

## SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2018 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Parish Councillors Mrs J. Swan (in the Chair), Mr D. Drabble, Mr M. Blazey, Mrs D. Saunders, Mr G. Day. County Councillor Mr. H. Davies, District Councillor Mr S Dowding. Also present were 4 members of the parish and Mr Jenman from the Quantock Hills Landscape Project.

**Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillor Mr B.Doyle.

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Public Input:** None

**Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Mrs J. Swan was re-elected chair and Mr D. Drabble was re-elected Vice-Chair.

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

#### **649 Matters Arising from the minutes:**

- a) **Flood Channel** – Clerk to write to Brenda Maitland-Walker with request for an update. Next Flood Group meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We should receive a notice and Agenda.
- b) **Dog Fouling** – Original price quoted was in region of £400, which included supplying bin, fixing it to the wall, doing a risk assessment, emptying once a week and VAT. It has been agreed that we can install it ourselves and they will empty it once a week at a cost of 3.60 a week for 52 weeks. Total cost for purchase and first year will be 282.20. The Parish Council resolved to go ahead with the purchase and the Clerk will order the bin

#### **650 District Council Matters**

There will be fewer district councillors next year when Taunton Deane and West Somerset become one council. There will be new wards; current proposals (which may change) are for Sampford Brett, Bicknoller, Crowcombe and Stogumber to go into a South Quantocks ward with Bishops Lydeard. The

Parish Boundaries are not being changed. There will be about 2000 people per councillor instead of the 1000 at present.

**Lottery** – This has brought in about £4000 a month.

**Quantocks – AONB** – Have prepared a draft landscape management plan which is on their website for consultation.

Public should be aware that it is a particularly bad year for ticks on the Quantocks. Ticks are becoming resistant to available treatments.

**Blue Anchor Hotel** – Loss of the road would be a huge disaster. Sea defences will be maintained but not extended.

**A358 (Black Arch)** – To be repaired at the end of the Summer.

**Recycling** – Centres will accept all plastic pots, meal trays and similar; nothing has been said about putting paper and cardboard in the same box.

**Plastics** – WSC is phasing out single use plastics.

### **651 County Council Matters**

**Park and Ride at Washford** – Work has commenced on the site. There will be 156 car spaces and 4 for mini buses.

**Parking in Long Street, Wilton** - will soon have double yellow lines outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court.

**Queens Awards** – 2 have been won in this area – Home Start and the Phoenix Centre in Watchet.

**Traffic works** – From Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> June there will be 15 nights of disruption at East Reach, Taunton. Northern distributor road will be closed on 14<sup>th</sup> June for renaming ceremony; to be known as Trenchard Way. SCC have received £40,000 in fines for unauthorized road works.

Councillor Davies will let us have a list of road closures and find out why we don't receive these anymore.

**Road diversions during A358 works** - Clerk to write to Highways Officer expressing concern about potential diversions and particularly access for emergency vehicles.

**652 Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme** . Mr Bill Jenman, Landscape Partnership Development Officer for the, gave a very interesting report on current and proposed activities. The Partnership is currently at the planning / project development stage; implementation won't be until 2020. 30+ projects are currently being considered but this is still evolving. Funding £2.7m over 5 years covers 4 staff (some part time)

**653 Data Protection Act** – nothing to report.

**654 Planning** – 47 Tower Hill has been granted.

38 Tower Hill was withdrawn; proposals were revised and fall within permitted development parameters.

**655 Dog Bin** - Discussed under item 649. Agreed to go ahead and pay the first year's costs.

**656 Footpaths** – Clerk to write to Highways regarding repair of the slope on Church Path which got washed out in the recent storms.

**657 – Casual Vacancy** – Nick Broderick and Simon Miles are interested in becoming Parish Councillors. Co-opt one or both at next meeting. Clerk to enquire if 2 can be co-opted.

**658** – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement

**659** – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounting Statement.

These documents together with Notice of Public Rights, Certificate of Exemption and Bank Reconciliation will be posted on the Village website.

**660** The Clerk gave her quarterly report. For the first quarter of this year we started with £5246.13. Since then we have paid insurance £284.09; SALC affiliation fees £78.79; internal audit £20.00; village Hall rent £8.00; £282.20 allocated for the dog bin. We have received the first half years Precept of £1100.00 giving a balance of £4572.05

**661 Capton Lane - speeding traffic.** There have recently been 2 near misses and one car was actually hit. Clerk to write to Highways and request a site meeting. There are 3 junctions; councillors preference is to have white lines at each junction.

**662 Defibrillator** – Agreed to go ahead and purchase the defibrillator.

**663 Emergency Plan** – Meeting to be arranged to explain the plan to the village and identify volunteers.

**664 Painting the telephone kiosk** - Councillor Day to progress.

**665 Silt in stream.** Clerk to write to Highways requesting permission for silt from stream to be deposited on verge. It is especially bad adjacent to Long Croft and Farmers Rest.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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