

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 2nd March 2016**

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs J. Swan (in the Chair), Mr D. Drabble, Mrs D. Saunders, Mr M. Blazey, Mr I. Armstrong and Mr B. Doyle. County Councillor Mr Hugh Davies, 7 members of the Parish.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Mr.G.Day.

Declarations of Interest in respect of any item/s on the Agenda: There were none.

PUBLIC INPUT: None requested.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The Minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

537 .The Chairman welcomed Rose from the Environment Agency. The Chairman explained that our main problem is surface water flooding. The Environment Agency work closely with the Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Services etc. A template for an emergency flood plan is available on the EA's Website. A parishioner asked if West Somerset Council were still providing sandbags – SBPC to investigate. Porlock, Roadwater and Williton have stores so that they can help the community.

Doniford Stream – we can register for flood warnings – just need one person to register. Parish Councillor Mr M. Blazey offered.

A parishioner asked who checks the flood relief drain for build up of sediment. SBPC to ask WSC.

Chair to add EA emergency number to village website and noticeboard.

Rose was asked various questions and would look into some matters for us. She also suggested that we make contact with the Community Flood Group (Theresa Bridgman?). The Chairman thanked her for attending.

538. District Council matters- District Councillor not present.

539. County Council matters:

539/1 County Council has highest precept for 6 years.

539/2 Environment Agency and River Board Authority to get funding.

539/3 If trees are down causing possible flooding, ring the Environment Agency.

539/4 Put notices in Notice Board and Phone Kiosk with details of phone numbers etc of who can help.

539/5 There is much concern re transport cuts. Forthcoming year to next April we have concessionary fares for a further year.

539/6 S.C.C have opted for an early exit from SW1 contract - the company which looks after ICT for SCC.

539/7 15th of next month – new coastal path to be opened from Minehead to Burnham on Sea.

539/8 Hinckley Point project - the unions in France are objecting.

539/9 Central Government want a Mayor. John Osborne is the Chair of the organisation and Leader of Somerset County Council.

540. CHAIRMANS REPORT –The Chairman gave her report for the year which is attached.

541. PCSO REPORT – PCSO not present but sent an email giving crime statistics for this area.

542. FINANCE REPORT – The Clerk gave her report which is attached.

OPEN FORUM

543. It was agreed that the Chairman would approach the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to arrange a meeting of Parish Council and Village Hall Committee to see if it was viable to build a new Hall.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm. A short PC meeting was then held.

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