

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2016 in the Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors D. Drabble, (in the Chair). M. Blazey, Mrs D. Saunders, G. Day, I. Armstrong. B. Doyle, County Councillor H. Davies and District Councillor S. Dowding. There were also three members of the Parish present.

Apologies for Absence: Mrs J. Swan.

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Drabble declared an interest in respect of Item 10 on the Agenda – Village Hall Strategy, as he represents the Parish Council on the committee and is also Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016/17.

Chairman – Mrs J. Swan. Proposed M. Blazey and seconded B. Doyle

Vice-Chairman – Mr D. Drabble. Proposed M. Blazey and seconded B. Doyle.

Public Input – No requests had been received.

550 **The Minutes** of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

551 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – none.

552 **District Council Matters.** District Councillor reported:

553 EU are holding up access to fast Broadband.

554. Lidl's will be opening in Minehead shortly.

555 Capton Road Appeal. Looking to take it out of the Strategic Plan. In consultation at present. It was proposed that the land be removed from “land available for development”. It was agreed a letter be written asking for it to be removed but we need to clarify what is to go in that letter.

556 Public to be made aware that someone claiming to be a West Somerset Council Officer is offering to help with planning issues. Police have been informed. Public need to check ID. Notice to be placed on Board.

557 Quantock Hills 60th anniversary – events taking place at Halsway Manor.

558 Repairs need to be carried out to the cliffs in Quay Street , Minehead. Cost of repairs will start in excess of £100,000 and West Somerset Council will have to pay for this work and road will need to close.

559. **County Council Matters.** H.Davies reported:

560 The Library, Police Authority and Sure Start will be moving into the West Somerset Council Offices.

561 French Government is still behind Hinkley Point – matter passed to EDF Union.

562 County Council roadshow 10th June – opportunity for public to register their points of view.

563 Government pressing for schools to change to academy status unless they are good or outstanding, in which case the schools make their own choice about conversion.

564 There will be carriageway resurfacing at Sampford Brett 15th – 17th June.

565 H. Davies was asked position re buses following the collapse of Webber Bus. He will provide details of replacement services and timetables.

566. H. Davies was also asked position regarding Tidal Energy Lagoon. He had no further information. No time scale. Could take 20 years or more.

567 **Planning Matters**

568 School House has gone to Appeal.

569 Union Quarry – establishing ownership of land.

570 **Village Hall Strategy**

571 Representatives from the Village Hall committee and the Parish Council had a joint meeting to establish the way forward. Agreed to establish a Steering Group at an open meeting, which will be held in September (after the fete).

572 **Footpaths** First cut has been done. Path at Aller Farm washed out December 2015. Ask to see if anything could be done.

FINANCE

573 Council approved Section 1 Annual Governance in respect of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016.

574 Council approved Section 2 Accounting Statement in respect of draft accounts for year ended 31st March 2016.

575 Notice of Electors Rights, Annual Return and Declaration of unaudited accounts to be placed on the website. Internal audit is being arranged and Annual Return has to be sent to External Auditors by 24th June.

576 It was proposed and seconded that Parish Council opt in to the new audit arrangements.

577 Insurance £312.29 for 2016/2017 had been paid; Somerset Association of Local Councils affiliation fee £73.16 had been paid; Village Hall rent £6 and Internal Audit fee £20 to be paid. The first half of the precept £1100 has been received.

578 Correspondence

All correspondence has been forwarded by email. Councillors confirmed receipt.

Any Other Business/matters by permission of the Chairman

579 Follow up Route 60 – poster to be put on Notice Board.

580 It was reported that the Chief Constable has asked PCSOs not to attend Parish Council meetings as they were insufficiently staffed. District Councillor will contact PCSO to request that he sends a report before each meeting and will give him the dates.

581 County Councillor reported buses are not stopping on Tower Hill and that drivers do not always know the route and stops.

582. A member of the Parish questioned the number of Appeals relating to the Capton Road site.

583 County Councillor reported that there would be changes to the Library Service which would provide benefits and easier access for all.

584 The Clerk is to write to the Council saying that we are not happy with the revised Blue Badge Parking fees arrangement.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.

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