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

*HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2023 AT SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

*PRESENT*

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

Two Members of the public

Cllr Barrie Yates and Cllr Peter Mullineaux,

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Sue Redmayne, 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 28th September 2023 were accepted as a true record.

- 4.9 from last minutes alteration made, re-print.

New maps have formally been changed regarding the footpaths, since the old maps in 1981. Footpath walk will have to be altered to the new maps. Footpath at Samlesbury Mill is on the old map, but it isn’t on the definitive map, if not on the definitive map, then they will not reinstate it.

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

Chairmans Report

4.1 A very pleasing result were my first thoughts as I opened the email regarding the ‘Pickerings Farm’ development, the inspector had listened to the arguments perfectly delivered in an inquiry that was tense and divided. The results as we believed backs up all the planning rules and was perfectly summarised in Mr Hanna’s 130-page document. The only possible negative which has already been mentioned, is the possibility of a review in the High Court. This would be both costly and if everything follows the aforementioned planning framework, futile. The fact that this has been given the ‘green light’ doesn’t mean that the Parish Council are going to ease back on their work relating to CGV, this is a battle that we see as ‘in action’.

The work at U.U. is well underway with a clean up around the entrances on Spring Lane, a new fence and hedge to be erected in early Spring 2024. The possibility of a tour could be offered around the site in early/mid-summer to see exactly what an amazing site and all the added benefits to our local area.

Over the last six months members of the Council have been looking into our website. People have commented regarding the difficulties in navigating it and finding details. I would like to thank Cllr Stephen Fawcett for all his hard work in bringing this new, rather slick website for us all to enjoy.

The ‘lovecleanstreets’ app that we have previously pushed as an amazing way of escalating issues such as potholes etc has proved to be very popular and is now creating backlogs in workload. This can only be a positive situation and with the extra injection of funds from Westminster, I hope by the end of this finical year we have improved the whole Parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PC and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

On the 23rd December 2023 the Community are holding a Christmas sing a long, please come along and help bring in Christmas. It will be held at the Nabs Head, starting at 6.30pm.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

Thanks to the Chairman for keeping in touch we work well together. Sends his best wishes to George. It is great news regarding Pickering’s Farm, but we must still keep working. The ‘lovecleanstreets’ app is working well. There are still plenty of sites left for development at BAE.

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

Due to last minute Mayoral duties, I unfortunately missed the last Parish Council meeting & did not have the opportunity to put in my SRBC report. Therefore before I give you my latest report this evening I would just like to give you a brief update which you should have had on 28/9/23.

Report from 28/9/23 PC  meeting

As Deputy Mayor of South Ribble I attended a number of functions across the borough & outside of the borough.

Music in the Park Funding

A budget of 150K was agreed to cover the cost of next year's event.

Committee Appointments

Changes to members on committees agreed. Appointment of a new Independent Person for upholding standards. Used in conjunction with our Standards Committee & Monitoring Officer.

Approval of a new Capital Budget of 155K to supply, install & maintain electric vehicle charging points.

Worked on a number of concerns & problems highlighted to me in & around the Samlesbury area.

* No movement on Garden Village or Logik Applications.
* Unfortunately to date no movement on missing Bus Shelter on Preston New Road but will keep working on it.
* Samlesbury Parish Chairman Graham Young was having difficulty contacting South Ribble Enforcement. Chased them up for him & they got in touch. (Contact  - Jane Clayton)
* Complaints regarding kids causing a nuisance around the Round Acre & Green End area. (This is an Ongoing issue)

Report for 23/11/23 PC meeting

As Deputy Mayor I have attended a number of functions in & outside of the borough & I am really enjoying my role in office. For anyone interested there is a Leyland Band Christmas Concert on Sunday 17/12/23 at St Marys Church in Leyland & a Mayoral Charity Ball on Friday 1/12/23 being held at the Civic Centre in Leyland. For any other information please contact the Mayors secretary. There is to be a special Council meeting 6/12/23 for Freedom of the Borough & Alderman Status. Ex Cllr Cliff Hughes is being given the honour of Freedom of the Borough. Ex Cllrs Hesketh, Forrest & Tytherington are being given the honour of becoming Alderman. Unfortunately, Ex Cllrs Barrie Yates & Jim Marsh who did qualify for Alderman status did not get approval from the Labour / Liberal groups which I feel was very petty when you consider Barry had represented his residents for 32 years & Jim for 19 years & that both have been past Mayors of the borough.

Corporate Strategy for 2023/24 - 2024/25 refresh approved.

Statement of Community Involvement to go out to Public Consultation with the Consultation being extended from 4 - 6 weeks to try to ensure it catches all consultees & I have made it clear that the Parish Council must be included.

Healthy Weight Collaboration between the County Council & SRBC. This is to combat obesity mainly in children but also across all age groups.

Money is being allocated by LCC over a 5 - 8 year period costing between 345 - 552 thousand pounds depending on the number of years.

The Future of the City Deal between SRBC, Preston & LCC is being considered. The original 10 year period is now up. This was discussed in a closed session at full council last night & I am unfortunately not able to go into any further detail at present.

I have been working on a number of things including Litter Bin replacing at the Lay-by near Samlesbury Hotel on Preston New Road & Dog Fouling signs for the Nabs Head & Branch Road areas.

Pickerings Farm has gone through.

No movement on the Garden Village or the Logik Applications.

The Windmill - Enforcement are taking action regarding the state of the site. Enforcement have sent a letter to the applicant regarding the state of the site giving them a chance to respond.

Football Nets & Parking problems around Green End & Round Acre.

Lot of time spent responding to queries regarding the Central Lancashire Local Plan

*Who is leading it? We don’t really know as they haven’t had a meeting. Joint advisory committee, Chorley hosting the next discussion. It’s all labour on that committee, anyone can attend that meeting. Have they had a special meeting to add in CGV to the Local Plan, it was a live application at the time but it should have been added to the growth not as a live application. What was the process to add it into the Local Plan, we need it in writing as to why it was taken out of the growth plan. It’s changed into different categories. PC should write and ask the question. Peter to ask this question too. Peter to send over some more names to write to and ask the question.*

Looking at funding towards Energy Efficient Lighting for the main hall here at the Memorial Hall.

Hopefully may have some positive news by end of next week.

Finally, with this being the last meeting until January may I wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

7.1 Regarding the ‘go ahead’ to Pickerings Farm they will spend the funds to take this application to high court.

7.2 Regarding the community engagement, there are four weeks until consultation, we have tried to get this extended to eight weeks but have only managed to get this extended to six weeks. We need to engage with it.

7.3 If CGV shouldn’t been in the LP then why do all the reports and diagrams have so much detail in them? Was this done my mistake? Part two was supposed to be this Summer 2023, but it has been pushed to Spring 2024. Will try and attend on the 4th December.

7.4 Questions for Barrie have been e-mailed to the clerk, which she then redirected to Barrie, where he has personally written back with the questions answered.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

8.1 At the elections an older couple couldn’t vote as they didn’t have any photo identification, would a bus pass work to vote? If local residents don’t have the right documentation, you can get a form of the council to vote. A bus pass should work. How do you get a bus pass? County Hall. Ring up or go down and fill a form in, can also do online or go down to the Civic Centre.

8.2 There is a pothole on Potter Lane, it has been reported on the ‘lovecleanstreets’ app, it is stating that it is in progress, but it hasn’t been done yet. Chairman to report this again.

8.3 The former Windmill Hotel needs sorting out; it is a disgrace. Some people are putting a stop to this, but we need to move on, and get the site sorted. Proposals have been turned down twice now unless it goes to higher court. James Hall isn’t doing anything about it.

8.4 Lights are shining across at BAE.

8.5 Regarding the streetlights on the A59 from the motorway towards the A677 there must be a dozen or more lights out. This has been reported on the app and its status is that it’s progress.

8.6 Can it please be explained as to why the tress are being cut back/down. It is mostly due to ash die back or sycamore. Trees have been cut down on Vicarage Lane and the A59, these trees did have markings on them. It is the dead spindly bits/trees that are taking out the bigger trees, these smaller ones need removing.

All the extra cars and caravans seem to have gone now at Leos.

8.8 Road markings around the motorway roundabout, these need repainting. Where are we up to with this?

8.9 The changing of the speed limit from 60MPH to 30MPH on Spring Lane, Roach Road and Goosefoot Lane, they are now thinking of turning it to a 40MPH speed limit. Ask for a petition for support for the 40MPH.

8.10 What’s happening with Lower Hall Farm regarding the Sand and Gravel? Still waiting for more information to come in.

8.11 Still waiting for Evabel to come and move the Notice board on Nabs Head Lane.

8.12 Going forward with SRBC Best Kept Village competition, can we enter as a PC? We need to have representatives to do this. Should we be taking a lead on this matter, and work with the Civic Society? Come together with a plan.

8.13 The lights at Higher Nabs Head Barn, you can see them right across the valley, can we do anything about it? It will be a difficult one to address, as this was for security reasons. Its on all the time not on a sensor.

8.14 Some trees have been taken down regarding ash die back, there are lots of trees with it. Who’s responsibly is it to have them taken down? There are people going around all the time checking on the trees. Get in touch with the tree people if need. Responsibility lies with individual landowners. Could we put something about this in the PC’s newsletter, and who to contact? It’s around £400 per tree to take it down.

8.15 Regarding the LALC planning training course - we have a trainer to come to us, both dates that were discussed at the last PC meeting are available. It will cost around £400 plus expenses. Hoghton PC are willing to send some of their PC members to come along and cover some of the cost. The dates suggested are the 22nd or 29th February 2024, which date would suit? Thursday 22nd February in the evening, time to follow. Meeting to be hosted at the hall. Clerk to book this.

8.16 A issue was reported on the ‘lovecleanstreets’ app around three months ago, said it was in progress, it has now disappeared, and the issue has not been resolved. Contact the office, telephone number is on the app. E-mail Barrie too, with the problem and he will also take it up.

8.17 The lighting at the Brewery? We have had five meetings now via Protium, the latest one was yesterday. They have agreed and altered the lighting on the wagon park. The lights should be for the parking area not the community.

8.18 The Chairman and Vice Chairman were invited to celebrate Samlesbury Hall’s 700-year anniversary, they really enjoyed the evening. They have opened two new rooms. They are trying to raise money to replace the roof.

8.19 The Transport Plan for Lancashire has not even started yet. This could take up to 12 months.

8.20 The hedge on the side of Preston New Road, can this be cut back?

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

9.1 Expenditure

Expenditure

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| 23/11/2023 | 664 | Missing Cheque for Aprils Newsletter | £88.00 |
| 23/11/2023 | 665 | Cheque for Newsletters | £72.00 |
| 23/11/2023 | 666 | Clerk Oct/Nov Wage | £300 |
| 23/11/2023 | 667 | Microsoft 365 subscription | £59.99 |
| 23/11/2023 | 668 | Office - Stamps | £5.00 |
| 23/11/2023 | 669 | Office - ink | £41.39 |
| 23/11/2023 | 670 | Wreath | £18.00 |
| 23/11/2023 | 671 | Wreath | £18.00 |
| 23/11/2023 | Cheque not written | Build new website | £500 |
| 23/11/2023 | DD? | Monthly management fee for website | £25.30 + VAT |
| 22/11/2023 | Cheque not written | Waterside website hosting fee | £120 |
| 23/11/2023 | 672 | SK Transport planning, invoice 3744 | £714.00 |

Proposed and second.

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

9.2 The Parish budget for the Precept for the year 2024/2025 was agreed. Proposed and Second.

9.3 Where are we up to with the meeting with SK planning? From our point of view, until we are further into it all, we don’t want any more meetings. Was there not an agreement with the action group for half the costing? An invoice needs raising for these costs.

9.4 Have we got anything from Barrie yet regarding the Coronation money, no.

9.5 Contact Virgin money over going to online banking?

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2023/00756/FUL | Aspden Fold Farm  Nabs Head Lane  Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0UQ | Change of use of existing yard from agriculture to a flexible use of either agriculture or defined and limited commercial purposes. | Was refused last week. |
| 07/2023/00777/LBC | Beeston Manor Country  Hotel  Quaker Brook Lane  Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0RA | Listed Building Consent for single storrey extensions to side and rear - Amended scheme to planning permission 07/2022/00057/FUL to replace oak trusses and posts with stone and amend ground levels. |  |
| 07/2023/00783/HOH | 37 Branch Road  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  Lancashire  BB2 7NY | Erection of outbuilding, retrospective application for front porch and alteration to the side setback. |  |
| 07/2023/00785/NMA | Beeston Manor Country  Hotel  Quaker Brook Lane  Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0RA | Non-material amendment to planning permission 07/2022/00057/FUL to replace oak trusses and posts with stone and amend ground levels. |  |
| 07/2023/00823/OUT | 13 Long Meadow  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  Lancashire  BB2 7NX | Outline application for detached dwelling with all matters reserved. |  |
| 07/2023/00815/CLU | Heyes Farm  Whalley Road  Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0UN | Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use of outbuildings for domestic storage and not agricultural use. |  |

Member’s Decisions.

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| 07/2023/00565/FUL | Ab Inbev UK Limited,  Cuerdale Lane, Samlesbury,  Preston | Erection of wastewater treatment plant  comprising technical building, methane reactor, storage and processing tanks, flare stack, associated plant and enabling works. | Approval with Conditions  6th October 2023  We were involved in some of the conditions with tree planting. |
| 07/2023/00620/FUL | The Hollins,  Roach Road, Samlesbury,  Preston | Erection of detached two-storey dwelling with attached double garage following demolition of existing barn | Refusal  27th September  2023 |
| 07/2023/00730/NMA | Dale End,  Preston New Road, Mellor Brook, Blackburn | Application for a non-material amendment to planning approval 07/2020/01025/HOH to change roof tiles to green slate to match existing roof, existing window to ground floor lounge and first floor bedroom 4 to be infilled, 2no windows to ground floor hallway existing windowsills lowered, porch entrance door/screen reconfigured. I can confirm that the proposed amendments as detailed below have been assessed against adopted-ref: 07/2021/01282/NMA | Approval  2nd October 2023 |

*ITEM 11 PARISH WEBSITE*

11.1 EasyWeb Sites have provided the PC with a quote of £500 for the redesigning of the PC’s website. There will also be a hosting fee of around £25.30 per month. If PC goes ahead with this deal, we need to set up a direct debit for the monthly hosting fee.

11.2 Our current website is out of date, and not compliant. We have been looking around at other PC websites, a lot have changed their websites over to EasyWeb sites. The man who designs it is a current PC member from another parish. They also do LALC’s website. The current web designer has said around £250 to re vamp it. £500 plus VAT is as one-off cost. There will be an ongoing cost around £30 per month for the hosting fee. Have gone back to the person doing our current website he has said that he is more than happy for us to go elsewhere.

11.3 Could we put a poster up in local areas with a QR code that takes you directly to the website? Proposed, and second. Vote in favour, Stephen to now sort.

*ITEM 12 POLICIES*

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

*ITEM 12 AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.*

Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30p.m. at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall.

The Chairman wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting closed at 21.30.