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

*HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd JULY 2021 AT SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

*PRESENT*

Aimee Barton Parish Clerk, Graham Young Chairman   
Parish Councillors Glen Clayton, Michael Higginson, Kath Wright, Sue Redmayne, Stephen Fawcett, Alison Gerrard and Peter Mullineaux.

*ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Apologies from Cllr Clare Lewis, George Whalley, Barrie Yates and 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.

*ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING*

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021 were accepted as a true record.

*ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

4.1 Chairman’s report.

4.1.1 A Questionnaire has been distributed throughout the parishes regarding the land at the bottom of Branch Road asking what the residents would like to see built on the land. Someone posted a comment on Social Media stating that a member of Samlesbury and Cuerdale Parish Council said “do not fill in the questionnaire as it is a pointless exercise, the council will do what they want with the land.” This was not the case. A public meeting was held last Tuesday 13th July regarding the land, it was mentioned that affordable housing might be a good suggestion, but many of the residents do not want this. What would they want on this land?

4.1.2 There will be a meeting held on Thursday 29th July regarding the former Windmill Hotel Site. James Hall have altered the plans slightly and re-submitted. Only 26 can attend this meeting. Samlesbury and Cuerdale Chairman to speak at this meeting.

4.1.3 The Parish Plan is being updated. Clerk to send this as a PDF file to council members with e-mails, hard copy to be sent out to those council members who do not have access to e-mail.

4.1.4 Regarding the Extraction of Sand and Gravel from Lower Hall Farm Potters Lane, Cllr Yates has stated that from a County Council point of view Harlyford have not answered questions that have been raised. He has been informed that Samlesbury and Cuerdale Parish Council are still to submit their letter of objection. It has been brought to the Parish Council’s attention that a tree survey has been carried out at the proposed site entrance and exit, other surveys are on hold at the moment as they are concentrating on the proposed site entrance and exit. Currently the bus stop on the dual carriage way near the proposed site entrance/exit cannot be used as it is deemed unsafe for buses to cross three lanes of traffic in time for the traffic lights, so how can this work for the HGV’s that will be using the proposed site? When the application went to Lancashire County Council every member objected to the application. Last time a company tried for planning at this site, the company went bankrupt as the sand was not good enough quality. The Parish Council have had some insights of Harlyford Aggregates accounts but have been advised that it’s not about the accounts it’s about the application.

*ITEM 5 L.C.C*

*ITEM 6 S.R.N*

6.1 Peter is chair of the Eastern Area community hub, they are looking for new projects. They funded Samlesbury and Cuerdale Civic Society, any help with funding get in touch, they currently have around £2,000 funding.

6.2 On the 6th July residents were invited to join their local councillors for a ‘community conversations’ held at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. There were 11 different sites in total where local residents were invited for a brew and a chat. But not many people attended. This was due to lack of advertising. Maybe a different time of day might be better for local residents.

6.3 Money is being spent on clearing the bushes around the riverbed.

6.4 Higher Walton riverbank are having trouble with a number of youths gathering around. Complaints have been received and the police are aware, however if more people complain then there is more chance of action being taken.

6.5 Covid-19 recovery scheme continues to help local businesses.

6.6 Climate change agenda has been agreed, by 2030 this scheme should come into action.

6.7 The Civic centre is now back open for members of the public, social distancing is still taking place.

6.8 A grant has been received from the football federation has been received, maybe Samlesbury and Cuerdale Parish Council should look to these for the grant towards their playground?

*ITEM 7 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC*

*7.1* An e-mail has been received with concerns over Preston New Road. In which a pavement has been mentioned from Sir Fredricks Page Way to Samlesbury Hall, and now expressing major concerns over speed limits. As two accidents have happened outside Mezzo, one resulting in the air ambulance having to attend. E-mail forwarded to Council Members. Cllr Yates is still looking into this case.

7.2 The footpaths are over-grown with weeds and nettles when walking around the parish. Residents having to walk in the road to avoid the nettles. Clerk to E-mail Peter regarding footpath clearing. A reminder to residents that every 2nd Saturday of the month the Civic Society gather for littler picking around the Parish. All correct PPE and equipment is provided.

7.3 Several broken/missing manhole lids along Sir Fredrick Page Way, this needs addressing.

7.4 The playground on Nabs Lane unfortunately is still no further. The ‘my neighbourhood’ fund was pulled at the last meeting. Parish Council are trying to find the extra funding. Samlesbury and Cuerdale Parish Council have managed to source around £25,000 from other companies and ourselves for this project. Chair is currently in discussion with funding on the project.

7.5 Interest on the Sand and Gravel Extraction at Lower Hall Farm, see 4.1.4.

*ITEM 8 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL*

8.1 The question was asked ‘is the community police officer going to attend a parish council meeting?’ the answer is yes.

8.2 There has been a bad accident around Vicarage Lane, people have been driving on the wrong side of the road. Signs are present but people are ignoring them. Highways cannot do anymore.

8.3 Reminder regarding South Ribble in Bloom

8.4 Samlesbury Civic Society are looking for volunteers to assist with the upkeep of the gardens around the parish.

8.5 The drain on Roach Road has still not been addressed.

8.6 The potholes on Goosefoot Lane, should be being addressed in early 2022.

8.7 Are we any nearer about the status of Huntley Wood ancient woodland?

8.8 Any news regarding the brick wall on Spring Lane? Still can’t find the protected status.

8.9 Footways need clearing, Clerk to send information to Peter regarding this.

8.10 Where are we up to with the notice boards, Chairman has spoken to Evabell regarding this, it’s on their list of jobs.

8.11 Where are we up to with reinstated footpaths and Bridal ways?

8.12 An inquiry was made regarding the listings in South Ribble. Clerk to e-mail Peter regarding this matter.

*ITEM 9 ACCOUNTS*

9.1 Expenditure

Expenditure

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| 22/07/2021 | Cheque 524 | Office | £4.59 |
| 22/07/2021 | Cheque 525 | Newsletter | £64.14 |
| 22/07/2021 | Cheque 526 | Clerks June/July wages | £300.00 |

Proposed and second.

9.2 AGAR. An internal Audit is being carried out. The cost of which is £20ph (hopeful he should only be 2 hrs). £5 each for background checks on all signatories. Payment to be made 7 days from the date of the invoice. A cheque has been made out to Karl Baldwin for £65 for this Audit.

9.3 Sign bank reconciliation, bank statements and invoices.

*ITEMS 10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

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| 07/2021/00635/FUL | Construction of a commercial building to extend existing business premises - stone/tile/flooring merchants | Two Acres Preston New Road Samlesbury Preston Lancashire PR5 0UL | An objection was made from the Parish last time, as it was beign used as a car garage.  No objection this time as its to extend their existing premises. |
| 07/2021/00602/FUL | Extension to existing cattle building | Park Farm Park Lane Mellor Brook Blackburn Lancashire BB2 7PY | No Objection. |
| 07/2021/00651/FUL | Installation of an air source heat pump and associated units. | Samlesbury C Of E Primary School,  Potters Lane,  Preston,  PR5 0UE | No Objection. |

Brewery needs keeping an eye on.

Member’s Decisions.

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| LCC/07/2021/00012 | Extraction of sand and gravel including construction of new access road and new junction with A59 Preston New Road, creation of plant site, weighbridge and stockpiling area, silt ponds, landscaping including screen mounding, with progressive restoration to wetland and passive flood management facility, woodland and agriculture | Lower Hall Farm, Potters Lane, Samlesbury, Preston | Observation Made made to LCC Application 8th June 2021.  Could be put back until Nov/Dec.  Objection letter will be sent in early next week from the Parish Council. |

*ITEM 11 POLICIES*

11.1 A separate meeting was held at 7p.m. to read and discuss these policies:

11.2 The Communication Policy was agreed and second.

11.3 The Complaints Policy was agreed and second.

11.4 The Records Retention Policy was agreed and second.

11.5 A separate meeting will be held before the Parish Council meeting at 7p.m. to discuss:

* Privacy Policy
* Reserves Policy.

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

Thursday 23rd September at 7.30p.m.

A separate meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd September for remaining policies at 7p.m.

Rachel Greenwood will be standing in as acting clerk for this meeting.