

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018****In the Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Mrs J. Swan (in the chair), Mr D. Drabble, Mr.M.Blazey, Mr G. Day, Mr B. Doyle. County Councillor Mr H. Davies and District Councillor Mr S. Dowding. Also present: 5 members of the parish.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Armstrong who has now resigned as unable to attend meetings owing to work and travel commitments. Clerk will send a letter of thanks.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest There were none.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st March 2017

These were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes. There were none.

Chairs Report. The chair read her report which is attached.

636. District Council Matters

Government Minister Savid Jaheed is minded to agree to the merger of West Somerset and Taunton Deane to form a new Council.

There is some doubt about the Police now moving into the Council Offices.

Hinkley Point workforce is increasing with c.2500 on site.

Business rates on Hinkley B revalued so shortfall is less than expected.

West Somerset Lottery had made about £46,000 so far.

637. County Council Matters

Somerset University will take several years to establish.

Library Consultation is going on; Williton is not affected.

Budget has been increased 3.9%. Social Care getting another 1% from Government.

Childrens Services improved but still underperforming.

4 Aldermen appointed.

638. Financial Matters

The Clerk gave her report which is attached.

639. Open Forum

A member of the Parish read out a letter he had written to the Parish Council about dog fouling and asked if anything could be done. The Clerk will find out the cost of another bin. It was agreed to deliver a flier to all houses in the Parish asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs and to have some posters laminated. Councillors recognise that some of the fouling is caused by dog owners who live outside the village.

640. 60 plus Road Safety

Clerk to put a notice in Pathways to see if anyone is interested in this training which requires at least 20 attendees.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

There then followed a Parish Council Meeting.

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