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Summonses to the bi-monthly business Meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 24 January 2017 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 2017.

Agenda

As distributed.

2016/17/080

The Chairman, Cllr Colin Passey, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Cllr Bainbridge and Members present. Cllr Passey announced his immediate resignation as Chairman and his intention to resign from the Parish Council from May 2017 due to health issues.

2016/17/081

Election of a Chairman of the Parish Council for the remainder of 2016/17.

Cllr Passey nominated Cllr Cutts who indicated his willingness to stand. Cllr Holland seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. All Members indicated their support. Cllr Cutts took over the Chair. He paid tribute to Colin Passey's professionalism as Chairman and Cllr Bainbridge expressed thanks for his work. Members responded with acclamation.

2016/17/082

Mr Andrew Jarrett, Director of Finance, Assets and Resources, MDDC, was unable to attend the meeting. He will be invited to the March meeting instead, when it is hoped he will be able to supply more information on the maintenance costs of the amenity car park.

2016/17/083

Parishioners' Open Forum: not held (no parishioners present).

2016/17/084

Apologies: Cllr Adlington.

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr D Cutts, Chairman:

Cllrs H Culpin, C Holland, B Husbands, T Leaman, C Mason, C Passey and L Taylor.

Cllr H Bainbridge (MDDC) was also present.

2016/17/085

a. Minutes of the bi-monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 November 2016 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Culpin, seconded by Cllr Leaman, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.

b. Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Parish Council held on 6 December 2016 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Leaman, seconded by Cllr Culpin, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.

- Matters arising: the meeting noted that development at Micholsfield, Whitnage Road, Uplowman parish, had been approved by MDDC under the prior notification provisions.

- Declarations of Interest: none.

2016/17/086

Planning matters: applications considered by sub-committee/planning decisions notified by MDDC/Appeals notified/new applications and matters notified after 16 January 2017 and continued.....

2016/17/086 Planning matters continued.....

enforcement matters: see attached spreadsheet (Planning Applications – December 2016 – January 2017).

New notifications:

i) 16/01902/CAT: MDDC has no objection: noted.

ii) new application 17/00081/HOUSE: erection of a greenhouse/conservatory following demolition of existing: Sampford Mill, Higher Town, SP. Agreed unanimously to support.

iii) new application 16/01943/FULL: change of use of land from commercial, to include demolition of building and erection of 2 dwellings: SOL Electrical Ltd, 22 Lower Town, SP. After examination of the proposal and discussion, Members were in unanimous agreement that this represents over-development of the site. Two-storey dwellings are not appropriate, while single storey could represent an improvement on the current building.

[Cllrs Collis (MDDC) and Radford (DCC) joined the meeting at 7.20 pm with apologies for lateness due to MDDC Committee meeting over-running]

Agreed that the PC objects to this application and will request call-in to Planning Committee if the Officer is minded to approve.

- Paultet development: the recent history of complaints by residents regarding bonfires on site and intrusive CCTV security cameras, together with the responses of MDDC's Planning Enforcement and EHO Officers were noted.

- S106 funds arising from 16/00995/FULL: the response of MDDC regarding the allocation of £5,576.00 was noted and further discussed. Members to consider recommending use towards improved vehicular access to the sports field. The Clerk to make further enquiries with the newly appointed S106/CIL Monitoring Officer.

- Enforcement issues re: possible breaches of planning conditions by an organisation called 'K2 cars' which is operating at the Old Cattle Shed, Lower Town, as an internet-based car sales business, and also a small-scale car sales business (as well as a 'cycle hire business') operating at the Globe Inn. The Enforcement Officer has investigated these activities and is content that no action is necessary. Noted, but Members will keep an eye on these activities in the future. At the moment, their scale of operation does not present a problem locally.

2016/17/087

Finance:

a) Payment made since last meeting (as included on meeting agenda):

i) SP VH Charity: Hall hire costs for Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch: £42.50

.....noted. Thanks for donation from Sylvia Archibald.

b) Statement of Accounts: as at 18 January 2017 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,951.81 (sheet 105) (no change)

Current account: £8,725.76 (sheet 279) (Members noted that this balance includes £1,191.39 held in the name of the Parish Plan Group).

The Clerk's report was accepted unanimously.

c) Authority to pay accounts rendered:

i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for December 2016 and January 2017: £566.00.

ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses: claim deferred to next meeting.

iii) MDDC: grass cutting in 2016: £1,214.40.

Additional payments (not on circulated agenda, but approved at a previous meetings):

a) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016: donation: £50.00.

b) A Brown: repair to steps by Methodist Church (including provision of a hand-rail) (£420.00) and provision of a bench at bus stop on Turnpike (£180.00) as per accepted estimates: total £600.00.

Four cheques issued on the unanimous agreement of Members.

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d) Finance correspondence: none.

2016/17/088

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

- Communications and Engagement WG: Cllr Culpin was thanked by the Chairman for her continuing work in maintaining the website.
- Roads, Pavements and Paths WG: Cllr Holland reported the completion of works on the steps by the Methodist Church, also an update from Ian Sorenson (DCC) on the Station Road footpath.

Cllr Husbands confirmed acceptance of the quotation from MDDC for grass cutting in 2017 in the sum of £1,043.72 + VAT, based on £3.62 per 100 square metres per cut, with 4 cuts, each in April, June, August and October.

Cllr Adlington has reported a stile in a bad state of repair on a public footpath near to the NDLR, west of Whitnag Road. This has been reported to the PROW Officer, DCC.

The Rev Christopher Rowley has reported a damaged dog bin on the Canal towpath near to 'Minnows': reported to the Canal Manager, who in turn has requested MDDC to repair it.

- Affordable Housing WG: contact by Sue Southwell awaited.

[Cllr Collis left the meeting at 8.10 pm]

- Recreation Ground improvement project: clarification required of the amount of the third-party contribution required by Viridor. Clerk to establish this and arrange payment at the appropriate time. Cllr Radford explained that the release of locality budget monies is dependent on evidence that work has started: demolition of the shelter could provide this evidence. The SPPP Appeal organisers plan to hold a fund-raising barn dance and ask if the Parish Council's insurers can provide public liability cover. Clerk to enquire.
- Snow Warden: Cllr Adlington has given details of the location of the salt stocks and the spreader (see his e-mail of 21 January 2017). He confirms that all six grit bins around the village and the one at Pitt Cross are full.
- Tidiness: Cllr Leaman confirmed that a list of the names of the litter wardens has been sent to MDDC for insurance purposes. A village litter pick will be organised for May.
- Community safety (Speed-watch/NHW): nothing to report.
- Business promotion: nothing to report.

2016/17/089

Other highways and village matters:

Defibrillator installation: agreed in principle that the PC should go ahead with installation of a unit as soon as possible. The Village Hall is probably the best location (an electricity supply is necessary).

TAP Fund: Burlescombe PC has sought support for its proposed installation of a notice board at Ayshford.

2016/17/090

The Community Police Officer, PCSO Jonathan Sims, has written to explain that he is moving to Cullompton town to fill a vacancy recently created there. PCSO Carrie Morris will be taking over the beat of Canonsleigh, Willand and Halberton. Noted.

2016/17/091

Discussions with County and District Councillors: Cllr Bainbridge (MDDC) urged all parishioners to take part in the public consultation on the Revised Local Plan.

Cllr Radford (DCC) spoke of efforts to reduce costs: staff leaving their posts are not being replaced. He gave details of the change of highways contractor from 1 April: this will save £960,000 in a full year. The waste to energy plants in Exeter and Plymouth are working well, significantly reducing land-fill costs.

[Cllrs Radford and Bainbridge left the meeting at 8.40 pm] continued.....

2016/17/092

Reports by Parish Council representatives:

- a) VH & RG Charity Committee: Cllr Adlington has circulated the draft minutes and Chairman's report of 3 January. Noted.
- b) Canal Advisory Committee: Cllr Cutts had circulated an update from Mark Baker which included work done in the past few months and proposals for additional items to be completed by the end of March. The November 2016 e-newsletter of the Friends of the GW Canal had also been circulated. Noted.
- c) Sampford Peverell Society: Cllr Culpin gave a brief report on recent events. Noted.
- d) SP & District Twinning Association: Cllr Taylor has circulated the draft minutes of the January meeting which contain an outline of activities for 2017. Noted.
- e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Mason reported that work in the community orchard is to be carried out shortly. Noted. The Clerk is to investigate insurance for the Tree Wardens.

2016/17/093

Correspondence as listed on the agenda (all circulated by e-mail): noted.

2016/17/094

Other matters by leave of the Chairman:

Cllr Holland asked about the hotel site. The owner is still Eastleigh Care Homes, who will be responsible for control of vegetation on the site.

2016/17/095

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall to formulate a response to the Revised Local Plan. Cllr Culpin's apologies already given.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.