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

*HELD ON THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2024 AT SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

*PRESENT*

Aimee Barton Parish Clerk, Graham Young Chairman   
Parish Councillors George Whalley, Kath Wright, Ian Seed, Stephen Fawcett, Glen Clayton and Micheal Higginson. Clare is to arrive later in the evening.

Cllr Barrie Yates

Two members of the public

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Cllr Sue Redmayne and Cllr Peter Mullineaux

*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 26th September 2024 were accepted as a true record.

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

4.1 Chairman’s report

As winter draws in and nights become longer, it is a good time to reflect on the good and bad of 2024: -

The climate change debate being discussed at COP 29 – that we are becoming warmer and dryer – seems to have missed the good people of Samlesbury. Our bad weather took its toll on the road surfaces around the parish, but I am glad to report that a big scheme of work on road surfacing has been undertaken, and both the area around Nab’s Head and the motorway junction are now more pleasant to drive on.

Let’s hope we can improve all the roads in the parish, e.g. excessive speed and accidents on Roach Road have concerned the Council for some time – but I am pleased to report that after extensive dialogue with Cllr. Yates, we are now going to have a new series of road signs to alert drivers of the danger.

Let’s hope that this is enough to slow drivers down.

On a more serious note, one of the reasons we struggled was the lack of accidents being reported to the police. Could I urge everyone if you have an incident, to report it and ensure we have a log number.

The number of vehicles turning the wrong way and travelling the wrong way down the A59 towards the motorway, has also been a concern. Again, we will endeavour to have new signage fitted and try to make it safe.

The **Local Plan** for South Ribble is still in the preparation stage and a **Consultation Event** has been planned for Monday **10th February** 2025 from 4.00pm until 7.00pm at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall. I would urge as many as possible to attend and help formulate the plan. We can represent and respond on your behalf, but it will have a lot more gravitas if as many individual views as possible are submitted.

The Enterprise Zone plans are now out for further consultation, with more high-end engineering firms wanting to become part of the development.

Again, the road situation may become an issue as it enters its later stages but, all we can comment on is the design and street scene, the planting of trees and vegetation to screen it a little and help it from being too intrusive.

The company hoping to develop the land off Branch Road, has reached out to the Parish Council to see if we would be interested in working alongside them in the early planning stages. This would hopefully give us an opportunity to have a say in a few of the much-needed amenities in this area.

Although there are already 10 bus stops between the last of the ‘long’ bungalows and the old Halfway House/Mezzo’s, we have had a verbal assurance that buses will stop anywhere along Preston New Road if anyone puts their hand out.

At present, Lancashire County Council are reinstating the footway between Samlesbury Hall and Sir Frederick Page Way as far as the bus stop.

We are encouraged to inform Lancashire Police of any incidents of speeding in and around Nabs Head Lane/Further Lane by ringing 101

Once again, a very well attended Coffee Morning was held on the 14th September at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. A massive *thank you* for all the hard work of the team behind it. A spectacular £4,861 – 30p was raised and donated to Northwest Air Ambulance, Cardiac Risk in the Young, and Prostate Cancer UK. A donation was also made to the Memorial Hall for the use of this fantastic venue.

These events would not be such an amazing success without yourselves, so the Coffee Morning Team would like to thank everyone who attended and donated, for their generosity.

That just leaves me with a *thank you* to yourselves and the Parish Council for all your help and support throughout 2024 and let us hope that 2025 is a good year. Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year,

4.2 The footpath at Mowcroft needs attention. Most of the fences are in a state of disrepair, this issue need’s to be dealt with. It is currently a post and wire fence. Barrie will investigate this. It is a steep incline to the brook. The fence was erected and maintained by the council, but it hasn’t been maintained in the last 20 years or so. It is nothing to do with the farmer.

4.3 Regarding the new entranceway in the wall on Intack lane. The owners are now using it, there is a track from the property leading to this. Chairman to ask the enforcement officer regarding this.

4.4 Can we ask the enforcement officer regarding a newly installed road, just off Preston New Road opposite Park Lane.

4.5 There have been vehicle movements at the McKenna’s. It appears they could be trading again. We need proof of this before we can send the enforcement officer down.

4.6 Regarding Item 5 from the September’s minutes ‘buses will stop anywhere on the A677’ they have been elevating the bus stops. Surely, they need to be sorting the bus shelters.

4.7 Could we go through the previous minutes one point at a time in future?

4.8 Regarding the Cross on Cuerdale Lane. It could raise concern’s if the grass verges were raised surrounding the cross, as this will increase the hight of the cross and this could cause reduction in sight when entering or existing Potter Lane. Should we replace it with a 5ft cross? It was a 6ft cross, should we not replace the cross at this hight? Could a six-tonne block of concrete be placed in front of it? That way if a car did collide with the cross the concrete block would protect it? Should we keep repairing it for now and deal with replacing it if it ever gets run into again? Proposed and second to leave it and repair it for now until something happens again.

4.9 More business units are to be built on the BAE Enterprise Zone these must be no more than two stories high.

4.10 An invite has gone out to Jackie Copley from CPRE we will hopefully meet her in the new year.

4.11 On Goosefoot Lane regarding the replacement of trees are they talking about the conifer trees? It’s nothing to do with the property.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

The Enterprise Zone is 22,6352sm2. What are they doing with it all? It will all be for high tech companies for the government. They have to keep new buildings below two stories high. Happy the Cyber Centre is moving in. Some of the old concrete buildings will be being replaced.

The roads and footpaths around Round Acre and Green End have now been completed. The road repairs in Barrie’s area have now also been completed, the cost of this was around £150,000. For the repairs in Samlesbury the total cost was around £4594.

A speed assessment on Spring Lane showed that on a 60mph road the average speed of traffic was about 49mph with only one slight collision reported in the last five years. It is important that any accidents are reported to the police. Please can it be added to the next PC newsletter for accidents to be reported to the police? The speed limit at Nabs Head is 40mph, the average speed recorded was 38mph. The speed limit on Further Lane is 60mph with the average traffic speed doing 39mph, with only one slight collision in the past five years. On Vicarage Lane only two slight collisions have been reported. The average speed recorded on Roach Road was 38mph with one slight collision. The average speed on Goosefoot Lane was 33mph with one collision reported. Residents have been stating that there have been loads of accidents on these roads, they haven’t been reported to the police. Barrie is going to provide these statistics to the PC in writing. Based on the evidence logged it doesn’t appear that there is an accident black spot.

Everything has been put on hold at the moment until the elections in May.

A grit bin has been requested for Potters Lane on the farmers side, if it’s put too near to the roadside it will reduce traffic vision. We need to put it in a safe place. Should Potters Lane not be gritted anyway with there being a school on it? It needs gritting down to the bottom where the school is.

Still waiting for the missing information from Lower Hall Farm. The road markings on the A59 from the bottom of Brockholes Brow up to BAE have been completed. The signs near the Catholic Church are covered in moss, you cannot see the road signs at all. Can this be put on the list for Barrie? Regarding the signs on Roach Road, two new signs will be installed.

Can a sign be installed at the bottom of the Catholic chapel’s driveway or markings be written on the road? If it’s on private land then it can’t be done, Barrie will check this out. The signs need washing first. Could we not ask the Catholic Chapel, is a sign could be installed on their property? Barrie is willing to give money towards this as part of one of his grants.

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

No report has been received.

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

7.1 At the bottom of Vicarage Lane there have been three accidents within the last two weeks in the same spot.

7.2 Another report of a wagon getting stuck under the bridge on Vicarage Lane. Chairman to get in touch with the Brewery again. You can get signs that say, ‘do not follow sat nav’.

7.3 An email has been received by a member of the public

“I have emailed Lancashire County Council a number of times to ask for a grit bin at the junction of Potter Lane/A59 junction on behalf of school.  
No action has been taken to resolve this problem; I wondered if you could possibly pursue this issue.” Been addressed.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

8.1 James from easy websites attended the meeting to activate the remaining PC members e-mail addresses he will try and do Sue’s remotely.

8.2 A reminder to all PC members to fill in their register of interest forms and hand back to the clerk. There are still a few outstanding.

8.3 Regarding the site meeting at the bottom of the Spine Road, nothing has happened yet. Chairman to get in contact regarding the site visit.

8.4 Nothing more has been done regarding planting in front of the Brewery, maybe they need a reminder. They have till March to do the planting.

8.5 The footways on Vicarage Lane need clearing. There are two footways, they have only cleared one.

8.6 The streetlights are still out on Preston New Road, the lamp post numbers to give to Barrie.

8.7 The house at the end of Intack Lane has had a large extension built on the side and a large garage has also been erected, did they have planning for this?

8.8 Are they still burning shavings at Wilsons? Yes, they are. The smoke at the Church has been bad recently, really choking. Environment agencies are still going down there carrying out their investigations. Contact needs to be made with the school to see how the smoke is there? Keep pressure on them. Supposed to be clean energy. What are they burning? Do we know the lasting damage? Bring this to the attention of people who are in the know. The fires are burning 24hrs a day.

8.9 If you can’t take HGV’s out onto the A59 should this not stop the quarry? It’s down to highways and LCC. This keeps coming up.

8.10 This isn’t in our Parish boundary, but there has been a proposal for a development at the roundabout at the Houghton Arms (near the M65). There is a traffic issue all around it. It is ongoing, it could have an impact on S&C roads. Should S&C PC be objecting to this proposal for possible impact regarding traffic, greenbelt and openness. Not too sure on the closing date. Find out and we can have a planning meeting to discuss this further.

8.11 SR still haven’t got their local plan in. Hoping by the end of January it shall be. Highways can’t see a master plan until possibly the end of 25/26. Surely highways should have had theirs in first. Until we know which parcels of land, they are giving up we just don’t know.

8.12 The old banners for the action group fighting for the proposed CGV are looking untidy, can we take them down or tidy them up?

8.13 Stephen has been asked to become a member on Houghton PC too, he is seriously considering it and just wanted to let S&C PC know.

8.14 The village notice board, where are we up to with the glass? Chairman has chased them up they have said imminently.

8.15 Can the PC plant up around the notice board.

8.16 Where are we with the long-awaited meeting with UU? Chairman has spoken to them; UU will be coming out in the next week or two to sort out the grass verges. Soil it up and put grass seed on. Meeting regarding the wall, still waiting for the funding.

8.17 The MP won’t be going around any PCs until January. She will hopefully be meeting with us early next year.

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

9.1 Expenditure

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| 28/11/2024 | Cheque 695 | August Newsletter | £72 |
| 28/11/2024 | DD | Nov website fee | £52.80 |
| 28/11/2024 | DD | Dec website fee | £52.80 |
| 28/11/2024 | Cheque 696 | Office (ink) | £28.49 |
| 28/11/2024 | Cheque 697 | Clerk Oct/Nov wage | £400 |
| 28/11/2024 | Cheque 698 | Wreath | £18 |
| 28/11/2024 | Cheque 699 | Wreath | £18 |
| 28/11/2024 | Cheque 700 | Microsoft 365 subscription | £59.99 |

Proposed and second.

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

9.2 It was proposed and second for the Parish budget for 2025/2026 to have a 5% increase.

9.3 We need to ringfence some money for CGV, proposed and second to ringfence £40,000.

9.4 Stephen to bring a price for solar powered speeding signs to the next meeting.

9.5 A letter has been received regarding the annual membership fee for CPRE, currently the PC pay £150, are the PC happy with this payment or would they like to increase this fee? PC proposed and second to continue with the current £150 payment.

9.6 It has been noted that cheque 694 for the D-Day celebrations was signed at the last PC meeting. The invoice for this has been received by the clerk.

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2024/00727/HOH | Brendene  Park Lane  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  Lancashire  BB2 7PY | Single-storey side extension, two-storey rear extension with balcony to the rear, the erection of a double storey front porch, a new roof installation to include ridge extension and first floor side extension, a loft conversion and changes to external materials and appearance. |  |
| 07/2024/00676/FUL | The Hollins  Roach Road  Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0RB | Temporary placing of a static caravan within the enclosed site (private paddock) to the north east of the Hollins Barn for use as a residential dwelling before and during the demolition of existing barn |  |
| 07/2024/00670/CLD | Brook House Farm Goosefoot Lane  Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0RP | Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed residential outbuilding |  |
| 07/2024/00819/HOH | Goosefoot Close Samlesbury  Preston  Lancashire  PR5 0SS | Proposed single-story Rear Extension and alterations |  |
| 07/2024/00759/LBC | Samlesbury Hall  Preston New Road  Samlesbury  PR5 0UP | Proposed erection of permanent event and kitchen marquees. | Grade 1 listed building and on a grade 1 listed site. Proposed in the old archery field. Saying they will use it between 10am-6pm. It will be used for weddings using their own caterers. It’s inappropriate, it’s on greenbelt. It is an historical site, the proposed development it to close to the building. Greenbelt, access traffic. E-mail the draft to PC members first. |
| 07/2024/00849/HOH | Church View,  Vicarage Lane,  Samlesbury. | Erection of timber outbuilding for storage purposes. |  |
| 07/2024/00863/FUL | 4 Fairview  Roach Road  Samlesbury  PR5 0UA | Formation of gated access onto Roach Road | Objection on how close to the bend. Very dangerous spot. Sight lines. Needs 70ft of clear vision. |

Member’s Decisions.

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| 07/2024/00074/FUL | Windmill Hotel, Preston New Road,  Mellor Brook, Blackburn | Demolition of vacant Public House | Approval with Conditions  10th October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00372/HOH | Mayfield,  Preston New Road,  Mellor Brook, Blackburn | Two storey rear extension with Juliet balcony to the first floor and single storey porch to front elevation, proposed car port to eastern elevation following demolition of existing wrap around single storey extension and proposed roof works involving raising and altering roof to accommodate additional living space at second floor level. | Approval with Conditions  4th October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00586/FUL | Nabs Head Hotel, Nabs Head Lane, Samlesbury, Preston | Addition of fire escape staircase provision to rear yard to service living area above existing public house | Approval with Conditions  2nd October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00665/SCE | Land At Branch Road,  Mellor Brook, Blackburn, Lancashire | Erection of 145 residential dwellings | EAI Not required  1st October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00620/DIS | Brook House Farm, Goosefoot Lane, Samlesbury,  Preston | Application to discharge conditions Condition 3 - Materials Specification; Condition 4 - SAP Calculation; Condition 16 - Invasive Species; Condition 17 - Brook Protection; Condition 18 - Soft Landscaping; Condition 21 - Replacement Trees of planning approval 07/2023/00089/FUL | Part Discharged  15th October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00652/ADV | Chaiiwala,  Preston New Road, Mellor Brook, Blackburn | Retrospective Advertisement Consent for illumiated and non-illuminated signage scheme | Consent Granted  24th October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00369/CLU | Old Oak Barn, Bezza Lane, Samlesbury,  Preston | Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for Use of land as garden for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of a dwelling house | Certificate Granted  31st October 2024 |
| 07/2024/00727/HOH | Brendene  Park Lane  Mellor Brook  Blackburn  Lancashire  BB2 7PY | Single-storey side extension, two-storey rear extension with balcony to the rear, the erection of a double storey front porch, a new roof installation to include ridge extension and first floor side extension, a loft conversion and changes to external materials and appearance. | Approval with conditions  19th November 2024 |

An email has been received regarding a breach of planning:

The address is Bezza House, Bezza Lane, Samlesbury, PR5 0UF. Email has been printed out and was shown to PC members.

*ITEM 11 POLICIES*

11.1 To agree the Communications and Complaints policies at January’s meeting.

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

Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 7.30p.m. at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. 7pm for the policies.

Merry Christmas to all, and a safe journey home.

Meeting closed at 9.25