

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Mrs J. Swan,(in the chair) Mr D. Drabble, Mr G. Day, Mr I Armstrong. Mr. M. Blazey. County Councillor Mr Hugh Davies. District Councillor Mr S. Dowding. There were also 6 members of the public present.

There were no apologies.

Declarations of interest in respect of any item/s on the Agenda – NONE.

Public Input – None.

Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 18th June were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the minutes.

The sign at the bottom of Brett Close had been replaced. The “S” from the Sampford Brett sign in Monksilver was still missing. Clerk will monitor this and remind Highways again.

510 Mr Bernie Doyle was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor.

511 District Councillors Report

It was bad news regarding the closing of the Paper Mill at Watchet with so many jobs being lost. Discussions had been had but it was likely it would close.

Planning – The conversion of barn at Mill Farm was likely to be refused as it does not qualify as permitted development.

Chief Constable – Police Commissioner has asked him to resign.

Quantocks Area Panel – 8th October.

Defibrillator – We can have one if we pay for it ourselves. We bid for funding from Health and Wellbeing fund. Bicknoller First Responder team would

welcome Sampford Brett to their team. Put notice on the board in the first instance.

512 County Councillors Report

3rd to 20th September, Woolston Lane scheduled for resurfacing.

Tropiquaria roundabout – Watchet road will be closed again on the 6th September but the roundabout should be operational by early 2016.

Slinky Bus has started. Please register even if you don't use the service.

The bungalow which caught fire at Kilve – very serious as no one could find the hydrants. Fortunately they were able to take water from the river.

Sampford Brett residents please note – There is a hydrant outside Clowder Cottage on the rocks road and one outside Christmas Cottage in the main street.

The speed limit down the hill from Withycombe Straight is definitely 40mph and not 30mph. The sign has not yet been changed.

513. Muddy path project – Aller Farm through the woods. Councillor Drabble to liaise with Glen Martin.

514. PCSO Report.

PCSO was not present and had not sent a report

515 Village Agent

Village Agent had agreed to attend but was not present.

516. Telephone Kiosk. A new frame and paint had been ordered and should be delivered by 7th/8th September.

517 Finance. PCC had requested a grant towards the churchyard maintenance. Councillor Blazey declared an interest. It was resolved to make a grant of £100 this year. There was a bank balance of £ 4734.46 as at today's date 2nd September, but amounts due to be paid were Clerks half yearly wages £ 534.80 telephone kiosk frame and paint £412.97 and Village Hall rent £6.

518 Planning Applications

There are currently 10 applications being considered in the parish.

Solar Farm gone to Appeal.

45 Tower Hill

27 Tower Hill

The Old School, Site visit by the Parish Council.

20 Sampford Brett – works to tree TPO

Pendray House – works to tree TPO

519. Parking in Croft Meadow. It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that vehicles were parking on the corner making it dangerous for residents coming out of the road. Clerk will write to Highways Dept asking what could be done.

520. Councillor Drabble will attend the Area Panel meeting.

521. Date needs to be arranged for Tidal Lagoon talk.

522 Gulley by The Beeches is blocked with leaves etc. Clerk will write to Highways to ask them to clear and what the programme is to clear all the gullies in the village.

523. Bus Shelter area is overgrown and wants clearing on safety grounds. Blocking vision at junction. Clerk will ask Highways to clear it.

524. Standing Orders to be reviewed.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

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