



## MINUTES OF SAMPFORD COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Venue – WED 5<sup>th</sup> April 23 7.30 pm at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

### 1. Chair's welcome –

After serving as Chair for the last 4 years I would like to thank whole heartedly those Councillors who have supported me and given me encouragement to overcome the barriers that have constantly presented themselves over that period. Especially those that have helped me to have patience and encouraged me to continue to tenaciously work to ensure that all the resolutions agreed by the Parish Council (in support of services to the community) have been delivered.

What we as a Council has achieved in that time - which included the unprecedented situation thrown at us by the pandemic is immense. A big thank you to the Community who have shown their gratitude for the work we have done.

We should be very proud to be held in such high regard by Councillors in WD and the County Councillors as well as the majority of our Parishioners, for such a small Parish we are seen by those around as a 'Can do' organisation that gets things done.

My thanks go especially to Marion our Clerk who has been and is the rock upon which the Parish relies.

As this is the final meeting of the current Council, we must give our special thanks to those Councillors that are standing down. Two of them Bob and John have shown selfless endeavour to serve this community for over 12 years, and although Janet joined us more recently, she has stepped up to lead on the SCEnSus initiative - a true testament to their generous and benevolent natures. Thank you.

### 2. Apologies – Cllr P Collins

### 3. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Coleman declared an Interest under Item 10 a

### 4. Minutes of – Hybrid Meeting held on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 23 (already published on Noticeboards and Website) were approved and signed.

### 5. Planning – to consider the following planning applications

a) 0688/23/FUL – Willow Tree Farm - 32 Solar panels on 4 ground mounted frame

SUPPORT UNANIMOUSLY

b) 0466/23/FUL – Westacre EX20 2SE – Erection of farm shop with on-site parking and land scaping.

NO COMMENTS

c) Proposed Telecommunications Upgrade at PAIZE FARM, SAMPFORD COURTENAY, OKEHAMPTON, EX20 2TJ (CS12223831)

NO COMMENTS

### WDBC Planning Decisions: -

d) 0695/23/COM – The Countryman

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

e) 0698/23/COM – A3072 – Cliston

OBJECTION RECOMMEND REFUSAL

f) 0701/23/COM – Oakways

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

6. Planning required for additional Public notice board at the New Inn – Cllr Wilson explained that WDBC have advised that Full Planning permission will be required to site a Notice Board on the hedge at the New Inn. (Heavitree Brewery have very kindly offered to pay for the notice board). Cllr Wilson proposed that SCPC pay for the application fee from funds in EMR – Parish Enhancement Fund. Seconded Cllr Coleman. Approved unanimously.
7. Parish Council Certificate of Excellence  
 Proposal Cllr Wilson - As a Council we show our commitment to the Pledge that we signed and register for the Foundation award. This will leave a clear legacy from the current Council to be continued by the next Council following the upcoming election.  
 Seconded Cllr Coleman. Agreed unanimously.
8. Findings/actions required following Annual Playground Inspection – it was agreed that many of the findings can be actioned at the Big Help Out on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – and that issues with the cobbles, gates and access may be rectified if Conservation Officer allows planned alterations as per this year’s P3 application.
9. Village Green Report – Cllr Friend – as Item 8 above.
10. **Parish Priorities –**
- a) Dartmoor Line – Sampford Courtenay Station – Nothing to update.
- b) Public Toilets – Cllr Carpenter – Phase 2. – Cllr Carpenter is preparing a report to present to the new council.
- c) Safer Roads – Cllr J Palmer Community Speed Watch Update –  
 i) 2 near misses pulling out at the Crossroads 4.4.23 witnessed by Cllr J Palmer and reported to Clerk and Highways.
- d) SCEnSus - a successful Parish Clean up was held on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April with approx. 17 volunteers. It was disappointing to still find that people are allowing their dogs to foul the parish streets and footpaths. DOG OWNERS are reminded that this is a CRIMINAL OFFENCE, and that there are Waste bins opposite the New Inn and by the Public Toilets where bagged dog faeces can be deposited if you are unable to take it home with you.
- e) Village Hall – Cllr B Tucker – Nothing to up-date
- f) **Broadband/Mobile**– Cllr M Morrissey – nothing to up-date
- g) **Footpaths/ P3** – Cllr M Carpenter –  
 The Clerk has received a complaint about walkers not keeping to the public footpath up across the field from Honeychurch Bridge to Honeychurch Lane, they have been seen around the edges of the field.  
 An ordinance survey map showing the direction of the path would be perhaps better at both entrances to the field, as when more stock are in there the land owners shall not be liable for any problems if walkers are off the right of way.  
  
 Cllr Carpenter will put more way-markers at each end of this route – BUT walkers are please asked not to stray off the official route. Thank you.
11. **Finance** - End of Financial Year Totals & payments were approved.

<b>Current Account</b>	£1446.37	Includes £1,000 Sustainability Grant but not P3 Grant
<b>Ear Marked Reserve Account</b>	£27,809.27	Includes £133.79 Interest on EMR Account

<b>DALC – Subscription for 23-24</b>	<b>£175.27</b>	Approval for Payment at 5th April meeting.
<b>Transfer to EMR ACC</b>	<b>£2035.94</b>	Includes P3 grant for strimmer recieved 3rd April
<b>Account Totals after above transactions</b>		
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>£271.16</b>	
<b>EMR Account</b>	<b>£29,845.21</b>	

**12. Next meeting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May** – will start at 7pm with AGM, followed by May SCPC meeting & concluded with Annual Parish Meeting which this year will be a chance to meet the new Councillors.

**13. Devon & Cornwall Police Report - Cllr J Palmer update** – Nothing to up-date

**14. Clerk’s Report**

**i) Publication of candidates standing for SCPC** – as only 8 persons put themselves forward, they have been duly elected “Uncontested”. Official notification can be found here <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/your-council> and on the Notice boards.

**ii) Up-date on 475<sup>th</sup> Prayer Book Rebellion Anniversary** – there will be a meeting in the Church Rooms on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm to discuss plans for this event next year.

**iii) Congratulations to Sadie Coventry and her team at Merry Go Round, North Tawton who have been shortlisted for the [Great British Awards](#) for Outstanding Contribution to the Community and Female Entrepreneur of the Year.**

**15. Date of next meeting.** To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May 23 at the Village Hall and via Zoom

<b>2023</b>						
. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup> AGM – followed by monthly meeting & Annual parish Meeting	June 7th	July 5th	Aug 2nd	Sept 6th	Oct 4th
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> Open Meeting	Nov 1st	Dec 6th	<b>2024</b>	Jan 3rd	Feb 7th	Mar 6th

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

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