



MINUTES OF SAMPFORD COURTENAY ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date and Venue – WED 17th May 23 7.00 pm at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Carpenter, C. Coleman, J. Mcllwraith, V. Smedley, P. Collins, M Wilson, M. Morrissey & T Squire + Clerk M Pratt and 8 members of the public (L & R R; NC, BR, PS, BT, C & P G.)

1. **Chair** Cllr M Wilson welcomed the members of the public and new and old councillors to the meeting. **Clerk M Pratt** -now chaired the meeting until the election of the new Chair.
2. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office by all councillors** – all signed in presence of the Clerk
3. **Declaration of Interests of all councillors** – Declarations have currently been received from 7/8 councillors.
4. **Declaration of Election Expenses by all councillors** – Declarations of Election Expenses have currently been received from 6/8 councillors.
5. **Election of Chairperson**
 - Cllr P Collins proposed Cllr M Wilson as Chair; seconded by Cllr M Carpenter.
 - Cllr C Coleman said he would like to see a contested election of Chair; and asked Cllr J Mcllwraith to put himself forward; seconded by Cllr Coleman.
 - Cllr Coleman proposed that this should be by secret nominated ballot – Councillors voted on this proposal and it was defeated by 6 votes to 2.
 - Therefore, a vote by show of hands was taken and Cllr M Wilson was elected Chair by 5 votes to 2 with Cllr Wilson abstaining.
6. **Adoption of Code of Conduct** (already circulated) Adoption proposed by Cllr P Collins, seconded Cllr M Carpenter – carried unanimously.
7. **Signing of Acceptance of Office Form by newly elected Chairperson** – Cllr Wilson now signed her Acceptance of Office of Chair form.
8. **Minutes of AGM 2022 – held on 3rd May 2022** – were agreed and signed.
9. **Election of Vice Chairperson.** Cllr P Collins proposed Cllr M Carpenter for Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr M Morrissey – carried by 7 votes to 1 abstention.
10. **Signing of Consent to receive summons to meeting by email.** – all councillors signed form to agree to receive summons to attend meetings via email.
11. **Election of Governance Committee** – Cllrs Collins, Coleman, Carpenter, Morrissey, Mcllwraith & Smedley
12. **Election of Planning Committee.**- Cllrs Carpenter, Wilson, Coleman & Squire.
13. **Appointment of other Council representatives**
 - Footpaths Lengthsmen – Cllrs Carpenter & Morrissey
 - Monthly Playground Report – Honorary Cllr Friend
 - Oke Rail Representative – Cllr Mcllwraith
 - Eastern Links Representative – Cllr Wilson

- Village Hall Representative – Honorary Cllr Bob Tucker
- SCEnSuS – Sub Committee – Cllrs Collins & Wilson
- Dartmoor Rail Working Party – Cllr Mc Ilwraith & Cllr Morrissey SCPC; Cllr Whiteley & Lee NTTC; Cllr McInness DCC & J. Bourne – Bondleigh.

14. **Adoption of SCPC Financial Regulations** – Approval proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded Cllr Morrissey – carried unanimously

15. **Adoption of SCPC Standing Orders** – Approval proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded Cllr McIlwraith – carried unanimously.

16. **Any other business** – None

This AGM closed at 7.20pm

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

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