

# Sampford Brett Annual Parish Meeting



Wednesday 9th March 2022

Minutes of the Sampford Brett Annual Parish Meeting which took place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Sampford Brett Village Hall, commencing at 6.30pm.

**Parish Councillors Present:** J Swan (Chairman), N Brodrick (Vice Chairman), M Blazey and B Doyle

**In Attendance:** District Councillors L Whetlor and I Aldridge.  
Five Members of the Public and Mrs T-A Biss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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**The meeting commenced at 6:30pm**

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2021**

Apologies received from Cllrs D Brooks and S Miles due to illness and family commitments.

**Resolution:**

The minutes of the Sampford Brett Annual Parish Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 were approved as being a true and accurate record and signed as such.

**3. ANNUAL REPORT – Presented by Cllr J Swan (Chairman)**

**3.1 Two Valleys Project**

The Two Valleys Project which has involved running a natural flood maintenance development in the Williton Area which goes from the Quantocks to Exmoor, covering the catchment area which flows into the Doniford and Monksilver streams has continued. The project team have worked with Landowners to figure out where to put more natural solutions in place to help reduce the risk of flooding in the area. It is not about building massive attenuation features, it is about putting a pond in the right place, putting wood in the streams at the right places where it is not blocking any bridges - everything that can allow the flow of water over the surface during heavy rain fall to slowdown. Funding to continue this work will cease at the end of this month but the monitoring programme will continue.



- 3.7 Climate Emergency Fund established by Somerset County Council.
- (a) Community car share scheme; Bickwatch Community Electric Vehicle – This project, which is a collaboration of efforts between Bicknoller Parish, Sampford Brett Parish and Watchet Town Councils, is soon to launch. The electric vehicle has been collected and inspected by the groups and a Community Vehicle coordinator has been appointed. This role has received full funding for one year and will employ an individual for 15 hours a week to oversee the day-to-day operation of both the existing Watchet Electric Community Car and the new Bickwatch vehicle, which is larger, accessible EV. This vehicle will be available to all members of the community for an affordable tariff, and subsidised rates will be offered to those in possession of valid travel pass. Volunteer drivers are required.
  - (b) The bid for renewable energy for the village hall – solar PV panels and air-source heat pump was unsuccessful.
- 3.9 Footpaths – Cllr N Brodrick is in regular contact with the county footpaths officer regarding maintenance and clearance of trees blocking the paths.
4. The Chairman thanked all those in attendance and the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Chairman's Signature: NJ Brodrick

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023