

SAMPFORDS' PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held 17th January 2019 @ 8pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr William Burton
Mr George Smith
Mr Graham Keen
Mrs Rhian Chappell
Mr Gordon Deuce
Mrs Jane Lawrence
Mrs Lynne Bowles
Ms Kath Thompson
Miss Wendy Peacock (Clerk)

Apologies':

Cncl Simon Howell
Mrs Kay Adye
Cncl Simon Walshe

Members of the Public.

None

126 Public Forum

None

127 Apologies for absence

Cncl Simon Howell, Cncl Simon Walshe and Mrs Kay Adye

128 Declaration of Interest from Members

Jane Lawrence The Village Hall.

George Smith declared an interest, the Cricket Club

129 To approve Minutes from the last meeting held on 17/01/19

The minutes were agreed and signed.

Amended minutes from meeting held 07/03/19 were also signed.

130 Matters Arising:

130.1 Dead Elm by Red lion Pub

This has been removed.

131 Re-election of Councillors

All Councillors have agreed to remain except George Smith as he has moved away from the Sampfords'. WP to find out the process of replacing him.

William Burton has agreed to remain as Chair person.

The forms and information packs were given to all Councillors and it is their responsibility to fill them out and hand deliver them back to UDC. WP to drop KA form in to her.

132 Correspondence

None

133 Reports from County and District Councillors

None

134 Reports from Parish Councillors on their proposed area of responsibility

It was unanimously agreed that the VHC should go ahead and order the chairs.

134.1 Play Area

Nothing to report. Hedges have all been cut.

It was agreed by all that the wooden activity gym needs to be replaced. WB, GK and KT will assess as to how we remove it and then a decision will be made as to what to put in its place. WP to ask the School and Youth club what they would like.

GD to ask Rev Sue about the invoice for rent as this hasn't been paid yet.

134.2 Grass Cutting and Trees

Chris Butcher continues to do a great job so agreed by all that he carry on. GK to ask him to cut back the brambles.

134.3 Publicity

The latest report is in the Ambo.

134.4 Website and IT, Including Broadband

The new website is up and running and looks great. The web address is <https://www.thesampfords.co.uk/>. It is very user friendly. WB thanked WP and RC for all their work in getting it going. They will try to put up pictures of the litter pick. GS will send the cricket fixtures so that they can go on the calendar. The Facebook page is still proving very popular and well seen.

134.5 Liaison with Village Organisations

The litter pick was well supported by Parish Councillors and a couple of members of the public. Around 20 bags of rubbish were collected. WB thanked all that attended and also WP for supplying the refreshments in the hall afterwards.

134.6 Village Hall

The bookings are good and fundraising is successful. The Team spirit quiz will be held Saturday 09th March and the next Bingo is Saturday 30th March @ 3pm.

The new chairs should be arriving soon and The Village Hall committee will then try to sell the old chairs.

134.7 Sport

The Cricket fixtures have been finalised and will be published on the Village Website and Facebook page. The indoor league (Oct – Apr) is underway and the semi-final is in two weeks time where the Sampfords' will be defending the cup. Both indoor and outdoor teams are struggling for players.

134.8 Highways and Footpaths

The stile and bridge behind the Grange still hasn't been repaired. WP to contact highways again. WP to send a letter to Moor End Windmill Thatch as the hedge is growing over the footpath. There are large potholes in Maynards Lane near Flea Hall. WP to photo and report. Sparepenny lane South is once again having problems with vans going through, following the Sat Navs and getting stuck. A temporary sign could be made up advising that there is thick mud from this point. WB will email SW to see if there is anything else that can be done.

The 60mph sign at Moor End is obscured by a bush.

The sign by the Church has rusted through. WP to contact highways to get it replaced.

135 Planning

UTT/19/0280Ful	High Trees	No Objections
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UTT19/0336/LB	Rose Cottage	No Objections
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136 Finance.

Current Account as of 01/04/19	£23184.30
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Savings account as of 01/04/19	£25579.34
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Ratification for following cheque previously signed:-

None

Following cheques to be signed: -

100860	C J Butcher	£ 3235.00
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100861	Clerk Wages	£. 717.66
100862	Shop Express (snowdrops)	£. 39.96
100863	Heartbeat Trust	£. 8.00
100864	Stop Stansted	£. 20.00

137 Further items for discussion.

137.1 The Red Lion Public House

RC has applied for the Red Lion to go back on the register as an Asset of the Community but responses take around 8 weeks.

She has since had this reply :- being an asset of community value does not protect the building from any planning applications or applications for change of use. All it does is gives the community organisation (in this case the PC) up to 12 months to raise funds to buy it. After that it can be sold to anyone. As buying the pub was never our intention, being an asset of community value is of no use to us at all. In fact I think it would be detrimental to us. If there was a 12 month delay in selling the pub, it would be harmful to the building that is being neglected at the moment, and it would be a longer time that the community is deprived of their pub.

The Planning officer has been told that the PC no longer wish to pursue this.

137.2 The De-Fib Cabinet

The cabinet was damp again when RC checked it. She has dried it all out and checked all seals and washers and cannot find anything wrong. She will keep an eye on it.

The De-Fib at Little Sampford has had the bulb replaced (re Cheque 100863).

Date of next Meeting Thursday 18th April 2019 (Annual General Meeting) @ 8pm in the Village Hall

William thanked everyone for coming
Meeting Closed at 21:00