*MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SAMLESBURY & CUERDALE PARISH COUNCIL*

*HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024 AT SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

*PRESENT*

Aimee Barton Parish Clerk, Graham Young Chairman   
Parish Councillors Glen Clayton, Kath Wright, Sue Redmayne, Ian Seed, George Whalley, Stephen Fawcett and Micheal Higginson.

Two members of the public

Cllr Peter Mullineaux

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Cllr Clare Lewis.

*ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST*

2.1 Register of Interests – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest.

2.2 No members disclosed any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.

*ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING*

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 were accepted as a true record.

The footpaths through Samlesbury Mill; why can these not be reinstated on the definitive map? They should be. These can’t have been closed officially as the PC haven’t been consulted about any footpath closures. If they aren’t on the map, then we should leave it. Chairman to investigate this further. It is a lengthy legal ordeal and can be quite costly.

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

Apologies for starting late. Happy New year to everyone.

4.1 Chairman’s report

“A very pleasing result,” was my first thought, as I opened the e-mail regarding the development of Pickering’s Farm, Bee Lane, Penwortham. The inspector (Mr. Hanna) had listened to perfectly delivered arguments at an inquiry that was both tense and divided. We believe the result backs up all the planning rules, and that it was well summarised in a 130-page document. South Ribble have decided against an appeal to the High Court. This would be both costly and, if everything follows the planning framework, futile. The fact that Pickering’s Farm has been given the green light, does not mean that Samlesbury is now free from planned development, and that the Parish Council can ease back on their work relating to *Cuerdale Garden Village*, because this is a battle that we see as ‘in action.’

The work at United Utilities is well underway, with a clean-up around the entrances on Spring Lane. A new fence and hedge will be erected in early Spring 2024. The possibility of a tour may be offered in early, or mid-summer, so that we can see what an amazing site it is, and the added benefits it brings to our area.

Over the last six months, members of the Council have been looking into the problems that people have experienced in navigating our website to find details. I would like to thank Cllr. Stephen Fawcett for all his hard work in bringing a new, rather slick website for us all to enjoy. It should be up and running very soon.

The “*lovecleanstreets”* app (that we have previously pushed), is a way of escalating issues such as potholes. It has proved so popular that it is now creating backlogs in workload. This can only be a positive situation and, with the extra injection of funds from Westminster, I hope that by the end of this financial year we will have improved the whole parish.

After several years of requests, some of the trees on Mowcroft Brow are now being thinned out and the over-growth on the footway has been cut back.

Continuing the Windmill saga: Pressure with South Ribble Borough Council has now led to an agreement with James Hall to demolish the building and clear the area. Hopefully this will lead to the site being utilized in other ways – hopefully for the benefit of the community.

The proposed extraction of sand and gravel at Lower Hall Farm: Lancashire County Council Highways have decided that there can be no feeder lane onto the A59 at the top of Mowcroft Brow. Without this facility it would be difficult for wagons to join the highway, so hopefully this is another piece in the jigsaw to stop the quarry.

Blackburn with Darwen have sold the 14 acre piece of land on Branch Road to Liverpool-based *Prospect Homes,* for 121 dwellings. We will try to get involved in the site, so if there are any amenities that people feel would be of benefit to the parish, please contact the clerk at sandcparishclerk@outlook.com

At a planning meeting on 1st February, the green hydrogen facility application was passed by South Ribble Borough Council. This will make the AB InBev brewery one of the first carbon - neutral breweries in Europe.

*Openreach* are now about 20 pledges short for super-fast broadband in the parish, following the government’s promise to bring all rural areas onto the network. Potter Lane and the Huntley area of Preston New Road are included in the eligible areas for a free government broadband voucher. We would urge residents to register their interest at [https://www.openreach.com/ connectmycommunity](https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity) or call Paul Harland on 07720067345. This is free of charge and using your voucher will help Openreach to build a full fibre network, bringing lightning-fast speeds up to 1G, with unparalleled reliability to minimise any faults. Please note: Openreach is only responsible for building the network – you will still have the choice of your broadband provider.

4.2 The lights at five barred gate; the council are currently monitoring them. Have spoken to the council regarding the lights on the Spine road at the junction with the A677 as these keep going out.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

Lancashire highways have said that the proposed quarry at Lower Hall Farm cannot have the leading road out of the quarry onto the A59. There is still the option of taking the road across the river.

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

Apologies for Cllr Barrie Yates not being able to make the meeting on Peters behalf.

The Memorial Hall were after funding for lighting, Peter has been able to get 50% of funding to cover this cost.

Windmill – The enforcement officers are involved. A letter been sent to the owners, SR will give them a week or two to respond. Enforcement spoken to James Hall, looking into demolishing the building. Still ongoing. Keep pushing on this matter.

CGV – no movement, hopefully you’ll get some good news in the future.

Good news on Pickering’s Farm, looking like this won’t be pushed any further.

Special meeting for the freedom of the borough, Clive Hughes was given the freedom of the borough award. Disappointed that Barrie or Jim didn’t get it.

As Deputy Mayor Peter has been involved in one or two things since Christmas. This weekend he is going to a holocaust service.

The litter bin at the layby on Preston New Road; officers are saying that they have reinstated it and it keeps getting hit. Maybe, if it was put at the leading side of the layby then it wouldn’t get hit by the wagons pulling into the layby.

Dog fouling signs; five have been put up from the Nabs Head to Preston New Road.

The bus shelter is still ongoing. Seems there is no money for this to be replaced. But Peter is still pursuing this issue.

A planning application for the Police headquarters at Hutton has been applied, this is for an expansion for the headquarters. Good news for us as they are staying local.

Local plan got three authorities, got the dates set for the submission June 2025, Dec 2026. Runs for 10 years. Waiting for option 2 to be published then we can see and make a decision. Will be published soon.

The combined local authority held a meeting last week. The Government put a bid together to put to County Council. SR wouldn’t have a vote at the table, it would be BWD, Blackpool and the County. It will be a struggle to get all twelve authorities to agree. The PC has never been notified. What can this Devolution do for Samlesbury? More money might be available. The PC have been waiting 10 – 12 years for the village playground and are not getting anywhere with SR, how can we get anywhere with a bigger authority? Around twenty million pounds might be available but over a bigger area. Disappointed over the lack of communication. Poor communication over the local plan. Extra level being discussed, what’s the extra cost for the taxpayers? There are areas of SRBC who don’t have a PC. The control area BWD, Blackpool went on their own and now they’re joining in with all these authorities. Once the deal is set up more money could come. Can we send a letter letting the council know that we are not happy with the lack of information. Proposed and Second for a letter of complaint to be sent to LCC.

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

7.1 An email has been received from Hedgehogs R Us Highways project.

7.2 Found out about the resolution document three days ago. Looking back years ago it was decided that it would be one vote per authority, is this not the case anymore? Twenty million pounds could be available till 2025. There is one copy of this document in Mellor Library.

7.3 Thank you to the chairman and PC for dealing with the sewage issue. This has now been resolved and are now using the original access.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

8.1 Where are we up to with Potters Lane? LCC to repair this, we now have a reference number for this. Residents have said they would maintain outside the white house. School did this years ago as a good will gesture. From school down to the Boat House it is an unadopted road, LCC won’t maintain this.

8.2 Have we had all the money yet from the coronation? No. Still waiting for Barrie.

8.3 Asking about a TPO on Intack Lane; the chairman hasn’t had contact as yet, left messages with relevant people.

8.4 All public buildings are being offered an oak framed picture of King Charles, is this something we should be passing on to the Samlesbury Memorial Hall committee.

8.5 Why have footpaths been removed from the definitive maps? They are clearly on the old maps but have since been removed from the definite maps. Can these footpaths get put back onto the new definitive maps?

8.6 The Footpath and brook has now been cleared. This is one of the jobs that was discussed for a lengths man to do. There are still more areas around the Parish, if anyone wants anywhere clearing then please bring it up at the next meeting.

8.7 There was a programme on the radio talking about what the different colours all mean regarding Hydrogen, if anyone is interested then they can go back and listen to it. Or read up about Green Hydrogen, which is the proposed Hydrogen to be used at Samlesbury. The proposed Hydrogen development will go to committee around the 1st February 2024.

8.8 It has now been mentioned in the past few meetings about the lighting at the Brewery, a member of the public has had number of meetings with the Brewery and have managed to get the Brewery to tilt the lights, another thing mentioned was maybe installing a canopy over the lights. The Brewery are saying they have done everything needed to comply with planning. But it now comes down to funding. Should this become a PC issue and take the matter further. Still a lot of temporary lights. There are four main lights at the roadside. The PC should push this further. The PC to write to the Brewery to address this.

8.9 What do the PC think regarding the Community Involvement? As a PC we should be on the database.

8.10 The PC are currently waiting for Option Two to be released. Should the PC have a QC on board? Chairman personally thinks this is the way forward. It is around £2,500 for a team’s meeting. Stephen to organise this.

8.11 The PC website is nicely moving along. Micheal, Stephen and Sue had a meeting with the designer. A domain name has been agreed. There are a few things we are still waiting for. Should the home page photo be of the Memorial Hall? yes. The website designer needs the username and password for the Chairmans current PC e-mail to safeguard this. Glen to provide the history for the website. Not all PC members are on email.

8.12 Regarding the chevrons on Roach Road, they have been reinstated. Unfortunately, there has been another incident since. Still think we need to be doing more, a sign or something needs to go up stating tight bend. Go down to the site and see what is needed, take some photos, then speak to LCC. Rumble strip sounds a good idea. Something needs doing on that hotspot.

8.13 The village notice board has been moved.

8.14 UU have cleared the wall, when are they going to replace the wall or take it down? Around May time.

8.15 Coming out from Potters Lane a car had turned right travelling the wrong way down the dual carriage way, straight facing there is a sign saying turn left, but it’s covered in moss, can this be cleared?

8.16 The lights from BAE are on because they are working at night, this will be temporary.

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

9.1 Expenditure

Expenditure

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| 25/01/2024 | 673 | Office (paper) | £6.00 |
| 25/01/2024 | 674 | Waterside.cloud website hosting fee | £120 |
| 25/01/2024 | 675 | Clerk Dec/Jan wage | £300 |
| 25/01/2024 | 676 | Room Hire for a planning meeting held in December | £30.00 |
| 25/01/2024 | 677 | Office (stamps) | £5.00 |
| 25/01/2024 | 678 | 2yr domain name renewal | £28.80 |

Proposed and second.

9.1 To agree and sign off the bank statements, bank reconciliation and the cashflow.

9.2 The PC have been reimbursed £1,282+VAT from SK Transport due to being over charged.

9.3 The Action Group have sent some money towards the cost of the traffic survey. The PC are waiting for the official statement of this survey.

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2023/00969/FUL | Land At Preston New  Road  Preston New Road  Samlesbury  Lancashire | Technical Details Consent for the erection of 6no. detached bungalows following Planning Permission in  Principle  07/2022/00731/PIP |  |
| 07/2023/01058/FUL | Park Farm  Park Lane  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  BB2 7PY | Steel frame and roof over existing midden. |  |
| 07/2024/00012/LDO | BAE Samlesbury Aerodrome  Whalley Road  Samlesbury  Blackburn  BB2 7LB | The Lancashire Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Enterprise Zone (Samlesbury) Local Development order No 2 (2014) (LDO): Temporary limited capacity foam mixing plant with associated storage, crushing and screening for the purposes of recycling and removing arisings from plot preparation earthworks. |  |

Member’s Decisions.

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| 07/2023/00652/HOH | Oakdene,  Preston New Road, Mellor Brook,  Blackburn | Proposed two storey front extension with front dormers, single storey rear extension, side dormer extensions and following demolition of the exisitng detached garage, a new outbuilding. New gated driveway entrance. | Approval with Conditions  24th November  2023 |
| 07/2023/00785/NMA | Beeston Manor Country Hotel, Quaker Brook Lane, Samlesbury,  Preston | Non-material amendment to planning permission 07/2022/00057/FUL to replace oak trusses and posts with stone and amend ground levels | Approval  27th November  2023 |
| 07/2023/00815/CLU | Heyes Farm, Whalley Road, Samlesbury,  Preston | Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use of outbuildings for domestic storage and not agricultural use. | Certificate Granted  27th November  2023 |
| 07/2024/00012/LDO | BAE Samlesbury Aerodrome  Whalley Road  Samlesbury  Blackburn  BB2 7LB | The Lancashire Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Enterprise Zone (Samlesbury) Local Development order No 2 (2014) (LDO): Temporary limited capacity foam mixing plant with associated storage, crushing and screening for the purposes of recycling and removing arisings from plot preparation earthworks. | Permitted development.  17th January 2024 |

*ITEM 11 WEBSITE*

11.1 Been updated in item 8.11.

*ITEM 12 POLICIES*

12.1 To agree at the next PC meeting the communications and complaints policies. Meeting for this to be held at 7pm.

*ITEM 13 CGV REPORT*

No representative present.

*ITEM14 AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.*

Thursday 28th March 2024 starting at 7.30p.m. at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. This is Maundy Thursday, should we move the meeting to the week before 21st March? Or the week after 4th April?

Agreed to move the meeting to the **Thursday 21st March 2024**, Clerk to rearrange the room hire.

A reminder about the planning training session the PC are having on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at the Memorial Hall starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 21.07