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

 *HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024 AT SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

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*PRESENT*

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

15 Members of the public.

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Cllr Clare Lewis, Cllr Sue Redmayne, Cllr Barrie Yates, Cllr Peter Mullineaux and Cllr Jasmine Gleaves.

*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 25th January 2024 were accepted as a true record.

Alterations made – re-print.

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

Welcome to everyone, it’s nice to see everyone here. We haven’t put up the precept this year, we did put the precept up last year in order to provide the PC with the funds to fight the CGV and Logik proposals, these funds for the precept have since stayed the same for this finical year.

4.1 Chairman’s report

The Council tax notice that came through advising everyone that the Parish Council represented a reduction of 2.7% was welcome news and further proof that we try and manage the Council in a cost-effective way, with all other elements rising by between 2% and 4.8%. So, I would like to thank all the Council and the Clerk for the work they do on all our behalf’s.

The Pickering Farm decision has, we are led to believe, taken the available land for housing into the 20 years category, this is obviously great news as we continue our attempts to keep Walmsley Fold Farm away from the hands of the developers.

The roads around the Parish are slowly being repaired, and I look forward to the time when we can drive around with no risk of damage to our vehicles.

The ‘Green’ hydrogen plant alongside the brewery was passed at the SRBC Planning meeting, this will lead to the InBev brewery being able to produce Carbon Neutral beer and be a leader in the race for the ‘Net Zero’.

The sad news this issue is the closure of both the pubs that serve our Parish. Just when it looked like there was a ‘green shoot’ of recovery following a bleak time during Covid. I hope we can work with all parties involved to help them re-open as soon as possible. It is important to have a community hub and a place where people can go to see a welcoming face. It doesn’t seem that long ago that the Government was welcoming communities to get together.

The long saga that is the quarry at Lower Hall Farm is still on the back burner with the Council waiting for responses from the applicant regarding renewing/updating surveys.

The Email sent to the Council from BAE Systems regarding the protests is again testament of how we are all working together to advise and help each other during times of crisis.

Cllr Yates has advised the Council that the speed limit along Roach Road has been reduced to 30MPH, this has taken a while, but we can now encourage enforcement and ultimately a safer road. Cllr’s Fawcett and Seed have been looking at alternatives along the stretch between the Roach Bridge Paper Mill and Fleetwood Hall Farm. I look forward to reporting back changes.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

Lower Hall - This was supposed to go to the planning meeting in December 2023. The applicant has been asked to submit detailed information that is required before it can be submitted to the Development Control Committee, this has not been given to date. Failure to submit the information will result in the application being rejected. I will be asking the officers concerned to throw out the application due to lack of information.

Potholes - I have been covering Samlesbury weekly and reporting potholes using the Love Clean Street App. Work on the A59 has now been completed and Potters Lane cycle way has been reported, multi potholes along the Cycle Way will be repaired, this part of Potters Lane is a private road. Potter Lane, all potholes have been reported and will be repaired. With all the rain we have been having the water level has not helped making potholes difficult to repair as we need a dry surface to repair potholes. In the last three months over 160 road repairs have been completed in Samlesbury.

Housing - With the Pickering Farm development now approved, it gives the housing land needed by South Ribble Council for the new local plan.

Speed limits on Roach Road, Goosefoot Lane and Spring Lane - After a meeting with the Leader & Deputy Leader along with the Cabinet Member for Highways agreed that the change to the speed limit to 30mph. It has been decided we need to consult residents of the area.  If residents agree to the reduction, then the speed limit will be reduced.

I continue to work closely as your County Councillor with Councillors, Graham, Peter and Jasmine, if Parish councillors have any concerns, please ask them to email me with their concerns.

* Any more information on the missing bus shelter? No not yet.
* The potholes on PNR have these been reported? Chairman to report.
* The white lines that are painted on the roads, do they damage the tarmac? No, it shouldn’t do. Chairman to find out.

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend tonight’s Parish Council Meeting as I have a Planning Committee Meeting so, please accept my apologies.

Since the last Parish Council meeting the main issue has been the budget & Council Tax which has now started to be distributed to addresses across the borough. Main things to highlight.

LCC 2.99 %

LCC Adult Social Care 2.00 %

South Ribble Council 2.99 %

Police & Crime Commissioner 4.75 %

Combined Fire & Authority 2.99 %

Local Issues

Round Acre - Trying hard to get a solution to the parking problem. Very difficult when there are so many cars in such a tight area. When built there would not have been so many cars as there are now. All residents need to work together otherwise it will always be a problem. Unfortunately, because LCC will not allow hard standing on the grass verges options are limited.

Warm Packs - Continuing on from last year I have been distributing warm packs across the ward to local schools & for Samlesbury I have given a number of packs to Samlesbury C of E Primary School on Potters Lane getting the pupils engaged & highlighting if they know of anyone who may benefit from one of the packs. If anyone at tonight’s meeting knows of anyone that may be in need, please let me know asap.

Mayoralty

As Deputy Mayor I have been working hard attending a number of events right across the borough & throughout the county. The big day is approaching fast when in May I become the Mayor of South Ribble. This is a great honour for me & I am really looking forward to taking on the role. As the Mayor I will obviously have a large number of events to attend so if there is anything I can help with regarding attending or opening events in & around the Samlesbury area please let me know asap & I will try my best to accommodate.

If there are any questions or queries that require an answer from me, please forward them to me & I will try my best to get an answer.

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

7.1 Can a memory bench be fitted where the old notice board was? Don’t see it being a problem.

7.2 Regarding the distribution of waste – A local contractor was allowed to go through the side gate at the sewage works to dispose of resident’s septic tank effluent. This has since been stopped, the contractor has been informed that they should not be using their own pump but using UU’s pump. Please can this pump be monitored regularly. Chairman to sort this.

7.3 At the right-hand side of Spring Lane, local resident currently working with RR trust to plant trees. PC haven’t heard anything formally, if we do the PC will take the same action as last time.

7.4 Regarding the parking at Green End and Round Acre, residents came up with an idea around 5-6 years ago regarding tarmacking the grass verges to create more resident parking. The PC put a total of £2,500 to one side for this project. The proposal then went to SR & LCC where it was then denied as underneath the verges are the utilities for the sewerage, gas and water, as they are around 500mm deep. Thought the gas pipe was under the road? Have seen the utilities plan and it goes under the grass verge. LCC have said no to parking on the grass verge and if residents continue to do so and keep pushing the parking, then LCC will see reason to install bollards to stop the parking. This is why the PC haven’t pushed this project any further. What about emergency services? Why can’t the council do anything about it? LCC have said no to tarmacking the grass verge. We need some different ideas. Council won’t lower all the utilities for the verges to be tarmacked. If residents built their own driveways, it won’t help the parking situation on the road. The road is too narrow for driveways. You would create 3/4 parking spaces by lowering the utilities and tarmacking the verges. LCC will not do it. The same idea keeps going to SR and LCC, and they keep saying no. The Chairman is proposing to bring the maps to the site and try and come up with a solution. Emergency services will bump your car out of the way if they can’t get through. Are there any other ideas that someone can come up with, that we can take to LCC and the utilities? We need to look at the plan and see where the pipes are. How many parking spaces do you think you’re short off? Somewhere between 10-15. An option could be the turn around? It’s too far away from people’s houses. How far are people willing to walk from thir parked vehicles? Does it have to be right outside their doorstep, or can it be 10 ft away? Depends on the person if their elderly, disabled or with children they can’t be walking far. Four parking spaces would be better then one. Even terraced houses have knocked their garden walls down and made driveways. We need a meeting to try and come up with a solution. It’s illegal to park on footpaths. Some areas have parking permit schemes. Is it a group of people trying to sort this problem or is it one or two people that are getting annoyed with the parking situation? If you could use the green area for parking, this would sort the parking in the area. Could you not use a platform to rise the verges? We can arrange a meeting again with Cllr Yates, Cllr Mullineaux, the utilities, representatives from SR and LCC and the public to look into this matter further. Can someone independent not look at this, and take this any further? Who would pay for this? Surly the PC should not be paying for this. You need someone with the expertise. We can’t use the PC money on individual areas of the parish. We will organise a meeting. If you want to get your own consultant between yourselves and we will meet up. Council said no to someone selling some land privately to make more parking, the land is on Greenbelt and has conditions on it.

7.5 The potholes have all been reported. The problem is they don’t seal them after they have filled with tarmac. Can they not just re tarmac the whole road? Send some pictures to the Chairman and he will send them through to the ‘lovecleanstreets’ app.

7.6 There have been complaints about a wagon parking on Round Acre. We cannot talk about this whilst he isn’t here. It is a taxed and tested vehicle. He shouldn’t be running a business from there. He should have an operator’s licence, where it will state where it should be legally parked. If you google ‘operator’s licence’ you will find this. You report it to the DVSA it’s on the government website. They used to park the wagon on the grass verge until the council asked him to move it.

7.7 What’s happening regarding the play area? Why have we not talked about the National Cyber Force, as it’s a 5-billion-pound project. The head of National Cyber Force would love to talk to the PC. Surly they can help us out with these projects in and around the area? We do have a liaison with BAE, where the National Cyber Force do sit on the committee. BAE have said that they would help with funding for the playground. We should be going to the National Cyber Force with these matters around the Parish. The footpaths around the Parish are horrendous. Some of these have been cleared. The path has been cleared from the Memorial Hall to the Samlesbury Hotel. We have a number of footpaths that need sorting we keep submitting these to the ‘lovecleanstreets’ app.

Don’t think that the pressure is on the PC. If this big development does go ahead then I hope that the council community infrastructure levy.

7.8 The Chairman to get copy of the engineering report from the Hydrogen plant.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

8.1 Can we put it on the agenda for the clerk to have a pay rise at the next meeting? As this hasn’t gone up in quite some time.

8.2 Has anybody else heard that water could become a reason for planning? If there isn’t enough water to supply a housing estate, then its grounds for refusal.

8.3 Can we have some curbs or white lines down Cuerdale Lane and Nabs Lane on that bend? As there are ruts all down Cuerdale lane. SR have done something with the drains.

8.4 The lights at Bukarah are still dazzling. Chairman to go back.

8.5 The PC have been asking for jobs for a lengthsman to carry out. They can be checking all the footpaths across the fields as some have grown especially over on Mowcroft.

8.6 Who is our local police officer? Chairman to look into it and ask them to come to the next meeting.

8.7 Proposed road safety improvements. At the Fairview bend on Roach Road coming away from Roach Bridge, is where the main problem is. Chevrons are too far around the bend. What about rumble strips? Or vehicle signs powered by solar? Speak to highways of LCC to talk this through. Chairman to give information over to Stephen.

8.8 Regarding the Central Lancs Local Plan they cancelled the next meeting. What are we going to do? Facing with a QC. The PC should take lead, it’s an extra £1000 to get the QC to come out.

8.9 Really pleased with the outcome of the re-location of the village notice board.

8.10 Where are we up to with the wall on Spring Lane? Supposed to be replacing the broken wall spring/summer some time.

8.11 Micheal to take lead on the closure of the Nabs Head pub. As it is now closed again.

8.12 If the Cyber Force wants to meet up with the PC then he can contact us we are more than happy to meet up.

8.13 Have we got the money from Barrie regarding the Kings Coronation? No not yet.

8.14 Can we have a TPO on Intack Lane? As there doesn’t seem to be one on it.

8.15 Where are we up to with Open Reach? They are 20 pledges short. They had a target to reach.

8.16 Has anything come through regarding the Branch Road development? Nothing has come through yet.

8.17 Are we any nearer with the windmill? They have put planning for it to be taken down.

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

9.1 Expenditure

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| 21/03/2024 | Cheque 679 | February newsletter | £72.00 |
| 21/03/2024 | Cheque 680 | Room Hire for the year | £280 |
| 21/03/2024 | Cheque 681 | Clerk Feb/March wage | £300 |
| 21/03/2024 | Cheque 682 | Office | £27.09 |
| 21/03/2024 | Cheque 683 | Planning Training Session | £455.25 |

Proposed and second.

9.1 The bank statements, bank reconciliation and the cashflow where all agreed. Proposed and seconded.

9.2 The PC agreed for the clerk to set up an online payment for the new website. Proposed and Seconded.

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2024/00076/FUL | The Hollins Roach Road Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0RB | Erection of detached two-storey dwelling following demolition of existing barn, with associated hard and soft landscaping (resubmission of 07/2023/00620/FUL) | The PC have put their opposition in for this.  |
| 07/2024/00096/FUL | Aspden Fold Farm Nabs Head Lane Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0UQ | Part retrospective application for the creation of hardstanding for agricultural purposes and the change of use of an agricultural building to permit housing livestock within it. |  |
| 07/2024/00074/FUL | Windmill Hotel Preston New Road Mellor Brook Blackburn Lancashire BB2 7NS | Demolition of vacant Public House |  |
| 07/2024/00101/HOH | Sumners Farm Whalley Road Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0UN | Proposed two storey side extension |  |
| 07/2024/00162/FUL | Fish Pass – Bezza Brook Potters Lane Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0UE | Installation of additional pre-barrages with notches within Bezza Brook in order to improve fish passage | Who has applied for this? Its heavily polluted due to dishwashers using the top drains. Can we ask the environment agency on this. There isn’t any grounds for us to object on.  |
| 07/2024/00143/FUL | 5 Windmill Cottages Preston New Road Mellor Brook Blackburn Lancashire BB2 7NT | Change of use from mixed use as ground floor office and first-floor apartment (sui generis) to 2no. apartments (Class C3) |  |
| 07/2024/00086/FUL | Heyes FarmWhalley RoadSamlesburyPR5 0UN | Demolish existing farmhouse and ancillary outbuildings and contruct new dwellinghouse. | Is there any listing on it? The original porch was listed. There is sewerage going through the property. Very large property. Bigger than is what is already there, going outside the footprint. Clerk to send objection through.  |

 Member’s Decisions.

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| 07/2023/00969/FUL | Land At Preston New Road Preston New Road Samlesbury | Technical Details Consent for the erection of 6no. detached bungalows following Planning Permission in Principle 07/2022/00731/PIP | Approval with ConditionsFeb 2024 |
| 07/2023/00901/FUL | Oak Dene Whalley Road Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0UN | Demolition of existing property and replacement new dwelling. | Approval with ConditionsFeb 2024 |
| 07/2023/01058/FUL | Park Farm Park Lane Mellor Brook Blackburn Lancashire BB2 7PY | Steel frame and roof over existing midden | Approval with ConditionsFeb 2024 |
| 07/2023/00597/FUL | Land To North Of Ab Inbev UK Limited Cuerdale Lane Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0XD | Erection of a hydrogen production facility and hydrogen vehicle refuelling station, comprising storage tanks, dispatch facilities, pipeline and access road to brewery and associated works. | Approval with ConditionsMarch 2024 |

*ITEM 11 WEBSITE*

Had a final meeting this afternoon, the website is more or less ready to go live. Stephen to send through a link to PC members to have a look at the website before it goes live. The new PC’s Email addresses will be their full name@samlesburyandcuerdaleparishcouncil.gov.uk. This will be an online payment. Personal emails are needed to set up the new email, if struggling he’ll set it up and help at the next meeting. Web designer to have a meeting with the clerk. Shall we transfer all the documents for the last 7yrs or all the documents that are currently online. See if there’s an extra charge, but happy to keep all the files if no extra cost. Have the photos from the history been given the ‘ok’ to be used on the history? Glen has taken most of them herself.

*ITEM 12 POLICIES*

12.1 The communications and complaints policies where reviewed and agreed. Proposed and Seconded.

*ITEM 13 CGV REPORT*

No report.

*ITEM 14 AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.*

Thursday 23rd May 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council AGM and the Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.20.