



Draft Minutes of Sampford Courtenay Parish Meeting - 25 March 2026

**Present :** Cllrs M Wilson ( Chair ) M. Carpenter, P Collins, A Green, J McIlwraith , T Squire , V Smedley Malcolm Harris (Clerk ) 2 members of public

- 1 **Chairs Welcome :** Cllr Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked both Cllr McIlwraith and Cllr Carpenter for their recent work on the SPCPC website and the Footpath scheme.
- 2 **Apologies :** Cllr J Moesel , Cllr S Davis ( DCC )
- 3 **Declarations of Interest :** None
- 4 **Approval of the minutes of meeting held on the 21 January 2026 :** It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 January 2026 be signed as an accurate record. Proposed Cllr Wilson                      Seconder Cllr Collins                      All in favour
- 5 Public Participation Session – none
- 6 **Planning Decisions**
- 6.1 **The following WDBC decisions were noted**
  - a) 1341/25/PINS Ref 6000598 – Solland Farm EX203QT Appeal Decision – Dismissed
  - b) 3422/25/HHO & 3423/25/LBC – Sunnyside, Rectory Hill EX202JG – Conditional Approval
  - c) 0403/26/ARC Berrydown Stables EX203QS Discharge of Condition ( compost toilet ) – Approved
- 6.2 **Applications**
  - a) **00104/26/FUL** Land at Sx637991 – retention of an agricultural polytunnel – “ no comment “sent to WDBC in February 2026
  - b) **0661/26/TCA** Fir Cottage EX202TA – **T1 Tree** –issue of tree leaning on property and wires – the WDBC options – to serve a TPO or to allow the work. Following a discussion the Parish Council supported the application to allow work. **Action** - The “ support “ comment to be sent to WDBC
  - c) **0559/26/FUL** Furze Down Farm EX201SG – covering of silage pit - the Parish Council supported the application . **Action** - The support comment to be sent to WDBC Planning
  - d) **0403/26/ARC** Berrydown Stables–approval of details reserved by condition–previously noted at **6.1c**
  - e) **0502/26/AGR** Serenity Apiary Barn Sampford Courtenay – application to determine prior approval - **Action** - the “ no comment “ statement to be sent to WDBC Planning
  - f) **3757/25/FUL** Rectory Hill, Sampford Courtenay (Land at Sx630007) and ,
  - g) **3758/25/FUL** Rectory Hill, Sampford Courtenay. The two applications regarded the erection of stables, a menage , an access track and associated works and the change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian .  
The applicants attended the meeting on invitation and gave an overview of the application to the Parish Council . Councillors asked questions relating to highway issues - access to the facility , road signage and visibility. Following a discussion the Parish Council voted on the following proposal:  
“The Parish Council support the application with a request that the WDBC Planning Dept seek clarification and further information from DCC Highways on the concerns around the local highway and access issues” .  
Proposer – Cllr M Wilson                      Seconder Cllr A Green                      In favour 6                      Against 1  
**Action** - The Parish Council decision to be sent to WDBC Planning



## 9 Finance

9.1 Monthly Accounts – to note the current position – a report was circulated to Councillors and there was no discussion.

Payments and Transfers – there was one additional payment item for approval : - HMRC - £170.80 –

9.2 the list is attached to these minutes.

It was resolved that the Payments and Transfers be approved .

Proposed Cllr Wilson

Seconded Cllr Smedley

All in favour

10 **Village Hall Update** – Cllr Green reported that there were no major items to report , other than. regular events continued to take place.

## 11 Date and Timings of the next meetings and items for the Agendas

**Annual Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 6.30pm** , directly followed by the **Parish Council Meeting** . Following a refreshment break, **the Open Parish meeting** will commence at 7.30pm.

Members of the Public are cordially invited to attend all the above Parish Meetings and to give their views, ask questions of the Council or raise issues DURING the Public Participation period of each meeting. The Chair will direct any written or verbal responses.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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