

**SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**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, District Councillor Mr Stuart Dowding. There were also 3 members of the public present. Mr Mike Bennett from Williton Parish Council and Ms Izzy Sylvester (Village Agent) also attended.

**Apologies for absence:** County Councillor Mr Hugh Davies.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**Mrs J.Swan was re-elected Chairman and Mr David Drabble re-elected Vice – Chairman.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

A new rubbish bin is in place opposite the Q8 Garage.

The hole in the road had been repaired.

The pavements had not yet been cleaned on Tower Hill but the Clerk was still pursuing the matter.

Route 60 (road safety training for older drivers). Clerk was pursuing this.

**611 Tower Hill Parking**

Mr Mike Bennett from Williton Parish Council attended the meeting. He gave an update of his Council's feelings about the parking on Tower Hill, which they discussed at their recent meeting. Williton PC had contacted the Police to try to get them to do something about it but they are not interested saying that they feel it is a way of traffic calming. Williton PC will continue to take this matter further with the Police and Highways, as they are of the opinion that this is not an acceptable response. It is a major issue for Williton and feel all Parishes concerned should increase pressure.

Williton PC concurs with Sampford Brett's concerns. Mr Bennett will take Sampford Brett's comments back to Williton PC and Sampford Brett will support them in any way we can. It was agreed that Williton Parish Council will draft a letter from the parish councils to send to the next meeting of the Quantocks Area Panel.

### **612. District Council Matters**

West Somerset Lottery is on line and for good causes. £25,000 is the top prize.

Application to turn barn into a house in Luckes Lane has been granted.

### **613. FINANCE**

The Clerk gave her quarterly report and the draft Receipts and Payments account had to be slightly amended by £6 (as Village Hall Rent cheque had not been paid into the Bank in time to clear by the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2017); the actual balance in the bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> March was £4842.29) .

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April insurance of £319.42 has been paid and we need to pay £20 for internal audit, Village Hall rent £8 . We have received the first half of our precept (£1100) and the balance as at today's date is £5588.87.

613/1 1.Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017

613/2.Councillors approved the Accounting Statement for 2016/2017.

The Annual Return together with any supporting papers, Notice of Electors Rights and Declaration of Status of Accounts will be published on the website.

**614. Planning Matters.** There is only one application to be determined - the Barn at Longlands Farm.

### **615. Village Agent**

Izzy Sylvester introduced herself. She has been the Village Agent since December 2016. She helps people in vulnerable situations. People are referred to her from various groups, PCSO's, mental health groups, nurses, doctors etc. She left some leaflets in the Village Hall so that local groups etc are aware of the help she can give.

**616 EMERGENCY PLAN**

Councillor Drabble had started on a draft which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MATTERS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

**617 DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Chairman apologised that due to work and other commitments, she found there was no time to take this further but will discuss again next meeting.

**618 POLICE**

The Clerk was asked to write to the local Beat Officer, with a copy to the Chief Constable regarding the lack of information and no reports being sent to Parish Councils.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

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