

**Minutes of Sampford Arundel Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms.**

**Present:** Cllrs J Lloyd (Chairman), J Burgess, J Troake and R Milton  
A Kendall (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr D Mansell (Somerset Council)

**1. Apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Brown, K Hill and G Pike.

**2. Public Forum – matters of report**

Councillor D Mansell gave the following updates from Somerset Council

- Restructure and redundancies are still in process. The budget setting process is nearing completion but there is still a large gap to fill.
- He expects there to be a significant impact on planning matters following the new governments housing targets.
- A boundary review is underway for new ward allocations for the 2027 elections.
- There are no further updates on the broadband situation.
- All markings are now complete on the A38, but it has been noted that the worn lines around the Beambridge weren't included as at the time of planning they were in better condition. Signs around Hollywell Lake Lane have been re-configured to discourage vehicles from using it. It is hoped that the average speed cameras will be installed in spring.

**3. Pre-Application Planning**

Proposed plans for the new dwelling at Home Farm were presented to the Councillors. It was agreed that the design is suitable and that the Council will provide support when the full application is submitted.

**4. Declarations of Interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in any agenda items**

There were none.

**5. Approve and sign Minutes of the meetings held 5 November 2024**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held 5 November 2024.

**6. Chair's Report**

The Chair reported that the Highways Maintenance scheme was still not confirmed. The next LCN meeting is scheduled for the following week at the Beambridge. She has received an e-mail from Membury Parish Council who raised concerns about the Government's plans to levy inheritance tax on family farms, the Chair will write back.

**7. Finance**

**a. Bank Reconciliation**

**RESOLVED** to note and approve the reconciliation.

**b. To approve payments since the last meeting;**

| Chq No | Name       | Description     | Amount |
|--------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| SO     | A Kendall  | Salary November | 231.00 |
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| DD     | PWLB       | Loan            | 166.60 |
| 001078 | Vision ICT | Website         | 185.26 |
| 001079 | A Kendall  | Q3 Expenses     | 119.70 |
| 001080 | SAPCC      | Burial Grant    | 325.00 |

**RESOLVED** to approve payments as presented.

**c. Receipts since the last meeting;**

| Name   | Description | Amount |
|--------|-------------|--------|
| Lloyds | Interest    | £13.96 |

Income was noted.

**d. Budget Report to Date**

The report was noted.

**e. Update to Standing Order**

Following the agreement of the annual pay award, it was **RESOLVED** to amend the Standing Order for the Clerk's salary to £231 per month.

**8. Budget, Reserves & Precept**

**RESOLVED** to set the budget as presented (expenditure £10,321, income £85) and set the Precept at £8,993 resulting in a Band D increase of 19.91%.

**9. To confirm taking up membership to CCS**

Resolved to take up Building Membership of the Community Council of Somerset at a cost of £110.

**10. Parish Rooms Update**

Councillor Burgess reported that a new member had joined the working group who has contacts with an architect who would assist in drawing up plans. The Parish Rooms Committee have confirmed that all future funds raised will go towards the new project.

**11. Matters of report**

- The Clerk reported that the notice board at Sampford Moor was now in poor condition. It was agreed that replacement options be presented to the next meeting.
- Councillor Milton again reported the issue of water in the road around stoney stile. The Chair reported that she had forwarded maps to the appropriate person.
- Councillor Troake asked the Clerk to review the hall details on the Council website.

**12. Items for Next Agenda**

Notice boards

Next meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 11 March 2025

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**