

## **SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 in the Village Hall**

**Present: Mrs J. Swan (in the chair), Mr D. Drabble, Mr M. Blazey, Mrs D. Saunders, Mr G. Day, Mr I. Armstrong, Mr B. Doyle, County Councillor Mr Hugh Davies and District Councillor Mr Stuart Dowding, Ms Debbie Dennis Village Agent and members of the public.**

**Apologies : PCSO but sent report.**

**Declarations of Interest: None.**

**Public Input: None.**

**Minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, were approved and signed as a correct record.**

**Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

**Minute 519 Croft Meadow parking. Clerk had received a reply from Highways who visited the site and at the time there were no vehicles parked there. There was not much that could be done other than a polite word with anyone who causes a problem by parking in a way which causes difficulty for other drivers in the road.**

**525 . Chairman reported completion of painting of telephone box and thanks were expressed to Roger Biss and Geoff Day. Councillor Blazey proposed a letter be written to Roger Biss expressing PCs thanks.**

**526. DISTRICT COUNCIL. Councillor Dowding reported :-**

- a. A final investment decision for Hinkley Point is imminent.**
- b. Roundabout at Washford Cross completed on time.**
- c) Hinkley Point community impact management (CIM) fund application form has been redrafted – Liza Redstone is the contact.**
- d) Watchet Paper Mill is to close before Christmas; c. 50% of the Mill's employees live in the WSD area.**
- e) Scrutiny Committee have spoken to South West Ambulance about an alleged problem in Taunton**

**f) Faster broadband now available in Sampford Brett. To access this service a new router is required; users wishing to take advantage should contact their service provider.**

**g) Lidl's in Minehead is to go ahead.**

**h) Heart of South West local enterprise partnership is leading discussions on devolution of powers to Devon and Somerset**

**i) Any refugees assigned to this area are likely to be in single figures.**

**j) Pay rises – no increase pending for councillors.**

**k) Cuts/Savings WSDC is looking at discretionary services to cut – (e.g. WS Advice Bureau.**

**l) Planning – Mill Farm permission granted (permitted development)**

**m) West Somerset is one of the most deprived areas – figures available from Councillor Dowding.**

**n) Minehead businesses are interested in expanding the railway line into Taunton; Councillor Dowding would welcome comments from Councillors.**

**o) COSMIC are offering internet 'Get up to Speed' courses.**

**p) Mr Gliddon's supermarket planning application goes to committee this week [refused].**

**527 COUNTY COUNCIL. Councillor Davies reported:**

- 1) County has not been asked to take any Syrian refugees.**
- 2) Faster broadband. Williton provision is patchy and requires a SPINE - possibly November/December with broadband live in 2018.**
- 3) Cut to bus services – our services (18 & 28) are not affected.**
- 4) Voluntary Schemes could be affected by reduced subsidies e.g. "Williton Wheels" and "At West" .**
- 5) County Council provides improvement grants to enable people to stay in their home.**
- 6) Heath and Wellbeing theme is "Loneliness". Explained how it is run and that funding is available. Applications welcome.**

**528. PCSO report provided.**

### **529. VILLAGE AGENT**

Debbie Dennis explained her role in the community and how they collate information regarding peoples' needs and put them in touch with appropriate groups/organisations. Contact is by referral only. They do not knock on doors and they are lottery funded for 3 years. She would be happy to talk to any groups in the village.

### **530. PLANNING**

Chair reported:

Capton Road – Refused.

Mill Farm. Permission granted under permitted development (Clerk to write to Jane Hall expressing concerns PC may have with regard to the development)

School House – decision pending.

Local Plan. Going through as scheduled; public inquiry in March.

Village Hall – Possibility to apply for funding via planning gain register. Chair will look into this.

**531. FINANCE – Expenditure/Precept – All Councillors signed form for dispensation to set Precept.**

The following taken into consideration in setting Precept.

Audit fee £25 (internal fee)

Clerks fee. £1100

Village Hall Rent. £48

Training £200

Phone Box and bus Shelter

Maintenance. £200

It was resolved to set Precept at £2200 again this year.

### **532. CORRESPONDENCE**

Taunton Deane to charge to rename streets, houses etc.

Councillors confirmed receipt of correspondence by emails.

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

Councillor Hugh Davies asked if Sampford Brett PC was happy with Williton PC carrying out speed checks on the top of Tower Hill which is in our parish

when Williton PC would not support us in our endeavours to solve the parking issue at the bottom of Tower Hill which is in their parish.

**534. FOOTPATHS/DRAINAGE. Councillor Drabble to report ongoing problems.**

**535. Carl Watson- Gandy 's land eroded and slippery. Councillor Drabble to mention this and ascertain who is responsible.**

**536. MEETINGS FOR 2016.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> March Annual Parish Meeting.**

**1<sup>st</sup> June**

**7<sup>th</sup> September**

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**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.**

.....CHAIRMAN.....DATE