

SAMPFORD BRETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs J. Swan (in the chair), Mr. N. Brodrick, Mr. M. Blazey, Mr. S. Miles, and Mrs D. Brooks. Also present were our three District Councillors: Mr. Ian Aldridge, Mrs Loretta Whetlor and Mr. Hugh Davies (also County Councillor.)

Apologies for absence: Parish Councillors Mr. G. Day and Mr. B. Doyle.

Declarations of Interest. None.

Public Input: None.

Minutes of the last meeting. These were approved and signed as a correct record with two amendments:

Minute 702 – Add “Councillor Aldridge is on the Planning Committee, Councillor Whetlor is on the Licensing Committee and Councillor Davies on the Audit and Scrutiny Committee”.

Minute 709 – Amend 2nd sentence to read “He will ask West Somerset Rights of Way if the stile at Raglands Cross could be replaced with a kissing gate to improve access to Williton.”

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

A pilot CPR training session has been arranged by Cllr Miles for Wednesday 17th July at 7pm in the Village Hall. Cllrs Swan, Blazey, Brooks to attend.

704 - Councillors Brodrick, Day and Miles attended the Essential Councillor’s training; all agreed it was worthwhile.

705 – Planning consent has been granted for Ivy Cottage and Manor Farm.

706 – Cllr Blazey has updated the welcome brochure and delivered copies to recent new residents.

707 - Flood Group meeting. Parishes were asked to contribute £5 towards website expenses; it was RESOLVED that the parish would pay £5.

711b – The Stogumber finger post painting team are considering whether they could cover Sampford Brett.

713. County and District Council Matters:

- a. Discussion is ongoing regarding the building of a Petrol Station and Supermarket at Tropiquaria roundabout. Public consultation has been undertaken but wasn't well advertised.
- b. Danesfield School's Ofsted Report concluded that it 'requires improvement'.
- c. A new academy has been proposed for 5 primary schools – Spaxton, Stogursey, Stogumber, Crowcombe, Milford but has been rejected by the governors of Stogumber and Crowcombe.
- d. Somerset libraries have purchased a 2nd hand outreach vehicle that includes 3D printing equipment.
- e. Williton Parish Council are to request a meeting with the fire brigade regarding the proposed cuts in their services. Clerk was asked to write to the Williton Parish Council asking if Sampford Brett Councillors could join them.
- f. Communication within the new district council is very poor; councillors are unable to make direct contact with staff.
- g. Councillors Whetlor and Aldridge provided contact details.

714. Finance

- a. Balance as at today, 3rd July 2019 is £7121. There are cheques to be presented for Defibrillator £465.36, Village Hall rent £8, SALC membership ££79.14, Essential Councillors training at Somerton £25 and at Williton £50.
- b. Cheques approved for payment: Clerk's salary for first 6 months £548.70 plus £7 for heating of hall, and for Village Hall Rent £8. Flood Group £5.

715. Footpaths

- a. Glen Martin will contact the owner of the field at Raglans Cross regarding our request to change the stile to a kissing gate.
- b. The 3 trees across Church Path have been removed.
- c. The concrete path at Manor Farm needs strimming.

716. Planning

- a. Councillors held a site meeting at Quarry Cottage. No objections.
- b. Crossways - no decision as yet.

717. Luckes Lane caravan/camping

Cllr Swan reported contact from a resident in Luckes Lane who was concerned to see that the Lower Thornes House (barn conversion) is advertised for sale with permission for '5 all-year caravan pitches and up to 40 tents'. Investigation showed that this was using permitted development rights and a license from 'Freedom Camping'. Stacey Salter in planning

enforcement advised that this falls within the General Permitted Development Order and that the District Council were aware of the owner's intentions. There are currently no grounds for intervention.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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