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

*HELD ON THURSDAY 25th MAY 2023 AT 7.30p.m. AT SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

*PRESENT*

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

Cllr Barrie Yates, Peter, Jasmine

2 members of the public

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Michael Higginson, Clare Lewis, Cllr Louise Davis

*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.

Congratulations to Cllr Jasmine Gleaves for being voted onto SRBC.

*ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING*

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

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

4.1 Chairman’s report

After the election congratulations to Peter Mullineaux and Jasmine Gleaves for the election and re-election to South Ribble Borough Council and we would like to welcome Mr Ian Seed to the Parish Council. I would like to thank Cllr Alison Gerrard who chose to step down before the election, she has been a valuable asset and we are sorry to lose her.

The work of the Council took a sideline on Sunday 7th May when we welcomed over 200 people to a BBQ held at the Nabs Head Public House. An event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. I would like to thank everyone involved in making it a memorable event.

The event was held at the Nabs Head Public House to help introduce Vonnie and Shaun the new tenants of the Pub. A warm welcome to them as I wish them a prosperous time whilst being part of our community.

The community volunteer day on Monday 8th May saw a group of volunteers making a start at litter picking and clearing the paths as the Japanese gardens near Samlesbury Hall. We are hoping to make it a regular event. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the Parish Clerk at [sandcparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:sandcparishclerk@outlook.com)

4.2 The Parish have had a meeting with traffic consultant Michael Kitchen, where we had a drive around the Parish to the sites in which the traffic survey will take place. These will be situated on Cuerdale Lane, Vicarage Lane, the dual carriageway and Roach Road. A report will be produced once the Survey has been carried out. This assessment will take place a week commencing 12th June. The rough costing for these six traffic assessments with the 2 ½ days of Michaels time will be around £1488. Are we happy to go ahead with this report? What if the costing comes out for around £2,500? If this is the case, then the action group has offered to pay half. This is the reason why are precept went up this year. Michael has looked at the Story Homes and the Logik proposals. He will work on a base line, then a 3 year, then a 5 year. No cars are factored in from the enterprise zone. Michael works closely with LCC. We need awareness with the surrounding Parishes.

4.3 We have entered the best kept village, the Civic Society are planting the Cross with Poppies and Lilies. They have cleared up around the village notice board and are tidying up around the village. A sign needs replacing on Nabs Lane to Further Lane. Litter picking has been organised; they have asked for a litter picking box on the Nabs Head Pub car park.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

5.1 Good to see that you all have been voted back in the PC. The armed forces magazine has been handed out to the PC, to have a look through. This is just for your information; you can add your own section from the Parish if you wish.   
Slow Down Save Lives signs have been handed out, these are to be distributed in areas that are prominent. These can be stuck to wheelie bins, fences, bins or anything. Are there any plans to reduce any more speed limits within the area? Only the areas that have been in discussion. Have the residents been consulted about this? There has been a group that have come to the PC to ask us for help to slow local traffic down, some PC members were in favour of it and some weren’t. It came to a vote and it was decided that the PC are in favour of reducing speed limits, however It’s a lot easier to get planning consent if all roads are 30MPH. Need to get everyone involved ‘Love clean streets’ report anything on highways, scan the QR code take a picture of the fault, and the fault has been reported, you should have a message back within 30-60 minutes. They will get back in touch with you with a completion date, and how they are going to sort it. We need to speed up highway repairs, hopefully this should help. Have they got the capacity to get this up and running? And the staff to be able to carry out the jobs? It had been reported about litter around lower Huntley Woods, but the response back was that there wasn’t the staff to carry out the work. This was reported to SR not LCC. The work should be completed within 12 days.   
LCC still haven’t received any information regarding the Quarry at Lower Hall Farm in Samlesbury, if no information has been sent then the application is being scrapped. Surly all surveys are out of date by now, he will have to start from fresh. Rumour has it that they have been carrying out archaeological surveys. Thought they had found the original Hall. LCC have been out and surveyed the land. Google history of Samlesbury Noman Fort and possible Motte and Bailey Castle. A survey has been carried out at Green End regarding the grass verges. They will not put a hard surface on top of the grass as all the major pipes are underneath, they will re soil it and re seed it then put bollards around it. Where can people park? That isn’t LCC’s problem. We can’t keep hounding LCC on this situation when they keep saying no. If anything comes up in between meetings then get in touch with Barrie, if we need him for any planning meetings, then he will try and come. Simpson’s Farm on Darkwood Lane has offered to concrete the road. Well done to the PC for the successful BBQ held for the Kings Coronation.

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

6.1 Not a lot has been going on due to the elections. The results for this area were good for Peter and Jasmine, but unfortunately these were not the same for the rest of the country. The Council has lost six members. It’s up to them and the MPs to work harder. Peter Mullineaux has been elected the deputy Mayor for this year which means he will be Mayor next year. There are three new members on the area committee, they are due to meet next month to look at any new projects.  
As mentioned before about litter picking equipment, you can borrow this from the council, but you must give it back as soon as you have used it. Looking to purchasing some for the Nabs Head. Peter forwarded the information regarding the parking at Green End, on to LCC when he found out that it wasn’t SR’s decision. Unfortunately, this wasn’t the decision you wanted to hear, but it means now we can move on. It is difficult when people are getting more and more cars.

Is there anything to report on the Local Plan? Peter isn’t on that team it’s all labour members. Conservative keep arguing that they should be in the team also. Any views on the time scales, as we have three major applications on greenbelt within the area. Peter has asked not to speak more on this matter. The decision for Pickering’s Farm were looking into being made before the elections, but this wasn’t made.

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

7.1 A thank you was made to the PC for the organisation of the Kings Coronation parties. Its very good that the pub is back up and running. Mrs Mortimer will be having an open garden for the next 3 weekends.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

* 1. At the last meeting we were made aware of a prefab building that had been put up at Huntleys. Complaints had been received regarding the prefab building near the woods. Where are we up to with this? The enforcement officer has been asked but haven’t heard anything back yet. Peter to chase this up.
  2. It has been around ten years since BAE moved the main gates. But since the awful accident the traffic light sequencing has altered, and traffic has been backing up. Could Barrie take this to LCC? Can we ask BAE.
  3. People have been complaining that there is bad mobile phone signal around BAE. They have been promised super-fast broadband and excellent signal, but this hasn’t happened. What can we do about it? Some suggestion that the mast has been moved. Two masts have been closed in Blackburn. This isn’t a BAE problem. Can these masts be moved back? Who can we get in touch with? Chairman to look into this.
  4. The Bluebird hotel have put a planning application in for an extra 20 bedrooms, taking of the existing carpark. This is in Balderstone Parish. But just letting S & C PC know.
  5. The bus shelter at the top of Potter Lane? Can either be the Borough or County Council’s responsibility. The shelter was run into and knocked down some time ago and we want it replacing. Barrie to look into.
  6. A pothole on Potter Lane is starting to damage cars coming down to school. This has been reported.
  7. We are going to have to find a different solution for parking at Green End. The residents won’t be happy.
  8. Keep nagging about the Brewery regarding the light pollution.
  9. The lights on the slip Road on the M6. We have had responses in the past from SR and the wildlife trust regarding this issue. They won’t turn the lights on.
  10. What happened regarding the footpath at the bottom of Samlesbury fields? The bridge has been closed, and we have been asking for this to be opened.
  11. Road markings and the tarmac around the roundabout at the M6 have faded, this needs repairing. Highways do know about it and its on their list.
  12. The Spine Road (Sir Fredrick Page Way) traffic lights are out on the A677. Chairman to get this sorted.
  13. There is a rumour of appeal regarding the former Windmill Hotel. It has gone into a judicial review. was the inspector right for the purpose? The next step will be high court if they want to take it further. The Government back’s SR’s decision. Can the council send a letter to get the site cleared up? Can it be turned back into a field? With it being a public house, it can’t go back into a field.
  14. The traffic lights at Five Bar Gate have poor sequencing. We have been in touch regarding this. Can this be chased up.
  15. Dead trees near halfway house can these be cleared up? These are the landowner’s responsibility.
  16. When the verges were last dug up at Lower Huntly Woods. They disposed of one or two trees but it’s the ivy that’s coming into the road. The environmentalist won’t cut them down, unless its classed as dangerous. If you cut Ivy you have to cut a section out of it, then it can’t re-join.
  17. There have been several accidents on Roach Road. What can we do now? Can there be some signs waring drivers of the tight bend? There used to be black chevron signs. Can Peter or Barrie take this to the Council?
  18. The stone bridge at Samlesbury Bottoms, can this be reinstated? It’s owned by the council. It’s in the time scale to sort this.

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

9.1 Expenditure

Expenditure

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| 25/05/2023 | Office | £24.29 |
| 25/05/2023 | Clerk April/May wage | £300 |
| 25/05/2023 | Newsletter and inserts | £88 |
| 25/05/2023 | St Leonards | £200 |
| 25/05/2023 | St Marys | £200 |
| 25/05/2023 | LALC | £234.45 |

Proposed and second.

9.1 The end of finical year 2022-2023. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and the cash flow have been signed off.

9.2 Karl Baldwin has been agreed for the completion of the Audit.

9.3 AGAR, the accounts have been accepted and the AGAR forms signed.

9.4 The donation of £200 has been accepted by SRBC for the Kings Coronation BBQ that was held on Sunday 7th May 2023. Thanks to SR for this donation.

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2023/00251/HOH | 37 Branch Road  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  BB2 7NY | Two story side extension and single story rear extension. |
| 07/2023/00199/DIS | Swainsfold Farm  Cuerdale Lane  Walton-Le-Dale | Discharge of conditions 4 and 7 of planning approval 07/2022/00740/FUL |
| 07/2023/00334/ADV | Blue Bird Golf Centre  Preston New Road  Samlesbury | Advertisement |

Member’s Decisions.

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| 07/2023/00131/CLU | Bannister Hall Farm  Bannister Hall Lane  Higher Walton | Lawful development Certificate (existing)for commercial purposes | Certificate not granted.  3rd April 2023 |
| 07/2023/00026/DIS | Two Acres  Preston New Road  Samlesbury | Discarge of conditiond 3,5 and 6 of planning approval 07/2021/00635/FUL | Conditions Discharged.  7th November 2022 |
| 07/2023/00251/HOH | 37 Branch Road  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  BB2 7NY | Two story side extension and single story rear extension. | Approval with conditions  17th May 2023 |
| 07/2023/00263/SCE | Ab Inbev UK Limited  Cuerdale Lane  Samlesbury | EIA screening opinion – Proposed Hydrogen Production Facility at Samlesbury | EIA not required.  3rd May 2023 |

Hydrogen Green Energy – Have they done all the homework on the gas pipeline? They will have found out all the information they need. The blast zone can have effect up to a mile away. What’s the thickness of the pipe? Its 11mm which leaves a 150m blast zone either side of the pipe. Out of interest how often do they blow up? Not often. We aren’t condoling this proposal as its on greenbelt land. If it was being built on brown field sites, we wouldn’t have as much of a problem.

*ITEM 11 POLICIES*

11.1 The communications and complaints policies will be reviewed at 7 pm at the next meeting. These need re-printing for Glen, George and Kath. Re- e-mail out the policies out to PC members.

*ITEM 12* *CUERDALE GARDEN VILLAGE REPORT*

12.1 Is the planning portal up to date? It only shows just over two hundred objections. But on another link, it states that there are over seven hundred. You do have to look for them. Is there something more we should be doing? There isn’t a planning officer looking into it at the moment. We have got the traffic officer involved. Can all the Councillors be targeted? They key people to influence are the thirteen Planning Officers. We get some more information together.

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

Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7.30p.m. We will be meeting for 7 pm to discuss the policies.

Meeting closed at 21.26