

MINUTES OF SAMPFORD COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Venue – Tues 5th April 22 7.30 pm at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

Present:- Cllrs P Collins, M. Morrissey, M. Carpenter, C. Coleman, J. Friend, B.Tucker & Clerk M. Pratt + Cllr M Wilson via Zoom + 1 member of the public.

1. **Chairman's welcome and opening remarks** – in absence of both Chair and Vice Chair Councillors proposed that Cllr Collins should chair this meeting.
2. **Apologies** – Cllr J. Palmer & Cllr M Wilson which were agreed and accepted.
3. **Public Participation**
 - a) **Email earlier today re Dog Faeces** on roads and footpaths – Cllr Coleman explained that he had cleared from Bulland to Thornbury Cross and was monitoring a particular culprit, around the village of all dog faeces. He believes there is just one repeated offender and intends to highlight their responsibilities on behalf of the Parish Council.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Coleman declared his interests with regard to Item 11 a below.
5. **Minutes** to approve and sign the Minutes of – Hybrid Meeting held on Tues 1st Mar & 22nd Mar 22(**already published on Noticeboards and Website**) were approved to be signed. (With slight amendment as per Item 3a above.
6. **WDBC Report** - None.
7. **Storm Eunice** – Devon Communities Grant of £1,131.00 received – Radio phones, LPG Generator, Hi-Viz Jackets and storage case have been delivered and their use/operations will form part of Table Top Resillience Exercise later in the year.
8. **Communication during a Power outage** – Cllr Morrissey explained that there is some anxiety amongst parishioners regarding the publicity regarding the phasing out of land line phones, and problems caused when Mobile phones run out of charge. He proposed that the purchase of an uninterrupted power source, that could possibly be stationed at the Village Hall, to be used by Councillors to co-ordinate Emergency Response, and for parishioners to recharge their own equipment should form part of SCPC Resillience Plan.

9. **Planning** – to consider the following planning applications:

a) 4436/21/FUL - Replacement of existing single garage with new double garage with annex accommodation over (within boundary of dwelling house) & new barn for agricultural machinery in adjacent field. – Crosslands COMMENTS BY 7th April 22

Councillors felt there was insufficient information on the Planning Website regarding this application to make any comments. NO COMMENT

b) 0890/22/TCA - Beech Bungalow - Fell due to compromised structural integrity and retain lower stem as habitat monolith at a minimum for 4 metres from Ground Level COMMENTS BY 20TH April 22

As this was concerning a diseased tree SCPC voted to SUPPORT this application.

c) 0951/22/PDM – The Barn, Cricket Farm – Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling. COMMENTS BY 29th April

Councillors agreed to make NO COMMENT at this stage of this application.

WDBC Planning Decisions: -

- a) 0010/22/PAA – Frankland Hill Fields– Prior Approval required and Given
- b) 2563/21/FUL – Oxenpark Barn – Conditional Approval
- c) 4599/21/FUL – Land at Exbourne – Agricultural Storage – Conditional Approval.
- d) 4198/21/FUL & 4198/21/LBC – Barns at Reddaway Farm conversion to 3 dwellings – Conditional Approval

10. Defibrillator – has now been fitted into the Telephone kiosk in the Square + signs will be fitted. This will be registered with the Emergency Services and Training Sessions will be arranged for parishioners to attend on how to operate the defibrillator in an emergency.

11. **Parish Priorities –**

- a) Dartmoor Line – Sampford Courtenay Station <https://www.dartmoor-railway-sa.org/> - NWR are finalising the paper work for the platform to “adopted” by SCEEnSus to keep it tidy and looking welcoming with Planted flower beds.
- b) Refurbishment of the Public Toilets – Cllr Carpenter – the Public Toilets are currently closed for essential maintenance which should be completed within a few weeks.
- c) Safer Roads – Cllr J Palmer [Community Speed Watch Update](#) – No speed watch this month.
- d) SCEEnSus – a very successful Village Green Work Party was held on 26th Mar. A big Thank you to everyone who turned up to help.
- e) Village Hall – Cllr P Collins – reported that the Lottery Grant Application had now been submitted and the Village Hall will know if they have been successful in obtaining the money to refurbish the roof by the end of May.
- f) **Broadband/Mobile**– Cllr M Morrissey – will give a full update at the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th April – but parishioners are advised to keep checking the Openreach Availability Checker as more properties in the parish are showing as Full Fibre available.
- g) **Footpaths/ P3** – Cllr M Carpenter – essential maintenance still ongoing.

12. **Village Green Report** – Cllr J Friend (circulated to Councillors)

13. **Finance** - March payments authorized at Finance Meeting 22nd March 22 – the payment to DALC below was approved by councillors.

DALC & NALC	145.82	Will go into next year’s accounts
Bank Charges	18.00	Last of this year’s charges
Total Payments	163.82	
Income	12.00 18.44	Devon Communities Grant + Interest on Reserve Account
End of Year Current Account	1142.63	
End of Year Reserve Account	36505.43	

a) **Proposal to offer £200 of Devon Communities Grant to Churchyard to help pay for felling of tree damaged in the storm.** – Cllr J Friend – Seconded by Cllr C Coleman and approved unanimously.

b) **AGAR – Approval of Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement** – this was approved unanimously and will enable Clerk to submit Annual Return to the Internal Auditor.

c) **SCPC Assets** – agreement of sums for this year’s AGAR submission. Councillors proposed values for various assets added to the List during this Financial year.

14. **Devon & Cornwall Police Report - Cllr J Palmer update –**

a) OPCC Councillor Advocate Volunteers - ‘**Serious Violence Prevention**’ on Thursday the 7th July at Exeter Racecourse.

15. Annual Parish Meeting – 19th April – Confirmed Speakers – Cllr J. McInnes DCC, Cllr B. Ratcliffe WDBC, J. McIlwraith CEO – SC Community Rail Partnership, R. Thompson – Village Hall, M. Craig – St Andrew’s Church, Cllr J Palmer – SCEEnSus, Cllr M Morrissey – Broadband, E. Evely – Speed watch, Cllr M Wilson – SCPC.

16. Clerk’s Report (anything not already covered by Agenda item)

a) National Non-Domestic Rate 22/23 Public Toilets – Rated at £1190.40 – Full rebate for this year.

17. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda. (Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making)

18. Date of next meeting. To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tues 19th April, Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall and via Zoom. Plus AGM Tues 3rd May 7pm followed by normal monthly meeting.

Signed M. S Pratt Marion Pratt, Clerk to Sampford Courtenay Parish Council April 2022

Members of the Public are cordially invited to attend all Parish Council Meetings and suggest items for the Agenda. (Please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to scheduled meeting re Agenda items)

2022						
		Feb 1st	Mar 1 st + Finance Meeting 22 nd Mar			
. April 5 th April 19 th Open Meeting.	May 3rd AGM & Normal Monthly meeting	June 7th	July 5th	Aug 2nd	Sept 6th	Oct 4th
Oct 18 th Open Meeting	Nov 8th	Dec 6th	2023	Jan 3rd	Feb 7th	Mar 7th