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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2014 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

28.01.14

Summonses to a bimonthly business meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 28 January 2014 in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall, Lower Town, Sampford Peverell, starting at 7.00 pm, were distributed with the agenda to all Members on 20 January 2014.

Agenda: as distributed.

2013/14/086

The Chairman, Cllr David Sweatman, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Malcolm Dudley-Williams (Principal, Mountstephen Advisers LLP), Lucie Brailsford (Project Communications Manager, Templar Strategies), Cllr M Lucas (MDDC), PCSO Jonathan Sims, PCSO 30633 Katie Butt (Cullompton) and Members of the Parish Council present. No other parishioners were present.

2013/14/087

Open Forum: proposals for development at Junction 27.

Ms Brailsford stated that there will be consultation with other local councils covering land south of the motorway and on both sides of the A38. She introduced Mr Dudley-Williams who described the development history of the site which had been subject to changes in central government policy. MDDC is now more willing to consider development at J27 and is looking for something that is architecturally exciting as part of the new draft local plan. Some 230 acres are involved, of which about 100 acres will be for commercial development.

[Cllr H Bainbridge joined the meeting at 7.05 pm]

The development will form "The Gateway to Devon" both for road and rail users. Trees will be retained and car parking areas will be green. There will be a pedestrian/cycle link to Tiverton Parkway station. Some 3 to 4,000 jobs will be created. The development is not dependent on housing, but will incorporate recreation areas, a cinema/concert hall and retirement homes. The process of land acquisition is in hand.

Lucie undertook to e-mail a copy of the plan for the area that had been shown to the meeting. [Not received].

[Ms Brailsford and Mr Dudley-Williams left the meeting at 7.35 pm, having been thanked for their presentation by the Chairman]

2013/14/088

Apologies: [Cllr R Radford (DCC)]

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr D Sweatman, Chairman

Cllr C Port, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs C Passey, M Farley, D Cutts, H Culpin and C Holland.

Cllr C Mason was not present.

2013/14/089

Report from the Community Police Officer, PCSO J Sims. Crime figures are low being 50% down on last year., and there were less incidents attended in this area. Commenting on crimes committed he stated that keys should never be left in an unattended motor vehicle.

Cllr Holland commented on the speed of traffic approaching down-hill the Whitnage Road bridge: she wondered if some form of traffic calming would help. PCSO Sims stated that first of all 4 or 5 surveys should be conducted to establish traffic speeds generally on this road. He will undertake these surveys and liaise with Cllr Holland. Following on from this various measures to slow traffic could be considered: such measures might be better signage.

[PCSO's Sims and Butt left the meeting at 7.55 pm]

2013/14/090

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 November 2013 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Passey, seconded by Cllr Port, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Parish Council held on 10 December 2013 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Port, seconded by Cllr Passey, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.



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Electronic copies will be sent to Mr B Pincham for publication on the village website.

Matters arising: none

Declaration of Interests: none made.

2013/14/091

Vacancy on the Parish Council: it was noted that the vacancy following the resignation of Mr Pincham has been advertised by MDDC. If no election is called the Parish Council may co-opt a new Member. No action on the list of Members at this time.

2013/14/092

Planning matters:

a) applications considered by sub-committee: none.

b) planning decisions notified:

i) 13/01461/FULL: VOSA: erection of single storey modular weighbridge facility: Public Weighbridge, SP. Permission granted: noted.

ii) 13/01154/FULL/NMA: Mrs J Carroll: erection of garden store (revised scheme) – non-material amendment to alter size, window size and move shed closer to boundary by 10 cm: 25A Higher Town, SP. Permission for NMA granted: noted.

c) Appeals notified: none.

d) new applications notified by 20 January 2014: none.

e) matters notified after 20 January 2014: none.

f) enforcement matters: none.

g) other planning matters and correspondence:

i) 13/01577/MFUL: Mr D H Lamyman: change of use of land from agriculture to a mixed use of horticulture and garden centre (2.72 ha): The Old Well Garden Centre (Burlescombe Parish): noted.

ii) 13/01506/FULL: installation of 1 electric vehicle quick charging point at Moto Services, J27 (Burlescombe Parish): noted.

iii) 13/01605/MFUL: erection of a 500 kW anaerobic digester and associated works with 4 silage clamps: Red Linhay, Crown Hill, Halberton. Noted: no action to be taken.

iv) 13/01616/MOUT: Waddeton Park Ltd: outline for development of up to 330 dwellings together with public open space, associated infrastructure and other works including vehicular access, pedestrian/cycle links and highway improvements: land at Uplowman Road, Tiverton. Noted. Comments already made on the EUE consultation apply.

v) Local Plan review: agreed to invite member of MDDC Forward Planning team for a special meeting of the PC on Tuesday 18 February 2014.

2013/14/093

Neighbourhood Watch: Brian Pincham has confirmed he is willing to continue as NHW coordinator and also to continue to maintain the village website. It was felt that a Member of the PC should be NHW coordinator for the village: Cllr Passey indicated his willingness to take on this role: he will speak to Brian. Cllr Culpin indicated her willingness to take over the village website if Brian had to give this up.

2013/14/094

Reports from County and District Councillors: Cllr Radford (DCC) is out of the country. His e-mailed report was read to the meeting. Highways teams have been deployed in the clean-up operation following recent very wet weather and the resulting floods. Damage to the roads is thought to be less than that caused by last winter's weather. The foster-care service is being reviewed with the aim of closing residential centres. More redundancies are expected as a consequence of government cuts of support grant next year.

Cllr Lucas (MDDC) reported that 37 planning appeals had been lodged in 2013, 14 of which were allowed. Just 3 of these cost MDDC over £39,000. There is concern that refusal of the Venn Farm solar



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farm project could add to this. Cllr Lucas also reported that the recycling fleet is to be replaced over the next two years.

2013/14/095

TAP Fund sub-committee report: Cllr Passey stated that two awards have been made and now await approval of MDDC/DCC, namely £500 to the Friends of the Canal for signage improvement and £400 to Sustainable Villages for bee keeping equipment. A response from Paul Tucker (MDDC) is awaited. Cllr Passey said he is willing to give support to Uplowman's application for funding for a dog bin: this will not involve any financial input from the SPPC grant. There is thus a residue of about £200. Suggestions called for: possible support for the Canal Centenary celebrations.

2013/14/ 096

Highways and other village matters:

a) improvement project (Higher Town): the Chairman reported that there now remain a few items to complete the project: hanging basket brackets and a cycle rack. The notice board is in hand.

b) overgrown trees in The Brendons: the site has been assessed by Oliver Vernon of "Four Seasons", a programme of works suggested and a written estimate given. This estimate was accepted on the proposal of Cllr Port, seconded by Cllr Holland and agreed *nem con*. The Clerk will notify local residents before the work starts. Members agreed that the work must be done during the dormant season, preferably during February.

[Cllr Mrs Bainbridge left the meeting at 9.00 pm]

c) grit bin for Coot Hide: noted that the bin is now in place (where requested by the PC). To be checked that it is filled with salt [later found to be so by the Clerk].

d) the Parish Lengthsman service is suspended (see Cllr Radford's report, above).

e) Whitnag Road traffic speed: see above (PCSO agreed to conduct speed surveys as a first step).

f) Club-house/Pavilion: second fix is under way. Generally excellent progress.

g) Mrs C Cranch of 25 Lower Town has written to Simon Bartlett and to the Chairman regarding the leat that flows through the car park area and alongside the Memorial Hall. She is concerned that the outflow from the road drain outside the Hall into the leat could back-up and flood the road if the water in the leat were to rise above the level of the outflow. She has requested that the leat be dredged. Cllr Sweatman has spoken to her to reassure her that her fears are unfounded. The recent problem of water on the highway at the Memorial Hall and across the entrance to the surgery was due to the blockage of the road drain. Once the blockage was cleared the problem was solved. No further action.

h) toilets in Recreation Ground: agreed to invite Andy Busby (MDDC) to the Local Plan special PC meeting planned for 18 February.

2013/14/097

Finance:

a) Statement of Accounts: as at 21 January 2014 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,945.70

Current account: £20,703.88.

Reconciliation to bank statements was demonstrated. Approved on the proposal of Cllr Port, seconded by Cllr Farley and agreed *nem con*.

b) payments made since the last meeting of SPPC were noted as follows:

i) 001208 F Harding: invoice collection C £2,328.25

ii) 001209 F Harding: N Chidgey Roofing invoice £2,345.00

These invoices (all of which relate to the pavilion project and have been paid by Mr Harding) are included in the above statement of accounts.

c) Authority to pay accounts rendered:

i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for December 2013: £283.00.



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- ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for January 2014: £283.00.
- iii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses for the period 22/11/13 to 22/1/14 as presented to the meeting: £64.22.

Three cheques issued on the proposal of Cllr Passey, seconded by Cllr Port and agreed *nem con*.

d) financial correspondence: none.

2013/14/098

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of WW1: the Royal British Legion is to produce a Book of Remembrance. The Sampford Peverell Society is not involved.

2013/14/099

Reports by Parish Council representatives:

a) VH & RG Charity Committee: Cllr Port reported on the 6 January Committee meeting. Mr Makin has volunteered his services as Treasurer and his partner, Cindy, has offered to be Secretary. Both posts to be ratified at the AGM. Committee is seeking new chairs funding, but in the meantime the existing chairs will be re-footed. The 200 Club is about to be launched, with Allan Weller to apply for a licence.

b) Canal Advisory Committee: Cllr Cutts reported that the embankment works are now completed with liner and clay lining in place. The breached section will be refilled in February and boats admitted in March. The National Trail-boat Festival will take place on 24 May at the MD Showground and on 18 May CLIC will stage its Canal walk and a 10km race.

On the proposal of Cllr Cutts, seconded by Cllr Holland and agreed unanimously, the Parish Council's Canal support grant monies set aside in its budgets for 2012/13 and 2013/14 shall not necessarily be used solely in support of capital projects.

c) Sampford Peverell Society: Cllr Culpin reported that the School book is progressing well.

d) SP & District Twinning Association: it is confirmed that the Hall is booked for the welcome reception for the French visitors in July 2014. The Parish Council will host this event as usual.

e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Port asked that Peter Bowers be advised of the proposed tree works in The Brendons.

2013/14/100

Parish Plan review: nothing additional to report, but see minute 2013/14/102 (a) below.

2013/14/101

Correspondence:

a) Devon Playing Fields Association: invitation to join passed to Cllr Port to take up with the Village Hall Committee.

b) other items in circulation.

2013/14/102

Any other matters by leave of the Chairman:

(a) Mr Christopher Rowley has written to the Chairman to highlight concerns about Station Road, namely the lack of pavement and lighting and the dangers to pedestrians in the hours of darkness. He questions progress with this aspect of the Parish Plan. This will be agendered for the next PC meeting. [The Clerk has contacted PCSO Sims and asked him to monitor vehicle speeds on Station Road: he has responded to say the Police would support improvements to Station Road to make it safer including a reduction in the speed limit.] It is also noted that this road is part of the Sustrans cycle route.

(b) Noting that the Housing Needs meeting organised by CCD was cancelled, the Clerk was asked to enquire about a new date.

The next ordinary business meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 25 March 2014 in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall, commencing 7.00 pm.

Agenda items deadline Friday 14 March 2014.



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The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

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Notes on the Special meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 February 2014 in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall starting at 7.00 pm.

1. The Chairman, Cllr Sweatman, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm welcoming Cllr M Lucas (MDDC) and all Members of the Parish Council. He introduced Mr Peter Williams, Forward Planning Team Leader, MDDC.

2. Mr Williams outlined the scope of the Local Plan review to 2033. He explained that Mid Devon is expected to be able to accommodate an additional 8,500 houses over the next 20 years, that is an extra 4,000 in addition to present proposals. There had been a call for sites. The policy is for most of this development to fit in present towns, not the villages, although following the Taylor report it is acknowledged that some development in villages is desirable. The purpose of the consultation is to find out what individual communities want.

MDDC is looking for proposals for “exceptional development” at Junction 27. It is acknowledged that development there must not harm Exeter and Taunton. Infrastructure requirements will be taken into consideration. Bids to central government may be made for necessary improvements.

The call for sites has produced 6 to 7 times more land for development than is currently needed.

The deadline for responses is 24 March 2014.

Peter stated that 35% of dwellings should be affordable, ie for rent or for shared ownership.

[Mr Williams left the meeting at 7.40 pm having been thanked by the Chairman]

3. The Chairman then introduced Mr Andy Busby, Facilities and Corporate Buildings Manager, MDDC. Mr Busby acknowledged the PC’s response to earlier correspondence that the public toilets in the Recreation Ground are needed to be retained in use. They had been refurbished in 2007 with the provision of disabled facilities. In answer to questions Mr Busby stated that

1. no rates are due because the facility is situated within a public park:

2. the building had been left unlocked overnight since the death of Pam Brealy (Pam acted as caretaker under contract to MDDC and kept the facility locked during hours of darkness). There is now less vandalism.

Mr Busby is seeking a contribution from the PC towards the upkeep and maintenance of the toilets.

Currently they are cleaned 3 times a week by a MDDC cleaner who cleans all toilets in the district.

It is acknowledged that users of the Country Park benefit from this facility: perhaps DCC should make a grant towards their upkeep. They certainly are an asset for the Canal.

Savings could be made using a local cleaner, perhaps at £10 per day. Village Hall cleaner?

Cleaning costs are not included in the table of maintenance costs presented by MDDC.

It was pointed out to Mr Busby that for a small village community, which has a relatively small precept, the cost of maintenance of the toilets would be very high proportion of the precept. It would only be possible to offer a contribution to the upkeep costs.

4. The revised estimate for tree works at The Brendons allowing for the removal of a sweet chestnut tree, rather than its reduction, was accepted on the proposal of Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Port and agreed unanimously.

5 The Cullompton Town Hall meeting called for local councils to discuss the Local Plan will be attended by Cllr Passey and the Clerk.

6. The vacancy on the Parish Council will be advertised on the notice board at the Memorial Hall..

7. The public conveniences will be agendered for the next meeting of the PC.

8. Cllr Sweatman stated that he will not be seeking re-election as Chairman at the May meeting of the Parish Council.



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The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.