

**Sampford Courtenay Environmental & Sustainability Sub-Committee of
Sampford Courtenay Parish Council**

SCENSUS MEETING MINUTES - Tues 2nd Aug 22 6.30 pm at the Village Hall (or outside on the picnic benches)

Present – Cllrs P Collins, J. Palmer, M. Wilson, M. Carpenter, + V. Matthews & M. Pratt

1. Chair Cllr J Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.. Himalayan Balsam Clean Up – was very well supported by both councillors and parishioners. It was agreed that the spread of Himalayan Balsam is reducing year on year as a result of this SCEnSus initiative. It was suggested that volunteers clear their own “same” patches next year to be able to more easily assess the effectiveness of the annual clearance.

3. SC Station Tidy up and Bulb Planting- it was agreed to hold the Station Tidy up as part of the Autumn Clean up on Sept 10th. If any parishioners have any bulbs or perennial plants that we can use for this please contact the Clerk.

4. Other Dates –

- Sat 10th Sept Autumn Clean up – more details nearer the date – but we would like to conduct the usual litter pick through the parish (or outside of your own house) and cleaning of signs etc. For more details contact the Clerk.
- Oct 1st – Oktobefest – Fund Raising Event for future projects – please see other advertising. (£10 pp inc food – Lederhosen optional) To reserve tickets please contact the Clerk
- Oct 18th – Autumn Open Meeting – Dilys Lord (WDBC) booked to give Recycling Talk – if you have specific questions, you would like answered please forward them to the Clerk in plenty of time prior to the meeting.
- Oct 21st – Recycle Fashion Show – a chance to get rid of/and pick up some nearly new Fashion. More details of how to donate items of clean, saleable clothes (some on a 50/50 basis if you wish) to follow; if you wish to volunteer to be a model for the evening & to reserve your tickets £5 pp inc nibbles please contact the Clerk.
- Oct 22nd – SCEnSus Coffee Morning. – a chance to pick up any bargains remaining from the previous evening.

Funds from these 3 events will be put towards improvements to the Village Green.

5.. Seasonal Challenges – were approved and will be published on the Website and in the Roundabout.

6. Plant Stall – the plant stall has been refurbished and re-instated in the New Inn Car Park (Thank you to Debbie & Jason) – if you have spare produce, plants,

preserves etc we would be grateful to receive them. Funds again to go to Village Green Projects.

7. Rowan Tree to plant at Red Post – it was agreed to look at cost and best time of year for planting this type of tree at Red Post. Rowan berries are good for wildlife or for parishioners to collect and make their own jelly.

8. IT Recycling Event – SCEnSus is trying to source a bona fide company who will come and securely recycle parishioners' old IT equipment. It was suggested we could hold a Table Top Sale in the spring for you to try and sell your own surplus "stuff". But arrange for Devon & Cornwall Recycling to come and collect everything that is left over.

10. Funds currently available - £400.98

11. Date for Next meeting – 5th Oct 6.30 pm Village Hall.