

Sampford Courtenay Open Parish Meeting 2024

**The 2024 Open Parish Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 8pm at
Sampford Courtenay Village Hall**

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Welcome - Cllr Michelle Wilson , Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

3. 2023 Open Parish Meeting – to review the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2023 (Attached as Appendix A)

4. SPEAKERS

Harriet Sergent – Customer Support Manager -Dartmoor Line Railway

Cllr Michelle Wilson – Chair – An overview of the Parish Council work during 2023/24

Cllr Louise Watts – West Devon Borough Council

Cllr James McInnes – Devon County Council

Bob Tucker – Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

5. QUESTIONS WELCOMED

Appendix A

Annual Parish Meeting NOTES– Wed 17th May 2023

(annotated below in red are the actions taken during the last 12 months)

Present: Cllrs M Carpenter, C. Coleman, J. McIlwraith (JM), V. Smedley, P. Collins (PC), M Wilson, M. Morrissey & T Squire + WDBC Cllrs L Watts & M Casbolt + Clerk M Pratt and 16 members of the public (L & R R; NC, BR, PS, BT, C & P G, LP, VM, CM, RW, DBP, AW, JT & JM)

Open Forum ideas/suggestions for SCPC to consider

- PC – Additional Salt Box on Franklyn Hill **This has been completed**
- JM – A chlorine test to see if leaking water is Mains or spring water. **Not deemed necessary following work of Highways to channel water away from the road**
- VM – Add Franklyn Hill to list for meeting with Highways etc. **Now in the Parish Action Plan**
- RR – Re-establishing a Sunday Rail Service from SC Station would ease isolation felt by some residents at The Beeches. **Has not been possible with ongoing negotiations and was voted by Oke Rail not to support will continue to consider options for the future**
 - RR – 20mph limit from New Inn to Langdale – (20's Plenty Campaign) • DBP- State of roads with pot holes etc **Request for information regarding the 20's plenty campaign have been responded to but would need co-operation of whole village due to conservation area as well as planning advice due to listed building restrictions**
- DBP – when utilities close the roads can they signpost where exactly the road is closed. **Report It website. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>**
- RW – Parked cars in the parish make it difficult for emergency vehicles to pass. **Has been reiterated again in the Chairs recent letter**
- ATG – more maintenance of Parish footpaths & more dog waste bins. **Maintenance is ongoing issue of dog poo has been raised in recent Chairs letter**
 - NC – Official signs throughout Parish to ask visitors and parishioners to pick up after their dog.
 - DBP – Notices to remind dog owners to keep dogs on a lead across fields with stock in them. **See Chairs letter**
- JM – would like to see the wider farming businesses included in the parish priorities. **Has been added as a priority and farmers were supported during spate of sheep worrying**
- CC – Encourage Natural environment preservation in the parish.
- PC – DCC “Red Post” scheme for no cut areas on verges.
- VM – History Project to include Farming, Prayer Book Rebellion, Courtenay Family and 1925 sale of properties by King’s College, Cambridge. **Veronica is in fact speaking at upcoming Prayerbook Rebellion event**
- DBP – better signage and promotion of parish amenities eg Village Green, Prayer Book Rebellion display in church etc.
 - LP – A parish history timeline **Started as part of the steering group for the Prayerbook Rebellion Event**
- LP – Priority re new housing in the parish (eg to include affordable homes) **Is addressed through Planning Policy and review and response to every application reported**
- LP – Carbon reduction plan – does the parish need an Electric recharging point? **Discussion and research show that this is being considered at community locations in the Parish**
- LP – Cost of Living – is this an issue for the parish and how could this be supported? **Information and literature is circulated and distributed through the Parish Groups via different media sources of support available particularly from DCC and WDBC**

Public comments on current Parish Priorities

1. Public Toilets – No comments
2. SCEnSus – No comments
3. Village Green – ATG - How many use it? Is it worth spending money on? CC – It is one of the few amenities SCPC own and it is an asset that needs maintaining.
4. Station – RR – would like renewed Sunday Service.
5. Telecoms/Broadband – Almost all of Parish has some sort of coverage now. Suggestion is to remove this from the Priorities.
6. Safer Roads – Try and arrange public meeting with Highways and Police to explain the concerns and what can be done to alleviate them.
7. Village Hall – SCPC EMR now all transferred to Village Hall – but will continue to support future events and continue with Christmas Cheer.
8. Defibrillator – This priority has also been achieved and can be removed from the list.