter Service 2016/207 – South Somerset

321). **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

- a). Decision about the Logo
- b). Signs to be ordered
- c). Footpath Gates and Stiles
- d). Dangerous wall along the field on the second half of Post Office Lane

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____