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Summonses to a bimonthly business meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 27 January 2015 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 19 January 2015

Agenda: as distributed, but with additional planning matters 14/01474/FULL, 14/01984/MFUL, 15/00065/FULL and 14/01629/MFUL.

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The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Charlie Port, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Cllrs Mel Lucas and Heather Bainbridge (MDDC) and Members of the Parish Council present, also the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Dr Christopher Chesney.

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Open Forum: Dr Chesney was invited to address the meeting on matters that he wished to raise concerning the Recreation Ground in Lower Town.

1. He is aware of the complaints that have been made to the Parish Council about the condition of trees at the western edge of the Recreation Field. He is of the opinion that the Silver Birch trees are an asset and hopes that they can be retained, but with suitable attention. He was advised that the PC will seek the advice of a tree surgeon and that budgetary allowance had been made for these works to be carried out.

2. Dr Chesney expressed concern over the condition of the shelter which has been daubed with graffiti. He proposes that village youths will do the work of redecoration and thereby gain "ownership" of the shelter. He will work with PCSO Sims and the Devon Youth Centre.

3. Grass cutting: Dr Chesney proposes close attention to the play area, keeping the grass short, but leaving the remainder to grow longer, thus encouraging wildlife and play.

Dr Chesney was assured of support, then left the meeting.

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Apologies: Cllr C Passey. Cllr D Cutts will be late.

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr C Port, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs H Culpin, C Mason, C Holland, D Sweatman, C Rowley and I Adlington.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 November 2014 approved on the proposal of Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Culpin, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Parish Council held on 9 December 2014 approved on the proposal of Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Culpin, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

- Matters arising from these Minutes (other than items to follow): none.

- Declarations of Interests made by Members at the above Meetings: none.

[Cllr D Cutts joined the meeting at 7.20 pm]

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Planning matters

(a) applications considered by sub-committee:

(i) 14/01941/CAT: Mr J Elkins: notification of intention to fell 1 sycamore tree and carry out works on 1 sycamore tree within a Conservation Area: Samara House, Lower Town, SP. Supported: noted.

(ii) 14/01942/FULL: Mr G Clements: erection of extension and replacement garage following demolition of existing garage (revised scheme): 32 The Brendons, SP. Supported: noted.

(iii) 14/02034/TPO: Mr Shepard: application to pollard 1 Horse Chestnut tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 1958/3: 1 Chains Road, SP. Supported: noted.

(b) decisions notified by MDDC:

(i) 14/01824/FULL: Mr P Ollis: erection of single storey extension and extension to existing raised patio: 9 Boobery, SP. Permission granted: noted.

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(ii) 14/00477/FULL/NMA: erection of single storey extension - non-material amendment to change the fenestration and erection of decking/storage space: 7 Coot Hide, SP. Fenestration changes agreed as a NMA, but the proposed erection of decking with storage is not agreed as a NMA, being a development requiring planning permission. Noted.

(iii) 14/01941/CAT (see above). No objections: noted.

(iv) 14/01711/OUT: Mr Z Grochala: outline for the erection of replacement dwelling to provide staff/holiday accommodation: Minnows Caravan Park, SP. Outline permission granted: noted.

(c) Appeals notified:

14/01285/FULL: Prof Tim Burt: erection of extensions to rear: Little Orchard, Lower Town, SP. The Appeal against refusal of permission has been allowed: noted.

(d) new applications (to 19 January 2015): none.

(e) matters notified after 19 January 2015:

(i) 14/01474/FULL: Mr & Mrs J Perry: conversion of redundant barn to dwelling: land and buildings adjacent to Goldsmoor House, Westleigh. The application has been called into Committee (meeting date 4 February) following an approach by the agent.

(ii) 14/01984/MFUL: installation of ground-mounted PV solar farm at Redhill Farm, Burlescombe. Revised information concerning temporary access to the site. No comments to be made.

(iii) 15/00065/FULL: Mrs K Danby: erection of single storey extension and alterations with erection of decking/timber platform with storage: 7 Coot Hide, SP. New application to be examined by a planning sub-committee.

(iv) 14/01629/MFUL: First Great Western: new surface car park and associated lighting: land at Tiverton Parkway, SP. Permission refused: noted. Cllr Lucas explained that the applicant had failed, in the view of MDDC Planning Officers, to provide evidence to demonstrate the requirement for additional parking in this location.

(f) enforcement matters: none.

(g) other planning matters and correspondence: none.

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Report from the Community Police Officer: none received. [Apologies received on 30 January: called to an incident. Report received and forwarded to Members on 6 February]

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Reports from County and District Councillors:

Cllr Radford (DCC) had now joined the meeting. He was invited to comment on DCC responses to the requests for works made at the previous meeting. The County will not finance a drop-kerb for one person, which, as Cllr Holland pointed out, is at odds with what recently happened in The Brendons where footway works were carried out for the benefit on one disabled person. Road Wardens will receive no funding other than training provision. The PC is recommended to question the drop-down kerb decision with Mr Richard Brown and to take the matter higher if necessary. It was suggested that Mr Brown be invited to the March meeting of the PC. Also that Richmond Close residents should be canvassed to establish the level of requirement. The Clerk to draw up an agenda to include all outstanding highways matters for the meeting with Mr Brown. [Following the meeting, Cllr Lucas suggested that an initial meeting with Mr Brown during day-light hours might be useful. This meeting was arranged and took place on the morning of Wednesday 25 February]

Cllr Bainbridge reported a cut in grant made by MDDC to the Country Park for 2015/16. The CAB is experiencing great difficulties, but the MDDC budget for 2015/16 is balanced.

Cllr Lucas advised about a trial of the new waste collection regime to be carried out on 738 properties in Castle and Lowman Wards and a further 313 properties in a rural area before the scheme starts across the District in October 2015. The main changes will be the collection of cardboard and a range of plastics with recycling. Food waste will be collected weekly. A fleet of new vehicles designed for the new regime will be much more fuel-economic than the current ones.

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Reports from Parish Council Working Groups (WGs):

(a) Community Safety WG: Cllr Sweatman reported that in response to the expression of concerns for pedestrian safety the car park lights are now being left on. No current action on Community Speed Watch: waiting for a response from PCSO Sims and for better weather.

(b) Environment WG: report by Cllr Holland tabled. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Peter Bowers/Tree Wardens for work done in the village, especially in the car park. Cllr Mason agreed to act as coordinator between the PC and the Tree Wardens.

(c) Publicity WG: no meeting held.

(d) Parish Plan/Funding WG: TAP Fund application now to be given urgent attention as the end of the financial year approaches. The MUGA and sports pavilion projects and play equipment are all being considered: Cllr Port will raise the latter at the March Village Hall Committee meeting.

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Highways and other village matters:

a) Housing Needs survey: agreed that Members will distribute the questionnaire packs within the village (this will be done as soon as possible to avoid the half-term holiday). Packs to outlying properties will be sent by post by the Clerk.

b) MUGA and Pavilion projects: update given re grant application (MUGA) and funding/VAT reclaims (Pavilion) by the Clerk.

c) Steps (Lower Town to Chains Road): damage to a lower step could cause an accident. The step needs to be replaced or merely turned over. On the proposal of Cllr Cutts, seconded by Cllr Rowley, and agreed *nem con*, the PC should seek the advice of a local builder (Mr Andy Brown). Cllr Mason will contact him.

Path (car park to Lower Town) drainage problem: agreed that Andy Brown to be asked for advice. Surface water drainage in Chains Road: Cllr Mason has contacted Willy Pike (DCC) and the matter will be included in the list for Mr Richard Brown.

Trees in Recreation Ground: the Clerk to seek advice of a tree surgeon (Four Seasons).

d) Public toilets: contribution to maintenance costs. On the proposal of Cllr Cutts, seconded by Cllr Rowley, and agreed *nem con*, the PC will make a contribution to MDDC of £500.00 in 2015/16.  
[Cllrs Lucas, Bainbridge and Radford left the meeting at 9.00 pm]

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Finance:

a) Statement of Accounts: as at 18 January 2015 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,947.85(unchanged)

Current account: £7,683.46 (which includes £1,508.88 held in the name of the Parish Plan Group and £788.39 belonging to the Sports Pavilion Fund).

Accepted on the proposal of Cllr Port, seconded by Cllr Sweatman and agreed *nem con*.

b) Authority to pay accounts rendered:

i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for December 2014: £283.00.

ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for January 2015: £283.00.

iii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses: details as presented for period 20/11/14 to 19/1/15 incl: £52.08.

Three cheques issued on proposal of Cllr Sweatman, seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed *nem con*.

c) Finance correspondence: e-mail expressing thanks for increased grant from Dr Chesney on behalf of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity. The PCC and the Methodist Church have been advised of their grants for 2015/16 and reminded of the need to present accounts by November 2015.

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Reports by Parish Council representatives:

- a) Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity: Cllr Port reported on the Committee meeting held on 2 January. Rental for the Hall and Committee Room is to be reduced. Complaints being received that the Play Group (Pre School) does not clear up after its use of the Hall: the organisation owes about £800 in rental. The 200 Club has been successful and will be continued. Funds raised will be used to provide a screen for film shows.
- b) Canal Advisory Committee: report already circulated by Cllr Cutts.  
Canal Canine Etiquette: correspondence from Adam Pilgrim re dog mess. Members agreed that this is a problem and that there is a need to educate dog owners with clearer signage re the offence of dog fouling and of the fines that can be levied. A local supply of bags could be considered. The Clerk to respond to Adam and copy to members.
- c) Sampford Peverell Society: report by Cllr Culpin already circulated.
- d) Sampford Peverell & District Twinning Association: Cllr Rowley has circulated minutes of the December and January meetings.
- e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Mason has already reported (see Environment WG, above).

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Correspondence:

- i) SW Highways/DCC: road closure notices (Bickleigh: Durleymoor to Goldsmoor Cross, Westleigh).
- ii) SSE Enterprise re change in trading name (re street lighting).
- iii) MDDC re Changes to Planning Obligations (exemption from S106 contributions on small developments). Already circulated: noted.
- iv) MDDC re Play Area provision: already circulated. The PC (through the Village Hall Charity) already maintains the Lower Town site. Members consider that MDDC should continue to look after the Cornlands site, this on the proposal of Cllr Sweatman, seconded by Cllr Cutts and agreed *nem con*.
- v) MDDC: "Parish Matters" January & February 2015 already circulated: noted.
- vi) DCC: public transport provision consultation. Deferred to March meeting.

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Any other matters by leave of the Chairman: none.

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Next meeting:

The next bi-monthly business meeting will be on Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 pm.