

## SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2019

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**Present: Parish Councillors:** Mrs J. Swan (in the Chair), Mr. M. Blazey, Mr G. Day, Mr. B. Doyle, Mr. N. Brodrick, Mr. S. Miles. Also present were three members of the parish.

**Apologies for absence:** Mr and Mrs. Howard and County Councillor Mr. Hugh Davies.

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year:** Councillor Mrs J.Swan was re-elected Chairman and Councillor Mr. N. Brodrick was elected as Vice-Chairman. All Parish Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and the Register of Interest forms.

**Co-option of new Parish Councillor:** Mrs Diane Brooks was duly co-opted as Parish Councillor.

Clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to Mr David Drabble and Mr Stuart Dowding.

**Public Input** – None.

**Declarations of Interest in respect of any item/s on the Agenda** – None.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** These were approved and signed as a correct record with one amendment: **Minute 696**, Councillor Miles did **NOT** sign the dispensation form.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:** Defibrillator and the cabinet has now been fixed to the Village Hall wall and the electrics have been connected. Councillor Miles agreed to take over the organisation of the CPR training.

**701.County Councillor Hugh Davies arrived at the meeting at 7.25pm**

**702.District Council Matters:**

a. Sampford Brett is now with the Williton and Watchet ward and we have three District Councillors – Mr Hugh Davies, Mr Ian Aldridge and Mrs Loretta Whetlor. Councillor Aldridge was expected to attend this meeting but arrived after it was over, having been delayed at another meeting. Councillor Aldridge is on the Planning Committee, Councillor Whetlor on the Licensing Committee and Councillor Davies on the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

b. New Somerset recycling and waste collections contractor “SUEZ” selected by 12 Councillors of Somerset Waste Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Worth £210m for its initial 10

year duration, with an option to extend for another 10 years. The contract will employ more than 460 people locally , with no redundancies expected and extra staff required. The new service will start rolling out across Somerset in 2020. It will help SWP meet public demand to make it easier to recycle more plastic.

### **703. County Council Matters:**

a. Jean Humber will receive the B.E.M.

b. Winter Service: Councillor Davies left leaflets for Council's information.

c. Blue Anchor Cliffs: Work to start. Option Study will be taken this year.

d. Clerk was asked to send Agendas and Minutes to all three District Councillors.

e. A budget of £248,000 has been agreed, to be split as follows:

£120,000 to commission support for Young Carers who have more complex challenges through the Level 3 adolescent support service.

£53,000 as a grant scheme plus its administration costs to be utilised to run locality-based support groups for young carers to access.

£75,000 to develop a "Community Alliance" building capacity and infrastructure by increasing Community Resources Skills and knowledge to meet support needs locally where appropriate and maximise social value by securing extra funding and resources from other sources.

That the Director of Children Service is authorised to take forward all necessary actions.

f. Hinkley A Station. Request from Magnox for a formal screening opinion for the importation, packaging and interim storage of intermediate level waste to Hinkley A site. The screening opinion will be published on the Planning Portal on the SCC website in due course. If Parish Councillors have any comments, please inform Councillor Davies. He has applied to join SCC Member Development Panel.

### **704. Training**

Councillor Brodrick attended the Councillor Essentials training at Somerton and had received the Good Councillors Guide. Councillors Day and Miles will be attending the same training at Williton Pavilion on June 4th.

**705. Planning Matters**

No progress on Ivy Cottage or Manor Farm applications.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Planning objecting to the proposal that Parish Councils will not receive hard copies of applications. All Councillors agreed that hard copies of at least the drawings are essential.

**706. Welcome Brochure.**

Councillor Blazey agreed to take on responsibility for updating and distributing the welcome brochure which is given to new residents.

**707. Meetings Attended by Councillors**

Councillor Blazey reported on the Flood Group meeting he had attended. He is trying to determine when the storm relief channel will be cleared but Brenda Maitland-Walker, our previous contact, is no longer a district councillor.

**708.** Phil and Jan Swan have joined the monitoring team for the Two Rivers Project (natural flood management)

**709. Footpaths**

Councillor Brodrick had not yet had a handover with former Councillor Drabble. He will ask West Somerset Rights of Way if the stile at Raglands Cross could be replaced with a kissing gate to improve access to Williton.

**710. Finance**

**a. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

**b. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounting Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

c. Balance in Bank as at 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 is £7985 which includes recent receipt of the precept of £2800 for 2019/20. However, cheques still to be presented for payment are as follows:

£465.36 for defibrillator cabinet, rent for village hall £8, £25 for internal audit, £79.14 for membership of Somerset Association of Local Councils, £75 plus VAT for Councillor trainings.

Payments also to be made for the next 10 months are Village Hall rent - say 4/6 meetings £48, Clerks salary - approximately £1200, insurance approx. £300 (invoice not yet received), further training costs, possible election day expenses and anything else unforeseen.

**711. Matters by Permission of the Chairman.**

a. Drone had been flying over the village. Note to be put on board asking people to be considerate.

b. Fingerposts need painting and there are funds available. Volunteers need to be trained.

As we have so few fingerposts we will ask volunteers for neighbouring parishes if they would consider them.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

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