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Summonses to the bi-monthly business Meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 23 January 2018 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 by e-mail on 16 January 2018.

Agenda

As distributed.

2017/18/085

The Chairman, Cllr David Cutts, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Members present.

2017/18/086

Parishioners' Open Forum: no members of the public were present.

2017/18/087

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Bainbridge (MDDC) (unwell).

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr D Cutts, Chairman:

Cllr C Holland, Vice-Chairman:

Cllrs I Adlington, H Culpin, B Husbands, T Leaman, L Taylor, J Disney and B O'Connell.

2017/18/088

Report from Community Police Officer: put back pending arrival of PCSO Carrie Morris.

2017/18/089

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 November 2017 were unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Parish Council held on 9 January 2018 were unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

- Matters arising: the meeting noted the Clerk's letter to Bruce Brown thanking him for cutting the grassed areas around the planters in Lower Town and Turnpike.

- Declarations of Interest: none.

2017/18/090

Planning matters: applications considered by sub-committee/planning decisions notified by MDDC/Appeals notified/new applications and matters notified after 16 January 2018 and enforcement matters: see attached spreadsheet (Planning Applications - November 2017 - January 2018). Additional item noted: 17/01359/MOUT: Higher Town/Turnpike:

60 dwellings: PC has objected: decision by MDDC awaited.

2017/18/091

Finance:

a) Payments made since last meeting (28.11.17) as listed under item 6(a) on the meeting agenda.

(i) 13.12.17: Creative Solutions: Play Park entrance sign: £480.00

(ii) 14.12.17: SPVH&RG Charity: Play Park insurance agreed  
contribution: £600.00

(iii) 28.12.17: Total Safety Training & Consultancy: Defibrillator  
payment 1 of 2: £930.00

(iv) 22.1.18: Total Safety Training & Consultancy: Defibrillator  
payment 2 of 2: £930.00 (now paid).

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Four payments already made as above.....noted.

b) Statement of Accounts: as at 20 January 2018 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,952.23 (sheet 109) (unchanged since last meeting)

Current account: £11,540.94 (sheet 295): (Members noted that this balance now includes £1,101.39 held in the name of the Parish Plan Group and £3,904.04 held in the name of the Sampford Peverell Play Park Appeal).

The Clerk's report was unanimously accepted.

Cllr Disney asked if future statements could show Play Park Giving Scheme payments bulked together.

c) Authority to pay accounts rendered:

- (i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for December 2017 and  
January 2018: £566.00
- (ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses (to be deferred to the next meeting)
- (iii) M J Aspray: refund re wine bought for Bruce Brown: £6.00
- (iv) M J Aspray: refund re purchase of engraved gold bars for  
Chairman's Chain of Office: £58.47
- (v) Citizens' Advice: donation: £75.00
- (vi) TDCTA (Shopmobility): donation: £75.00
- (vii) SP Tennis Club: water usage during Play Park construction works  
(agreed contribution): £200.00

Six cheques issued with the unanimous agreement of Members.

d) Finance correspondence: none

e) Authorised signatories: Cllrs Husbands and O'Connell are now signatories in addition to Cllrs Cutts, Adlington, Culpin and Taylor.

2017/18/092

Police report: PCSO Carrie Morris and a colleague, Dave Waller, had joined the meeting. They were invited to comment on the road traffic accident in Lower Town which had involved two cars travelling in opposite directions. Debris resulting had been swept up before the Police arrived at the scene. Local checks with a speed gun had been carried out since the accident. Recorded speeds were less than 30 mph. Members raised the issue of the camper van parked in Lower Town, which with other vehicles parking close by, is making it difficult safely to emerge from Whitnage Road. PCSO Morris offered to speak with the van's owner. PCSO Morris asked about interest in re-starting the Community Speed-Watch project, offering to send information. Cllr Adlington expressed interest and it was suggested that an advertisement in the parish magazine should call for volunteers.

[Cllr Radford (DCC) joined the meeting at 8.00 pm]

2017/18/093

Reports from Working Group (WG) Chairmen and holders of individual portfolios:

- Communications and Engagement WG: Cllr Culpin is collecting expressions of interest for tables at the "Showcase" event (Saturday 28 April).

- Roads, Pavements and Paths WG: the Clerk confirmed that grass cutting arrangements will be as in 2017. Abandoned car on Lower Town: the Clerk has written to the person believed to be the vehicle owner, but without effect.

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- Affordable Housing WG: Cllr Culpin confirmed that the Community Land Trust (CLT) is formally established. A public meeting is to be held on Saturday 24 February at 2.00 pm in the village hall.
- Snow Warden: Cllr Adlington reminded Members that equipment and salt stocks are at David King's home, also that grit bins in the village have been refreshed by DCC. Noted that there has been no snow to date.
- Tidiness: Cllr Leaman announced that the next village litter-pick will be on Saturday 17 March.
- Community safety (Speed-watch/NHW): nothing further to report (see 2017/18/092).
- Definitive map review/S106 Committee: nothing to report at this stage.

2017/18/094

Other highways and village matters:

- defibrillator installation: the defibrillator and cabinet have been delivered to the Chairman's home and will be installed as soon as can be arranged. A training session has been arranged for the evening of 23 February. Cllr Disney asked if there should be some signage erected to indicate the location of the defibrillator.
- Memorial Hall improvements: work on the Committee Room is being undertaken (removal of cupboards, decoration and carpeting). Gutters have been cleared and weeds removed from the pathway leading to the Committee Room.
- redundant telephone kiosk, Boobery: awaiting electricity disconnection and removal of the Lower Town kiosk.
- Whitnage Road parking: no recent problems. The missing road name sign to be taken up with Highways (David Ashford).
- Centenary of the end of WW1 celebrations: Sampford Peverell Society is seeking Heritage funding to assist various projects...production of a book, an exhibition, inclusion of the names of missing persons on the War Memorial, the placing of poppies at all houses occupied by those lost in the war. The beacon will be lit in a ceremony on 11 November. The telephone kiosk (in its new position) will be decorated and a stretcher race organised. The Parish Council will produce a letter of support for the funding application.
- village "Showcase" event will be on 28 April, for which the Hall has been booked. The event will be advertised in 'Parish News' in the March and April editions.
- CPRE seminar attended by Cllr Disney was concerned with meeting housing needs and the allocation of land for this and for industry, with emphasis on brown-field sites. Cllr Disney believes that more applications for housing development will come forward and suggested that the Parish Council should be able to take a proactive stance.
- Public toilets maintenance problems to be closely monitored in view of recent findings. There needs to be a reporting system in place: the contractors need to be able to report to MDDC any problems found, and appropriate action taken to remedy faults speedily.
- public car park: Members consider that any limit on length of stay should be six, rather than four, hours.

2017/18/095

Discussions with County and District Councillors: Cllr Radford (DCC) presented apologies on behalf of Cllr Collis (MDDC).

His report centred on the budget setting process and the problems presented by cost increases for adult and social care which are likely to result in a 2% rise in council tax in April.

Cllr Radford called for applications for grants from his locality budget by 7 March and recommended that an application be made for the proposed second defibrillator (proposed to be installed at the Sports Clubhouse).

2017/18/096

Reports by Parish Council representatives:

a) VH & RG Charity Committee: Cllr Adlington had nothing further to add to the maintenance details already reported.

The Chairman had received quotations from 'Four Seasons' for the tree works adjacent to the tennis courts (£620.00) and for a post-and-rail fence to mark the southern boundary to the Playing Field (£120.00). Both quotations were lower than estimates given by another company. It was unanimously agreed to accept both of the 'Four Seasons' quotations and to proceed with the tree works as soon as possible to avoid the bird-nesting season.

b) Canal Advisory Committee: Cllr Cutts has circulated a report. Also, the 'Friends of the Grand Western Canal' January newsletter has been circulated to Members.

c) Sampford Peverell Society: Cllr Culpin reported that the new programme of meetings and outings will commence in the Spring, in the meantime Society members are continuing with work on books and the preparations for the WW1 commemorations.

d) SP & District Twinning Association: Cllr Taylor had nothing to report. The next Committee meeting is in February.

e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Holland had circulated a report from the Tree Wardens that details the work done by three working parties during the winter so far. Various areas around the village have been tackled, in particular the village car park and the Turnpike embankment. Bernie was thanked for his cooperation in giving access to the composting site. Attention was also given to the sides of the leat with potential blockages cleared.

f) Play Park Committee: Cllr Disney her report of 23 January. It lists 2018 fund-raising events and describes on-going maintenance proposals and 'tidy-up' days.

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Correspondence, including notification of MDDC meetings re the Local Plan and DALC News, has been circulated by e-mail: noted.

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Other matters by leave of the Chairman:

Concern was expressed re moss growth on pavements in The Brendons. The Clerk will contact David Ashford and explore the use of the 'Community Pay-Back' scheme used in Willand.

2017/18/099

Next meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday 27 March 2018.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.02 pm.