

**SAMPFORD COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL**

**AGENDA FOR OPEN MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2017**

**Sampfords Courtenay Village Hall 7.30 pm**



- 1. Present** Cllrs Colin Coleman, Michele Wilson, David Boting-Page, Mathew McIlwraith, Jon Clatworthy- Edwards, Adrian Thorley, John Friend and John Palmer & DCC Cllr James McInness + 20 members of the public. Seen here above raising a drink in toast to Sampford Courtenay Parish.
- 2. Parish Council Finance** – Cllr Colin Coleman explained SCPC expenditure this year, and although SCPC had reduced the Parish Precept again this year, they had still managed to obtain various grants to complete several projects and support local charities – including SC Village Hall for which Chairman Anthony Morris thanked the Parish Council
- 3. BT Phoneboxes** – Cllr David Boting-Page explained that SCPC are keen to see the iconic red phone boxes maintained however it was agreed by a majority show of hands at this meeting that he should contact BT and ask for the box at Sampford Station/Belstone Corner to be removed – while asking BT to ensure necessary refurbishment and maintenance to the other

2 kiosks in the parish. It was agreed that SCPC would report back on this at the next Open Meeting in the Spring.

- 4. Purchase of Defibrillators for the Parish** – Cllr Mathew McIlwraith explained his research into the efficacy of placing defibrillators in such a widespread parish. His personal opinion was that parishioners able to carry out CPR was more effective than having to run to the nearest defibrillator in time to make a difference to someone having a cardiac arrest. However, SCPC will look further into initial costs and on-going running costs and implications if parishioners feel it a worthwhile project to pursue.
- 5. First Aid Training** – following on from Item 4 above Cllr Jon Clatworthy Edwards- asked if there was sufficient interest for SCPC to organise First Aid Training – which would cover such things as the most up-to-date CPR procedures, recovery position, burns, fits etc. This was unanimously supported by the meeting – therefore SCPC will make arrangements and publicise in the Roundabout; Website and on the Noticeboards.
- 6. Community Speed Watch** – Cllr Adrian Thorley explained that SCPC are still concerned regarding the various black spots in the parish where speed is a continuous concern. In light of this, he has researched the Community Speed Watch scheme run by the police. At first, this looked like a possibility for Sampford Courtenay – until he discovered the following conditions :
  - **Volunteers conducting the Speed Checks** have to 100 meters clear line of sight.
  - **There has to be a 2.5 mt verge or pavement** to stand on.
  - **It has to be undertaken within a 20 mph, 30 mph or 40 mph speed limit area.** (Belstone Corner is 60 mph)
  - **Check cannot take place in an area preceded by a vehicle activated sign** - (rules out New Inn mini roundabout)

**Cllr Michele Wilson** suggested that SCPC write to the new Police Crime Commissioner and ask how villages like Sampford Courtenay should proceed to try and solve our speeding problem.

- 7. Sampford Courtenay Parish Plan** – Cllr Michele Wilson outlined the basis of a Parish Plan rather than a Neighbourhood Plan which takes a tremendous amount of time and commitment to produce. At this year's DALC AGM – [Devon Communities Together](#) outlined how to embark on a Parish Plan. SCPC propose to look at their model to put together a plan for Sampford Courtenay. However, Cllr Wilson stressed that it is not just an SCPC Plan – it would be a community plan, a plan that parishioners can own and have an input in. One of the first things that would need to happen is for all parishioners to complete a survey/questionnaire to let SCPC know what it is YOU want, and how you see the parish moving forward. If you would like to become involved with formulating a Parish Plan please contact SCPC.
- 8. War Memorial Up-date** – Cllr John Friend explained and showed planning diagrams and photographs of the piece of granite which will be used for the War Memorial. The bronze

plaque has already been cast and the project is just waiting on the Architect making arrangements with the Mason to position and fix the stone. There is approx. £2,000 remaining in the budget to cover this.

- 9. Community Emergency / Resilience Plan** – Cllr Michele Wilson explained that in the light of Grenfell Tower, Mrs Morgan-Edward’s house-wall collapse and recent fire in Bondleigh – SCPC would like to put together an Emergency Plan so that the parish would be prepared for any threat to human welfare. Again this will rely on parishioners volunteering to get involved. Eg In preparation for the coming winter ... Have any of you got access to 4 x 4 vehicles if it snows? Have any of you got alternative heating & cooking facilities if there is a prolonged period of electricity cuts that you could offer to vulnerable neighbours/parishioners? Would any of you like to volunteer to become a snow warden? Please contact SCPC if you feel you can contribute in any way to such a plan.
  
- 10. Parish Welcome Pack** – Cllr John Palmer explained that SCPC would like to put together a “Welcome Hamper” similar to those you find on arrival at holiday cottages – to make newcomers to the parish feel welcome and give them information of local businesses, services etc. There is already an extensive list of contact numbers on the web-site but we would like to add perhaps milk, honey, eggs, bottle of cider or perhaps a voucher for discounted rate for first time use. If you are a business or know of a business in the parish who may be interested in contributing, please let the Clerk know. Plus if you have new neighbours moving in, also get in touch with the Clerk so that she can arrange delivery of the Welcome Pack.
  
- 11. Any other matters you would like to bring to SCPC attention.**
  - a) Repairs to Chapple Lane** – Chapple Lane and the road from the New Inn to Belstone Cross have been marked to show they may be due for repair soon. Cllr McInnes said he would try and find out more details.
  - b) Broadband** – Checking the Connecting Devon and Somerset Website unfortunately it says that the Voucher scheme is closed. However it does say that [Airband](#) have been appointed to cover this area in the current tranche You can register your interest on the above link. Cllr McIlwraith also suggested it may be worth registering with [Gigaclear](#) who are already installing fibre optic broadband in Sandford Crediton. If there is enough of us register they may extend to here.

**SCPC would like to express a Big “Thank You” to The Cider Vat for donating the cider for tonight’s meeting ; and to Country Cheeses (Trehill Farm) for supplying a variety of cheeses at cost price.**