Minutes of Sampford Arundel Parish Council Meetings held Tuesday 5 May 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs J Lloyd (Chairman), J Burgess, B Brown, K Hill, G Pike and M Sydenham Alice Kendall – Parish Clerk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

029.21 Signing of 2019 meeting Minutes **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting. A meeting was not held in 2020 due to coronavirus restrictions.

030.21 Speakers from local Parish Groups to update the Council on their activities No representatives were present. It was understood that the groups hadn't met due to restrictions.

031.21 Report by the Chair Mrs Janet Lloyd

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the year, including the appointment of the new Clerk. Things had been reasonably quiet in the Village due to lockdowns etc. She also reported that in person Council meetings would resume after the 1st week in May. She has not had any contact with the new Vicar.

032.21 Public Questions

No members of the public were present.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- 033.21 Election of Chairman for the forthcoming year RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Lloyd as Chairman.
- **034.21** Election of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Sydenham as Vice Chair.
- **035.21 Adoption of the General Power of Competence** Councillors considered the information leaflet circulated and **RESOLVED** to adopt the General Power of Competence.

036.21 Calendar of meetings for the forthcoming year

The calendar of meetings was noted.

037.21 Arrangement for review of the following

- a. Standing Orders
- b. Financial Regulations
- c. Land and assets
- d. Insurance cover
- e. Statement of Internal Controls

It was **agreed** that the Clerk and Chairman review these documents and present any amendments required to a future meeting.

038.21 Public Forum – matters of report

There were none.

039.21 Apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Hill and Milton due to internet connectivity issues.

- **040.21 Declarations of Interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in any agenda items** There were none.
- 041.21 Approve and sign Minutes of the meeting held 6 April 2021 RESOLVED to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held 6 April.

At this juncture, Councillor Hill arrived at the meeting.

042.21 Chair's report

The Chairman didn't have much to report other than a meeting with partners instigated by the Police was held at the Beambridge to discuss the fatal accident.

043.21 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted.

044.21 Planning Application

a) 32/21/0001 - Formation of a vegetated geomodular boundary wall to the front of Little Holme, Greenway, Sampford Arundel

It was agreed that there were no objections to the application. Councillors were disappointed the no comments had been made by Highways.

045.21 Finance

 a) To approve payments since the last meeting: CHQ000895 Scribe Finance System (12 months) £172.80 CHQ000916 Clerk's Salary M1 April £187.38 CHQ000917 Clerk's Salary M2 May £187.38 (dated 25/5/2021)

RESOLVED to approve the payments.

 b) 2020/21 Final Accounts **RESOLVED** to accept the receipt and payments account for 2020-2021.

29.21 A38 Road Safety

It was reported that the Police had met with invited partners on 30th April at Whiteball Hill. They will review their findings and report them back to a meeting at the Beambridge sometime in May to which the Parish Council will be invited. Concern was raised about the number of large floral tributes at the site as it was felt they cause a distraction to motorists. This will be monitored.

046.21 Matters of report

- Councillor Hill reported that a number of the metal finger sign posts were becoming rusty. A group of Councillors will get together to arrange repainting. She also reported the Bridleway to Broadleigh needs signposts.
- Councillor Burgess gave a brief history on the formation of the bridleway. Footpaths in the Parish need to be surveyed as a whole to check all signs etc.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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