

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 in the Village Hall.**

Present: Parish Councilors Mrs J. Swan (in the Chair) Mr D Drabble, Mrs D. Saunders, Mr M. Blazey, Mr B. Doyle. District Councillor Mr S. Dowding. There was one member of the Parish present and another member of the Parish came in to the meeting later.

Apologies for absence: Parish Councillors Mr G. Day and Mr I. Armstrong and County Councillor Mr H. Davies.

Declarations of Interest: There were none.

Public Input: No requests had been received.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record with the exception of **minute 563** which has been amended to read “academy turnaround, if schools are good and outstanding, the schools make their own choice to convert”

Matters Arising from the Minutes: A meeting had been fixed for 23rd September re new Village Hall strategy; 7.30pm with wine and nibbles.

District Council Matters:

584: The District Council had agreed to adopt Option 2 which is to continue working with Taunton Deane and form a new Council. The new council will work from the existing offices. The Police and the Library will also be moving into the Williton Offices.

Ian Liddell-Grainger was due to meet with the Prime Minister today but Mrs May has postponed it for another week. Mrs May may also be talking about Hinkley.

Planning:

585 School House. Appeal dismissed.

Union Quarry. Approved with some conditions.

Luckes Lane. Objected.

Thornes Farm . Objected.

Capton Quarry: Extension to the Quarry. No increase in the use of vehicles or heavy lorries therefore agreed no objection.

County Council Matters:

Hugh Davies sent his apologies but sent a report.

586 After the referendum vote, the devolution bid for S.C.C. and Devon is still progressing.

On a local level CASA project (Customer and Shared Assets) SCC are working with West Somerset District Council to explore the option of moving the Library, Registration Service, Police, Sure Start and Citizens Advice into West Somerset House. Decision date 21st September 2016.

Library Cards: a new scheme, is in operation. It is now possible to use Library Cards not only in the existing Libraries West Consortium throughout Somerset but also the county of Dorset and the borough of Poole, meaning that books can be borrowed, renewed, returned and reserved at any Libraries West library, regardless of where they were originally borrowed from.

Press Release – Local roadworks: A39 West Quantoxhead, 19th September 2016 (2 nights) 19.00 to 07.00 hrs. 10 mph speed limit.

Press Release – Station Road, Taunton closed for 5 days so the new Kingston Loop bridge can be lowered into place; the former rail bridge is being converted into a road bridge as part of the Northern Inner Distributor road project. The dates are Monday 19th September 2016 6.30 am until 11.30 pm on Friday 23rd September 2016.

Press Release – Bishops Lydeard target start date for the new roundabout is this month (September). A series of positive meetings have taken place between Taylor Wimpey and the County Council.

Finance:**586**

The Clerk gave her report. Balance in Bank as at 7th September £4931.99.

Clerks 1st half year salary of £515.70 and £6 for Village Hall rent now due to be paid which will give a balance of £4410.29.

The 2nd Half year salary will be due at the end of financial year, March 2017 and will also be in the region of £500 depending on more or less hours. There will be two more rents of the village hall of £12. The 2nd half of the precept £1100 is due to be paid into our account shortly so the balance at 31st March 2017 will be approximately £4998.29.

The Precept for 2017/2018 will need to be set at our meeting on the 7th December 2017.

Correspondence:**587**

All correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors by email.

Surveys:**588**

Let chairman have comments/answers and she will collate them and return the current and future surveys.

Footpaths:**589**

Councillor Drabble gave his report. Aller Farm to Manor Farm has a slippery slope just before kissing gate at Manor Farm. Glen will look at how it can be made safe.

Any Other Business/matters by permission of the Chairman:

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Phone Box Books

The Clerk was asked to write to the Meneilly’s who had moved out of the village and to thank them for all their hard work with the organisation of the books.

It had been reported by a parishioner to the Clerk that the bottom of the No Through Road sign’s pole outside the Old School was rotten and wanted replacing and also another parishioner had mentioned the long grass on the pavement to Woolston was very overgrown and encroaching on the pavement, therefore especially dangerous for disability buggies and pushchairs. Clerk will write to Highways.

The litter bin opposite the Q8 Garage had still not been replaced, despite the Clerk having chased the Council on this matter, several times. She will try again to get this sorted.

There being no other business – the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th December 2016.

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