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

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

*PRESENT*

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

8 members of the public.

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Clare Lewis (as is on holiday) and Sue Redmayne. Cllr Peter Mullineaux is hoping to attend later in the meeting.

*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*

Chairman commented on how nice it is to see the room full of members of the public.

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 were accepted as a true record.

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

4.1 Chairman’s report

Following the results of the snap election on the 4th July 2024 and the change to the political bias of the Parish, I would like to personally thank our former MP Nigel Evans for all the help and guidance he has given myself and the members of the council and the wider area.

Our new MP Maya Ellis has been a Parish Councillor in Ribchester, so hopefully will be aware of rural issues and we are looking forward to meeting Maya at the earliest opportunity to hopefully build up another good relationship.

It’s reassuring driving along the A59 that we are prioritising the important carriageways with resurfacing. Not that all the markings have been applied. Let’s hope that the motorway roundabout resurfacing and remarking are high up on the priority list. Lots of side roads are also in need of attention but working closely with Cllr Yates let’s hope we can continue with this rollout.

The soil on the former Tilcon site alongside of the motorway is a causing concern due to the hight on a flood plain. We need to keep monitoring it and addressing before flooding elsewhere becomes an issue.

Cutting back of hedges and overgrown verges is an ongoing issue, but if you can keep reporting them on the ‘love clean streets’ app we will hopefully keep it safe to enjoy our beautiful area whilst using the footways.

The area of grass between the golf driving range and Sir Fredrick Page Way is also something that needs addressing as people arriving on a bus can’t easily get access to the businesses at BAE.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the beacon lighting such a poignant occasion to mark the D Day landings. A high debt and gratitude goes’ to the Nabs Head for the food, but mostly to Charles Hadcock Deputy Chief Lieutenant of Lancashire, a pin could have been heard dropped as Charles recalled memories of the war and his families connection to the defence of our Country. The beacons could be seen across the region being lit at 21.15. Not even the heavy shower could dampen our spirits.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

The roundabout junction of the M6 on the A59, will be addressed soon and work for this will be carried out at night, the road will be closed at night. There is still a lack of information regarding the Quarry at Lower Hall Farm, they keep handing in a little bit more information but not all of it. It’s a shame for the farmers and residents that are being affected by this, as they don’t know where they stand. Asking for this application to be withdrawn if the information is not all provided. Cllr Yates attended a meeting a Monday night regarding reducing the speed limit along Goosefoot Lane, Spring Lane and Roach Road. With the change of Government information has been lost and are now having to start the process again. The suggestion currently is that a 30mph should be put in place, some residents are now asking for a 40mph limit, as this will help with future objections to planning? The PC voted years ago to reduce these roads to a 30mph, but now the PC have new members, and the vote could now result differently. We are back to square one again. New ‘max speed 30mph’ signs will be installed around the area. Cllr Yates is representing some residents of the area and is going to sit back and let the residents speak. What are we trying to achieve reducing these roads to a 30mph? Road safety. Are these roads considered unsafe? Yes. Have found a document from the department of transport. Speed changes should be evidence based. What other steps have been taken to improve the road safety? Coming from Blackburn into Mellor there are speed humps to reduce the speed and SPiD cameras are being used surely these are considered most effective. Speed enforcement highly ineffective on rural roads, as there aren’t the police to man this. Is this a sensible decision to change the road into a 30mph? How does is sit with green belt? Been through all this before, PC have already voted on these roads being changed into a 30mph. Are there other options that we could explore? At the last vote the PC held it was a close vote for it to be changed into a 30mph and with new members of the PC we feel this vote may now be different. It would be locals that would get the brunt of the punishment when caught speeding, as its mostly local residents who use these roads. These roads are not safe. There were 215 residents who voted to reduce the roads to a 30mph. If you didn’t sign the petition, then the people weren’t counted. There is an unknown number of people who didn’t support the vote. The police won’t enforce it. Residents are not against traffic calming measures being carried out. Some people don’t believe that by changing the speed limit of these roads will stop people from speeding on them, surly traffic calming measures will be more effective. Want people to drive at the correct speed. Since Monday’s meeting, it has been discussed that 40mph will satisfy the public. What about average speed cameras? Yes, more people will speed at 30mph, but on average speed it is safer. When the petition was submitted and LCC accepted it, LCC was going to consult on this just before the election, that is still what would happen with the new signs for the area. The work was carried out for all this about two years ago. With the ever-expanding Enterprise Zone, BAE and then the Cyberforce, where does all this extra traffic go? Especially if the M6 is gridlocked. They use our Country Lanes. Yes, we have been here before. If the PC did change their minds, then they won’t be supporting some of the local residents. If we called an open meeting now, and asked people to sign a petition for the roads to be changed to either a 30mph or 40mph I wonder what the results would be? You wouldn’t get half the local people to the meeting, as not everybody will come. Hope you’ll do the right thing as councillor’s. Hope you support your residents. We could do a couple of votes now could we not? Think we could get an open meeting for the local residents to decide whether it should be a 30mph or a 40mph? Who has decided to go for a 40mph rather than a 30mph? Unless it’s going to be enforced, then people will still speed. We could put some sort of speed assessment and get average speeds on the roads and the amount of traffic and see what the results are. WE all want road safety, no one wants to see anyone getting hurt. Would be great if we could get everyone in the Parish engaged with this, with a range of different options. We should explore other options to reduce the speed first before changing the speed limits. We’re going backwards here, LCC have already done all these checks. If we went back to LCC to do the checks, you’ll get laughed at. Traffic calming has already been done and checked the last option was to reduce the speed. To move forward with this let the PC go for 40mph, we’ll let everyone know in Samlesbury and Cuerdale and let the local residents decide. Most normal people will slow down if they see the signs. Outside the brewery it is a 30mph road, when PC used a traffic management assistant over a 7-day period the average speed was 47mph. Ask Barrie to send all his information on the traffic surveys, we can then have up to date information. It’s down to the company who carries out the surveys where they are conducted. Speed bumps and pinch bumps does get your attention and make you slow down, its more effective than signs. Why are you trying to urbanise our greenbelt? They’re not, but when you’re moving livestock and people walking on the roads they are dangerous at the speed they currently are. A pinch point would sort this out. Why won’t some members of the public compromise at 40mph? It’s not just one person leading the 30mph petition, there’s a group of people saying that they want these roads to be a 30mph. Not everyone around the table on the PC is in favour of these roads becoming 30mph. If Barrie can send all the information he has to the PC that would be brilliant. PC are proposing to have an open meeting to see whether local residents would prefer a 30mph or a 40mph. The PC will support whichever decision is then made by the local residents. Have the people who you work with collected traffic volumes? PC haven’t seen the data. Would like to think that we can work together on this, if you have got the information then why couldn’t you share this with the PC. What types of accidents were they and how were they caused? If you have got all this information, then you should be sharing this with us. Barrie has spent five years on this, it’s going to consultation. Do you think it would get this far if they hadn’t done the relevant checks. As it has taken so long, would like to work with the residents. If the PC had the information from the data that LCC has carried out, then we could share this with other residents that have reservations for these roads to become a 30mph and the PC can back it. If the chairperson from the local residents committee wants to continue with the change of speed to a 30mph, then Barrie will back them, if not then Barrie will share the information with the PC. We as a PC have never had a debate or a vote for a 40mph. PC to find our own data as Barrie isn’t prepared to share this information at this moment in time. When we have our own information then we can have a meeting and decide what the people want. We do all want the same outcome. We just want it done as fast as possible. We all want it safe. At the last meeting there was meant to be a letter circulating to the residents regarding the proposed 30mph limit, but due to the change in Government it has been delayed. It now has to go back to highways. PC to gather information and have a meeting. Thanks to Ian and Stephen for all the work that they have done on researching this. PC are trying to catch up on the work that you have spent five years doing. Will the road survey come up with different recommendations to reduce the speed to you. Yes, they will. We want to know how LCC have come up with the information that they have got.

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

No information, Cllr Mullineaux not present.

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

7.1 An email has been received by the Clerk addressed to the Clerk and Cllr Jasmine Gleaves regarding reinstating the pavement between Sir Frederick Page Way and the Bluebird Driving Range. This is not reinstating the footpath as there never has been a footpath. But can we get this turned into a footpath? There is a bus stop outside the university centre.

7.2 An email has been received from Leanne Mason regarding the development of the Land on Preston New Road (item 7.1 from March 2024 minutes).

‘The council received a complaint about this a few weeks ago.  Please see the response below from Chris Sowerby in relation to this matter;

*I understand from conversations with neighbours that there are questions relating to the presence of a drain within the site and have attached photographs that we have been sent of the drain.*

*If there are any issues in regards to the technical matters relating to discharging, this would be picked up under Building Regulations and the applicant would be required to reapply to us for an alternative drainage strategy, as would be the case if the correct permissions are not in place from relevant land owners.’*

7.3 An email has been received regarding item 10 planning (March 2024 minutes) 07/2024/00292/DIS.

*‘The application to discharge conditions was not an application for planning permission, but sought only to check the technical details requested by the conditions imposed on permission 07/2023/00901/FUL for erection of one dwelling following demolition of the existing. This was approved in February 2024, and conditions discharged in June 2024.*

*When approved we requested – via the conditions – more technical information. This was supplied for formal discharge i.e. checking by the councils statutory technical consultees. Once pre commencement conditions are discharged, the development may go ahead, with any remaining conditions discharged prior to first occupation.*

*I’m afraid as technical issues are points of confirmation not a balanced decision to be made, public consultation is not required by law for condition discharge, and is not undertaken by the council.*

*I have attached a copy of the discharge decision notice for your information.’*

7.4 The PC would like to be directly speaking to the MP regarding CGV. PC looking into arranging a meeting. PC haven’t had any communication yet with Paul Forster.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

8.1 Stephen has asked about the Parish meeting and why do we have it? This was held before the AGM in May. Some information has been dug out, stating that in the Parish meeting this was the opportunity for members of the public to bring any concerns/questions to the PC. As in the Parish Council meetings ‘any other business’ cannot be added to the agenda. We as a PC now do have a heading ‘matters raised by the public’ and we pause the meeting for any members of the public to raise their issue. Next year only have two items on the agenda for the Parish AGM, then have the AGM the election of chairman.

8.2 Have spoken to Barrie regarding the quarry at LHF, LCC have given them an extension for this. How long do they want? Surely they have had long enough. PC to keep pursuing it.

8.3 The bus shelter, where are we up to on this? SR still pursuing it.

8.4 Have we received any money yet from Barrie for the Kings Coronation? No. Barrie promised this money, but he hasn’t provided it yet.

8.5 The sign at the bottom of Branch Road outside the old post office, can this be replaced?

8.6 What’s the position on the new entrance way on Intack Lane? It needs looking into.

8.7 The Ivy on the wall on Intack Lane is totally covering the wall. They have put a stone outside the stone wall, ivy on the other side is bad.

8.8 Regarding the beauty shed at Huntleys, apparently she couldn’t afford her rent, it’s now being let out for people to live in. Is that legal? Ask the enforcement officer.

8.9 The traffic Island on Sir Fredrick Page Way, the road markings need moving, need to speak to highways.

8.10 A few cars outside Leos again this week. There is only one now. Can we keep an eye on it.

8.11 How many signs does Chaiiwalla need? Do they have planning for all of these? Pulling out from the carpark the signs are blocking a clear view of the road. Chairman to ring the enforcement.

8.12 Just a reminder that the Cuerdale Cross still needs replacing.

8.13 Central Lancs Local Plan, what are we doing as a PC? Jackie has been promoted to Chairman; she wants a zoom meeting with us. Need a date as soon as possible, with whatever date and time she can do.

8.14 Still waiting for a response on the calming measures on the corner of Roach Road.

8.15 Need a meeting with UU regarding the wall and light pollution.

8.16 Can we have a meeting with the brewery to regarding their light pollution and the screening.

8.17 Can we ask LCC to include us with any consultations in the area before they have any meetings or consultations.

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

Expenditure

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| 25/07/2024 | 689 | Karl Baldwin Audit | £100 |
| 25/07/2024 | 690 | Clerk June/July wage | £400 |
| 25/07/2024 | DD | June Website monthly fee | £52.80 |
| 25/07/2024 | DD | July Website monthly fee | £52.80 |
| 25/07/2024 | 691 | Community first Insurance | £133.76 |

Proposed and second.

9.1 The bank statements, bank reconciliation and the cashflow were all agreed and signed.

9.2 The PC have agreed and signed the AGAR for the financial year 2023-2024 as amendments have been made by the auditor, it has been agreed by PKF Littlejohn for the Parish Council to have an extension in order to get the amended AGAR signed.

9.3 The insurance of £ 133.76 for 2024-2025 has been agreed by the PC. This is the 2nd year of a 3-year deal. Do we want to do another training session for the defib at the Nabs Head pub?

9.4 What’s happening with the Nabs Head pub, there is a new chef coming next weekend. Friends and family night next Friday. On Sunday starting to do a Sunday roast. From a week on Wednesday hot food for lunch and dinner.

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2024/00398/NOT | Clarendon Haulage Co Ltd Hawthorne Cottage Myerscough Smithy Lane Balderstone Blackburn Lancashire BB2 7LB | Removal and replacement of 3no antennas, removal of 3no existing equipment cabinets to be replaced with 1no new equipment cabinet and associated ancillary works | Permitted Development  19th June 2024 |
| 07/2024/00318/NEI | Samlesbury Aerodome  BAE Systems Operations Ltd Myerscough  Smithy Road Balderston  BB2 7LF | Proposed removal of existing modular contractors buildings and fencing. Installation of replacement 3m high fencing and modular welfare and office buildings. |  |
| 07/2024/00372/HOH | Mayfield  Preston New Road Mellor Brook Blackburn Lancashire  BB2 7PU | Two storey rear extension with Juliet balcony to the second floor, single storey porch to front elevation, proposed car port to eastern elevation following demolition of existing side projection and proposed roof works involving raising and altering roof to accommodate additional living space. |  |
| 07/2024/00483/FUL | BAE Samlesbury Aerodrome  Whalley Road  Samlesbury  Blackburn  BB2 7LB | Erection of a 158m2 storage facility. |  |

Member’s Decisions.

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| 07/2024/00291/HOH | Church View, Vicarage Lane, Samlesbury, Preston | Installation of air source heat pump to rear of garage | Approval with Conditions  22nd May 2024 |
| 07/2024/00330/NOT | Ab Inbev UK Limited, Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury, Preston | Proposed 3no. antenna, 9no. ER's, 2no. Roxtec, upgrades to existing equipment in plant room, 300mm cable tray, and post and chain to be installed- (notification in accordance with the above Regulations of our intention to utilise permitted development rights as identified in Class A of Part 16) | Permitted Development  20th May 2024 |
| 07/2024/00292/DIS | Oak Dene,  Whalley Road, Samlesbury,  Preston | Discharge of conditions 3, 5-7, 14-17 and 19 pursuant to permision 07/2023/00901/FUL for erection of one dwelling and associated works | Part Discharged  7th June 2024 |
| 07/2024/00398/NOT | Clarendon Haulage Co Ltd, Hawthorne Cottage, Myerscough Smithy Lane, Balderstone | Removal and replacement of 3no antennas, removal of 3no existing equipment cabinets to be replaced with 1no new equipment cabinet and associated ancillary works | Permitted Development  19th June 2024 |

*ITEM 11 POLICIES*

The retention, privacy and reserves policies were all agreed and signed.

Item 12 CGV Report

No representatives.

*ITEM 13 AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.*

Thursday 26th September 2024 at Samlesbury Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 21.35