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Town Mayor Clir Marcus Hartnell

# Minutes of the meeting of Seaton Town Council Annual Meeting 2017 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

# **Present**

In the Chair Cllr Marcus Hartnell

Councillors Cllr. K Beer, Cllr. P Burrows, Cllr. C Chadwick, Cllr. M Pigott,

Cllr. H Sanham, Cllr. M Shaw, Cllr. J Rowland, Cllr. D Squire,

Cllr. K Rye

Cllr. P Burrows arrived part way through agenda item 9.

In attendance: 45 Members of the Community

Invited speakers

Town Clerk

Committee Secretary
One Member of the Press

# 17TM/01 Welcome and report from the Town Mayor / Chairman: Cllr. M Hartnell.

Cllr. M Hartnell welcomed all attending to the meeting and provided an update as follows:

- Cllr. Hartnell has been proud and honoured to have been the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council. It has been a pleasure to attend and support so many events and ceremonies. Seaton is fortunate in having such a wide and varied range of community groups, charities, and organisations with lots going on.
- The Council has had a busy year with an increased workload, taking on assets and responsibilities from other authorities as well as managing and delivering the Council's priorities. There are challenges to come in managing the workload.
- Cllr Hartnell explained the background to the move to The Marshlands Centre
  with plans to refurbish it into a multi-use facility which can also provide space for
  the community and commercial use. The Council aspires to rent out space not
  only to cover costs but to generate a surplus over time.
- The Council continues to invest in promoting Seaton through marketing and events, with a Town Guide in both print and digital formats. The Council has secured funding from Parishes Together to design a digital app which people can download to find out what's on and where to go in Seaton and the surrounding area. The funding will enable a wider distribution of the Town Guide in print. The Council continues to develop its relationship with Seaton Jurassic (SJ) in delivering a first-class, fit for purpose Tourist Information Centre (TIC) within SJ
- The Town's play areas at Elizabeth Road and the Underfleet are well maintained to a high standard along with allotments and open spaces such as Cliff Field

- Gardens. The Council is also responsible for contracting work on the floral displays are the town and seafront which always look outstanding.
- 2016 saw the Council celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a community picnic and party as Cliff Field Gardens well support by the town. June saw the first Cycle Fest event which was very successful. The Cycle Fest in 2017 takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Council was disappointment at the cancellation of the Summer Carnival but was pleased with the Christmas Carnival arranged at short notice coinciding with switching on the Christmas lights.
- We have a planning application in with East Devon District Council (EDDC) for our Seafront Enhancement project. The Council will look at funding streams to support this project.
- Cllr. Hartnell joined the Leader of EDDC in opening the new Jurassic Adventure Golf Course at Seafield Gardens, already being well used.
- The whole community was shell-shocked when the North, East and West Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NEW Devon CCG) announced the closure of beds at Seaton Hospital. STC is exploring the possibility of a Judicial Review with a Sub Committee of Councillors. STC organised a consultation event and responded in detail to the CCG proposals.
- The Council welcomed two new Councillors during 2016: Cllr. C Chadwick and K Rye who bring additional skills and talents.
- The Council is looking to be more proactive on Social Media.
- Some turbulence has been felt with the departure of the former Town Clerk in July 2016 and two administrative staff. The Council was without a full contingent of staff for six months. Cllr Hartnell thanked Deputy mayor Cllr. J Rowland and Cllrs. H Sanham, D Squire, K Beer and M Pigott for their work above and beyond the call of duty during this time. The Council welcomed Amy Tregellas, Town Clerk in February and three administrative staff who joined the Council in September and October 2016. Cllr Hartnell thanked Amy and all Council staff for their support and guidance during his term of office.
- Cllr. Hartnell announced that he will not be seeking re-election as Mayor in May 2017. After due consideration he has concluded that the demands on his time, including away from his family and commitments over the coming 12 months will not allow him the time or dedication required to continue in the role. Cllr Hartnell said that we have a wealth of expertise and experience within the Council and is certain we will see a good, strong candidate for Mayor come forward.
- Cllr Hartnell hoped the audience and colleagues agreed that the Council is in a far better position than it was when Cllr Hartnell was elected as Mayor and wished his successor the very best of luck.

## 17/TM/02 Minutes of the Town Meeting 2016.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were agreed.

17/TM/03 Reports from Seaton Town Council Committee Chairman.

## Cllr M Pigott: Chairman Community & Open Spaces Committee

 During 2016/2017 the Committee has been meeting on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am. Since moving to the day time, meetings have been a lot less rushed and more in depth.

- We have worked closely with the maintenance team to oversee the health and safety in the play parks and open spaces and I am pleased to say both the Under Fleet and Lizzy Road play parks have just passed the yearly inspection by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) with flying colours.
- The Committee organised a Picnic in the Park at Cliff Field Gardens for the Queen's 90th birthday and a great time was had by all.
- The Committee organised children's activities on a Wednesday morning in Windsor Gardens during the school holidays. The events were not as well supported as we had hoped and with the hire charges and cleaning charges imposed by EDDC it has been decided that these events will not take place in 2017.
- Our Town Crier competition with Members of the council doing the catering at marshlands was very successful. It was great to see everyone working together and we are in the process of organising the 2017 Competition.
- Working alongside the Carnival Committee we helped to organise Seaton's first Christmas Carnival on the same night we had the Christmas light switch on. In my opinion this was one of the best community events held in Seaton in a long time. The atmosphere was fantastic, the town was busy and everyone had a good time with no hitches. Thank you to everyone involved that night and hopefully this years will be just as good
- We also organised the Seaton in Bloom competition and will be doing the same this year.
- The committee organised the Big Beach Clean with over 100 people turning up to clean the beach and surrounding area. Again, thank you to all who helped on the day.
- We continue to work closely with Karin, our Events and Marketing Specialist including the Cycle Fest and this year sees the first Seaton Triathlon.
- I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work, and the office staff for the support and advice and hard work they do, and the maintenance team for the work that goes into the set-up and clean-up after events and the work on maintaining the parks.
- Also thank you to Karin for your continued hard work and support.
- We have all been busy lately getting the 2017 Town Guide distributed.
- I would like to say I believe the town and council is in a far better place than it
  was a year ago and I look forward to working with everyone to make it even
  better.

### Cllr. H Sanham: Chairman Finance and General Purposes Committee

- The Finance and General Purposes Committee met regularly throughout the year. This committee is responsible for approving payments; monitoring income and expenditure each month against approved budgets; approving petty cash expenditure; and reviewing and reconciling bank statements. The committee also ensures that the Council complies with the Audit Commission Act 1998 through its internal controls and financial regulations. The Council's Responsible Financial Officer is the Clerk. It is the responsibility of this committee to produce a draft annual budget for the Council
- 2016/17 was again a busy year for the Town Council. The most significant item of expenditure during the year was the purchase of Marshlands. The opportunity

to acquire this building was not known when the budget for the year was set but through careful management of its finances, the Town Council was able to secure this asset without seeking a loan.

- The Town Council also acquired the Town Hall through an asset transfer from EDDC.
- Seaton Town Council continued to maintain Cliff Field Gardens; the Seaton Down Hill picnic site; various local footpaths supported by our volunteer Footpaths Warden; Elizabeth Road playing fields and play park; the Underfleet play park which was completely renewed in March of last year; and a number of the town's floral areas and hanging baskets. The Town Council also continued to provide a TIC service now situated within Seaton Jurassic for the benefit of visitors, residents and businesses. The Town Council maintained its commitment to supporting community activities by offering grants to local groups.
- Work on seafront enhancement proposals continued through the year and plans have now been submitted to EDDC
- The 2016/17 budget again included provision for marketing and events to continue promoting Seaton both locally and regionally by raising awareness of the town and increasing footfall. The second annual Town Guide was produced and was well received.
- As part of the Town Council's activities programme, 2016 saw the first Seaton Cycle Fest. This was organised in association with British Cycling and Chard 1<sup>st</sup> Wheelers as well as our own local cycle group, the Axe Valley Pedallers. It was extremely successful, despite the weather, and we hope it will become an annual event.
- Other activities funded through the precept were the Christmas Festival, summer activities for children, the Town Criers' competition, and the annual Big Clean.
- Finally, the work of the Town Council could not, of course, be delivered without our staff. Led by our full-time Town Clerk we have three administrators, two handymen who maintain many of the public areas of the town, and a part-time dog warden dedicated to Seaton.

# Cllr. J Rowland: Chairman Estates Committee

### Overview

- The Estates Committee was formed in October last year as a result of Seaton Town Council taking over the ownership of the Town Hall from East Devon District Council by way of a free transfer of the asset, and buying Marshlands from Devon County Council in April 2016 for £86,043 plus £2535 solicitor costs.
- In addition to the purchase price a budget of £30,000 was agreed in January 2016 for the estimated costs for Marshlands during the budget year of 2016/17 to cover the day to day running costs and the initial building and maintenance works required to bring the building to a standard to enable office space to be created for staff, offices to be refurbished to be commercially rented and the meeting room and kitchen to be refurbished to be hired out.
- From April 2016 until October a working party was formed that met every week to prepare, revise and monitor an action plan for the work required.
- The £30,000 budget has been spent on:

Rates payable to EDDC £9016

Kitchen refit and equipment £4810

Tables / chairs / blinds £4644

Building & maintenance work £9407

Interior cleaning/exterior windows £950

Professional fees £645

Electricity / gas / water rates £3000 (estimated, discussions with DCC)

Gross total £32472

Net total £26786 (taking into account \*)

 We have let out 2 offices and the rental income together with hire income for the main meeting room to the end of the current financial year has produced £5686\*.
 We have also been in discussions with nationally known charity organisations to rent out space for use for the benefit of the community with the aim of making Marshlands a multi- use centre.

# New leases agreed / currently under negotiation

- In December last year a long term lease was agreed with The Gateway Theatre Company for use of the Town Hall. This year new leases have been negotiated and agreed with the Axe Valley Heritage Association for Seaton Museum for their existing space in the Town Hall building and with the Martial Arts Club for their existing building. Both leases were prepared by me thereby saving £000's in solicitor costs and are of sufficient duration to enable both organisations to apply for grants.
- Negotiations are still ongoing with the Scout Association for a new lease at their current location.

# Cllr. M Shaw: Chairman Planning Committee

A busy year for Planning in Seaton:

STC's Planning Committee has considered getting on for a hundred applications & we have supported, or not raised an object to most of them.

Important developments include the Premier Inn, new Tramway Station – also two major housing developments at Rowan Drive and Barnard's Hill Lane which mean that all the specified areas for housing development in the Local Plan now have approved permissions.

The first full year since the East Devon Local Plan came into force in January 2016: In general, the planning environment has improved – EDDC has established its housing land supply and has therefore ben less likely to override planning policies in the name of the supposed need for ever more houses

However, there have been 3 major and several minor applications which have raised concern.

Recurring issues in the minor applications have concerned over-development of sites, overlooking of neighbours, and EDDC's inconsistent application of policies on windows in the Conservation Area.

## Major applications:

Land east of Harepath Road, where an area is designated for employment and recreation activities, but the developer, while proposing inadequate playing pitch facilities, wanted to build 150 houses outside the built-up area boundary in the Green Wedge adjacent to the Wetlands. We opposed this and EDDC refused it but I have heard that the developer is appealing although we have not been notified of this yet. Development of 36 houses at Rowan Drive, approval of which meant that 40 houses had been approved for an area designated for on 30 in the Local Plan. Our Committee consistently opposed this but when it was proposed that we support the referral of the case to the Secretary of State, the Committee was evenly split and the Full Council voted against it. In my view this sent a bad signal as to our willingness to stand up for planning policies.

The failure to provide affordable housing on the Tesco site.

There should have been 25% affordable housing in this scheme – over 70 dwellings – but in 2013 when the developer found the costs of improving the land were greater than expected, EDDC reduced the affordable element to zero for 3 years.

This period expired in 2016 but EDDC decided in secret and without informing the Town Council to continue the exemption – the decision was published only under the 2013 case on the Planning Portal.

We challenged this and made EDDC reveal that the District Valuer estimated the developer's loss at over £3m less than BOVIS claimed.

We forced a delay in a decision for additional houses but eventually EDDC voted it through

We will have a further opportunity to seek affordable housing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase.

A disappointment this year is that due to a lack of a Town Clerk we did not get far with our Neighbourhood Plan. However, we will be having a public launch in the next month or so.

### Three final points:

We clarified our rights to affect planning decisions by EDDC – we can insist that major applications go to full District Management Committee (DMC) but not minor. Only ward members can insist that minor applications go to full committee. So if you are concerned about one of these you should always contact the 3 ward members. In the light of this we have changed our procedures to always notify ward members when we are concerned about an application.

Last but not least the Committee has had greatly improved administrative support this year from Stephanie Jones and I would like to conclude by thanking her for her excellent work.

# 17/TM/04 PC Richard Jenkins: Police Report.

PC Richard Jenkins and his colleague were called away from the meeting to attend to Police business. Summaries of crime statistics were available at the meeting.

17/TM/05 Mr Simon Card: Devon Air Ambulance (DAA)

- Cllr. M Hartnell welcome Mr Card. Seaton Town Council has donated £1,000 to support the provision of a Night Time Helicopter Landing site in Seaton.
- Mr Card explained the history of his involvement with DAA and the history of the organisation which is run without government funding. It costs approximately £5.5m each year. Funding is obtained through various local and national charities and organisations.
- Mr Card explained how quickly air ambulances can cover distances in getting people to hospital within the County and beyond where a specialist hospital is required. For example, the helicopter can cover the whole of the County in 10 minutes and be at Swansea Hospital in 28 minutes. The Helicopters can land in remarkably small areas subject to ensuring that they do not hit overhead wires and power lines. The Helicopters are delivered empty of equipment and the doctors and paramedics decide the content and layout of equipment. Night flying requires additional, costly equipment (for example a pair of night flying goggles costs £20,000). Devon Air Ambulance staff double up on the work they do, for example both delivering medical assistance and working as a navigator.
- The central office is in Exeter and it receives between 1500 and 2000 calls per day. This is where decisions on the best means of support are provided. DAA works closely with land ambulances in providing aid. There were over 1000 airlifts in 2016.
- Mr Card explained that there is a DAA app available for people to use in remote settings when assistance is required. This can provide an exact location with a grid reference. It allows a 999 call to be made without a signal and can flash an SOS signal into the sky.
- Crews do not know who they airlift so feedback from those rescued is critical to developing the service.
- Seaton's Night Time Landing Site is Seaton Cricket Club. The Council's contact is Cllr. M Pigott. Mr Card thanked STC for its contribution and explained that the landing sites are fully community owned.

Cllr. M Hartnell thanked Mr Card for his very useful and informative presentation.

## 17/TM/07 Mr Harry Barton: update on Seaton Jurassic and the TIC

- Cllr. M Hartnell welcomed Mr Barton to the Town Meeting. Mr Barton is the Chief Executive Officer of the Devon Wildlife Trust.
- Mr Barton explained the history of Seaton Jurassic which enjoyed a royal visit just 18 months after it opened. Everyone has worked extremely hard on the initiative including Seaton Town Council and the Community. Seaton Jurassic is supported by 70 volunteers and a small cohort of paid staff including two new appointments, a Visitor Experience Manager and a Café Manager (to be recruited soon) plus three others.
- The Centre needs time to understand visitor needs and expectations better.
- Mr Barton explained that there had been a lot to learn in a short space of time.
   SJ is becoming more adept at purchasing the goods to stock in the shop and provisions available through the café.
- Mr Barton explained statistics on visitor numbers and customer satisfaction.
   Figures on attendance had been affected by return visit tickets but is estimated to be around 60,0000. Exit interviews suggest visitors have enjoyed visiting SJ

which is nominated for 9 separate awards. SJ can accommodate large numbers of school pupils and visits are eminently affordable for schools.

- SJ is reviewing its opening hours to coincide with seasonal demand. Ticket prices are also under review with an annual pass available.
- the following hours will pertain:
- Open seven days per week during the summer holiday and half terms
- Otherwise 5 days per week closing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Closed in the winter, however information will still be available via the website and telephone. School visits will still take place, some events and the centre can be hired for functions.
- SJ is growing its marketing function. A new website is under construction.

## Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

 The TIC has a higher profile within SJ with the provision of new signage, a flag, a redesigned podium and more space for displaying information. SJ aims for consistency in staff support for the TIC.

Mr Barton thanked the Community of Seaton for their support

Cllr. M Hartnell thanked Mr Barton for his very useful and informative presentation.

# 17/TM/07 Karin Frewin: update on the work of the Town Development Team (TDT).

Cllr. M Hartnell welcomed Karin Frewin, Seaton Town Council's Marketing & Events Specialist.

Karin welcomed members of the TDT who were in the audience and said that the TDT could not be maintained without the work of volunteers who do a huge amount of work. Volunteers bring a wide range of expertise and give their time at events as Marshalls and in other ways.

Karin explained that the TDT was established in 2012 with the support of Town Teams funding. The TDT has been through various iterations in its organisation.

The aims and objectives of the TDT are:

Increase awareness of Seaton

Promote Seaton as a place of natural beauty

Enhance marketing and retail

To make Seaton a more attractive place for visitors

To create an active town

To encourage pride in the town and community

Karin explained milestones in hand concerning re-branding Seaton with new logos and sub-brands to do with culture, food, history, the natural environment and outdoor activity.

Karin outlined current projects:

Working with Primary Schools

A new mural for the Skate Park

An audit of Town Centre signage / new signage pointing visitors to Seaton when they use Axminster Station

Karin outlined projects for the next two to three years:

Establish Seaton as a home of outdoor art

A Making Brighter Days project

Co-operation with the Traders' Association on a new town map
Attract visitors to Seaton with showpiece events
Karin looks forward to future work with the TDT to create a re-vitalised Seaton

Cllr. M Hartnell thanked Karin for his very useful and informative presentation

17/TM/08 Public Forum: Question and Answer session

Question: Could the Annual Town Meeting provide an opportunity for all Seaton

Town Councillors to give an update in future?

Answer: Yes, this will be on the agenda for the 2018 Town Meeting.

Question: What is Seaton Town Council doing to oppose bed closures at Seaton

Hospital?

Answer: The Council is taking advice on whether or not a Judicial Review is

possible and the Council has set up a sub-committee to pursue the issues arising. The issue is on the agenda for the Full Council meeting

on Monday 24th April for members of the public able to attend.

A member of the audience congratulated the Council's Grounds & Maintenance Contractor, Mr John Widger, for the fantastic job he does.

Cllr. Dawn Squire used the opportunity afforded on this section of the agenda to summarise arrangements in hand with the Council to make Seaton Dementia Friendly and forthcoming opportunities for members of the public to train as Dementia Champions.

# 17/TM/09 Devon County Council Elections: an opportunity to hear from candidates standing for election for Colyton & Seaton

Cllr. M Hartnell introduced three candidates for election: Ian Martin (Labour), Helen Parr (Conservative) and Martin Shaw (East Devon Alliance) and each were asked to give a short summary of their background, interests and what they are standing for as candidates.

lan Martin has been a teacher and worked in Social Care provision. He has been an Exeter City Councillor. He explained that the Labour Party has a vision for Devon and a programme for Devon County Council. He is strongly opposed to bed closures at Seaton Hospital and the issue of hospital discharges. He is aware of the population demographic in Seaton & Colyton and what is needed to provide a full range of services. He reminded members of the public that Devon County Council has not always been in Conservative control.

Helen Parr explained the new Ward division for this local election which is now Seaton & Colyton. She came to Colyton when she married and worked as a teacher at a Grammar School. Her family have had a tannery business in Colyton and she has connections with local groups such as Seaton Cricket Club and Seaton & Colyton doctors. She is committed to opposing the closure of beds at Seaton Hospital. She complimented the Town Development Team on their work and

supports the issue of improved signage in the town. She has undertaken a walkabout with the current MP and recognises that retailers need more support.

Martin Shaw believes that Seaton & Colyton need a different kind of County Councillor who will listen to residents, the Town Council and the community. Councillors must keep communities informed about what is going on and hold the Council to account for failures. He is interested in addressing the crisis in social care, increases in Council Tax and the squeeze on local funding. He recognises that the financial situation means that hard choices must be made. He said that the closure of beds at Seaton Hospital is key and thinks that Seaton will lose the hospital altogether and that the East Devon Conservatives support bed-less Community Hospitals. The people of Seaton & Colyton need a mandate to deal with large and small issues including school funding and the state of the roads.

Cllr. M Hartnell invited questions from members of the public and asked each of the candidates to respond.

Question: is there a role for national political parties in local politics?

#### Answers:

**CIIr M Shaw**: No. Political parties represent national policies, not local people. Independent candidates stand up for local people and have no party baggage **lan Martin**: Yes. Political parties span all levels of representation and manifestos are contributed to by people all over Devon

**Helen Parr:** Yes. National politics do have a role and Martin Shaw is a member of a political party because of his membership of the East Devon Alliance. I was an Independent for many years but realized that Independents cannot succeed without a party group and alliances are important. Party membership provides policies to work to, we know where we are going and how to achieve our aims. We are likeminded people who want to go in the same direction.

Question: What advice would the candidates give on tactical voting in the General Election?

#### Answers:

**Ian Martin:** Vote Labour. The Conservatives are sending public services down the drain and are all for the rich. There are websites available which advise on who to vote for. Pick one of the candidates and back them. The National Health Service is a big issue.

**Helen Parr:** Neil Parish has done a good all round job, particularly on the issue of bed closures at Seaton Hospital and has met with Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health. Choices will be limited if people don't vote for Neil Parish. He is the best candidate to contribute to the choices going forward.

**Martin Shaw:** I am not going to advise people how to vote in the General Election however, Hugo Squire supported the retention of beds at Sidmouth Hospital. Vote for the candidate who represents your views. If a Conservative government is re-elected this will impact on local councils. You need the best representative at the local level.

Question: in which areas of concern can you have an influence with a role on the County Council?

#### Answers:

**Helen Parr:** I have a backgound in Planning, teaching and am very interested in the economic side.

**Martin Shaw**: In a wide range of issues, particularly health, education (with a background in education) and the state of the roads. I am frustrated by inabilities existing to get even the smallest thing done. If I am elected I will see where my skills can be best used.

**Ian Martin**: Education, the economy, business and public relations (I have been a press officer for nuclear disarmament, improving relationships with Council Officers and understanding the voluntary element of Town Council input.

Helen Parr was challenged as to the extent of Planning input residing with County Councils.

#### Question:

How do candidates intend to get involved with communities and stay in touch? The current County Councillor is not doing very well who is an object lesson in how not to do things.

#### Answers:

**Martin Shaw**: Seaton Town Council complains about input from the current County Councillor who is an object lesson in how not to do things. The County Councillor needs to be at local meetings, provide good communication and help get issues into the local press. However, there are challenges finding the right way to get into communities.

**lan Martin**: I agree with Martin Shaw that Councillors should be available to communities in a variety of ways. Social Media is important and people expect swift responses. Councillors must knock on doors and talk to people using as many ways as possible.

**Helen Parr**: I agree with the other two candidates. I already have a public profile and am always available. We must feed back to the community on issues and be a bridge of communication.

#### Question:

Devon County Council's waste management policy is in disarray. How would the candidates bring the County's policy into the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

#### Answers:

**lan Martin:** This is a massive issue for local authorities with a struggle between recycling and grey waste, incinerators and landfill. Different types of accommodation make it difficult to provide the right kind of waste disposal provision. Devon County Council needs more collaborative working.

**Helen Parr:** The County tip is a fantastic facility, well organised with helpful staff. East Devon District Council is bringing in cardboard and plastics collections. Eliminating waste to landfill is a Conservative policy, looking for high levels of recycling and making energy out of waste.

**Martin Shaw**: I do not visit the tip and try to recycle or compost so I am not fully aware of any problems with the tip. The County needs a general framework for recycling and I am happy to take advice on this.

### Question:

How will candidates address the issue of Colyton Grammar School and coaches, speeding on the A3052 and the lack of signage where the stop line way end, or for people coming off of the Cycle Way?

### Answers:

**Martin Shaw**: I am well aware of the issues and have met with the Speed Watch Team. I am shocked by how long it takes to introduce even modest improvements. The County should have been able to deal with this. There is the issue of how to manage traffic where the increased provision of roads is spoiling villages. We need longer term solutions and more facilities for pedestrians.

lan Martin: Labour puts a high emphasis on road management and not just for car users. It needs a Councillor to take a lead. Councillors need to hear from residents. Helen Parr: I want to work with the County Council and residents. We need to ensure that the Police and Council take notice. A recent planning application by the Grammar School has sparked a huge amount of commentary on the issue of coaches. The Highways Department want the school to provide a Travel Plan. I want to work with everyone on solutions, including the stop line way.

Cllr. Marcus Hartnell called the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 20.30.

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