

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 1st March 2017****In the Village Hall**

Present: Mrs J. Swan (in the Chair) Mr D. Drabble, Mrs D.Saunders, Mr G. Day, Mr M. Blazey Mr I.Armstrong, Mr B. Doyle. Also present were Mr S. Dowding (West Somerset Councillor and Mr H. Davies (Somerset County Councillor) and 3 members of the Parish.

Apologies for absence were received from Anthea Swan and Bruce and Margaret Howard.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 2nd March 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Councillor Blazey had registered for flood warnings.

Re Minute 543. Village Hall committee and Parish Council had met to discuss way forward for Village Hall and a new group (Acorn Group) had been formed to look into the feasibility of this.

Sandbags, The Council do not provide them anymore but do have a stock for people who think they might flood need to pick them up.

Councillor Mr B. Doyle has moved from the village but still being within 3 miles of the parish, is able to carry on as a parish councillor.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman read her report which is attached.

604 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Hinkley Point got the go ahead in the autumn and work is well underway. There are 1500 worker there at present and it will be 2000 by the end of this year.

Formation of new Council.

This will be a completely new Council with new Councillors and Officers.

Outline planning permission has been granted to David Gliddon for shops in Williton with a pedestrian connection to village through the Lloyds Bank site.

Tower Hill Parking – Sampford Brett Parish Council was asked to consider starting a petition.

West Somerset Council will be putting up the Council Tax this year. 3% has been muted. The budget is OK for this year, but next year the Council has to make further savings of £800,000.

Police, Library and Beckett House will move into the Council Offices. Old Police Station and Library will be sold.

Quantock Hills A.O.N.B. Drones are becoming a nuisance to people and animals.

605. County Council Matters

Clerk will write to Williton Parish Council to ask for their co-operation re Tower Hill parking. Clerk will write to Williton Parish Council to ask for their co-operation.

The Hendry review on tidal power has been published, SCC is supportive.

Taunton Deane will be spending money on public space improvements.

There is a new free bus service to Bridgwater – Mondays to Fridays 10 o'clock, 11.30 and 1pm.

County Councillor was asked about the progress of the relief road from Chip Lane to Priorswood Taunton, but was unable to answer the question at the present time.

Parking on Tower Hill. Police and County Council are not prepared to do anything about it. Clerk to write again to Williton Parish Council.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk gave her report which is attached.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions raised. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and there then followed a Parish Council Meeting.

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