

## Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 after the Annual Parish Meeting

**PRESENT:** Mrs. J. Swan (in the Chair), Mr D. Drabble, Mr. M. Blazey, Mr G. Day, Mr B. Doyle, Mr. N. Brodrick and Mr S.Miles. There were also three members of the Parish present.

**Apologies:** Mr and Mrs Howard.

**Declarations of Interest:** Councillors Swan, Blazey and Miles declared interests in a planning matter later on the Agenda.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018:** These were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendments to minute 683:

1. Add: 'Some' at start of last sentence of sub-para d.
2. Add additional sentence at end of sub-para d: 'One councillor expressed concern about the level of the balances/reserves in relation to the annual precept.'
3. Add additional sentence at beginning of sub-para e: 'After an original proposal for a precept of £2,500 was successfully amended, ....'
4. Replace last sentence of sub para e, with 'This is the first increase since 2012'.

### **Matters Arising:**

- a. A grant of £624 has been received from CRISP.
- b. Defibrillator has been purchased from the British Heart Foundation for £624; the cabinet has also been purchased for £436.65 and we accepted a quote of £108 for wiring and installation on the Village Hall wall.
- c. Quotes for CPR training have been received from SWAST (£475), St John's Ambulance (£1564) and British Red Cross (£250 for 6-15 people). BHF have provided a set of 10 resuscitation manikins and DVDs which makes a 'self help' course a viable option. Way forward to be agreed at next meeting.
- d. Emergency Plan needs further work prior to circulation.
- e. Governance documents are largely formatted, but a small amount is outstanding.

**696. Planning:** To determine the Parish Council's response to planning application No. 3/28/19/002 - Conversion of a barn into a dwelling - Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett

Councillors Swan and Blazey declared interests and duly signed a Request for Dispensation to enable them to take part in the discussion. Councillor Miles declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion.

Councillors undertook a site visit on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Following a discussion it was RESOLVED to comment on the application as follows:

1. As stated in paragraph 3.8 of the Design and Access Statement the conversion is not compliant with policy OC1 (development in the open countryside).
2. The proposed development makes beneficial use of a redundant barn with minimal modifications, which we welcome.
3. Access and egress to the property is close to the junction of Brett Close and the main road which could compromise road safety. The proposed parking arrangement is likely to lead to vehicles manoeuvring close to this junction unless a turning area is provided.
4. There will be a reduction in privacy and potential disturbance for the neighbouring bungalow in Brett Close; the rear of the property will be overlooked and vehicle access and parking are adjacent to a bedroom.
5. The barn conversion will use parking that is otherwise available for use by Ivy Cottage; there therefore is no positive provision of parking places.
6. The complex rights of way/shared access arrangements for both properties could be problematic for both owners in the future.

**697. Meetings attended by Councillors:** Councillor Blazey attended the Flood Group meeting and is still trying to get clear written guidance on riparian responsibilities. Parishes are being asked to contribute £5/year towards the development and maintenance of a website for the flood group. It was resolved that SBPC will make this contribution. There is now a flood gauge in the stream by Sampford House.

**698. Defibrillator:** agreed to pay cost of electricity. Agreed to pay Mr Burnett for installation of cabinet.

**699. Footpaths:** Councillor Drabble will hand over the role of footpath liaison officer to Councillor Brodrick. There are still trees blocking/partially blocking Church Path. Councillor Drabble has responded to the footpath review.

**700. Training:** Several training sessions are available to Councillors. The Chairman asked that Councillors look at the SALC Website to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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