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Summonses to a bimonthly business meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 24 March 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 17 March 2015.

Agenda: as distributed, but with additional planning matter 15/00184/FULL.

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The Chairman, Cllr Colin Passey, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Cllrs Mel Lucas and Heather Bainbridge (MDDC) and Members of the Parish Council present. Colin thanked Cllr Port for Chairing the January meeting in his absence.

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Open Forum: there being no members of the public present, the Open Forum was not held.

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Apologies: none.

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr C Passey, Chairman

Cllr C Port, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs H Culpin, D Cutts, 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 27 January 2015 approved on the proposal of Cllr Culpin, seconded by Cllr Port, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

[Cllr R Radford joined the meeting at 7.05 pm]

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Planning matters

(a) applications considered by sub-committee:

(i) 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. Supported: noted.

(ii) 15/00227/FULL: Mrs E Hawden: erection of a two storey extension to form replacement garage and utility room with additional living accommodation over (revised scheme): 27 Court Way, SP. Given that the previous objections of the PC had been overcome, supported: noted.

(iii) 15/00352/FULL: Mr & Mrs J Perry: conversion of redundant barn to residential dwelling: adj Goldsmoor House, Westleigh. Cllr Bainbridge pointed out that the revised plans include a pitched (rather than mono-pitched) roof. The PC's original objections based on access and egress arrangements and inadequate space for turning remain. Not supported: noted.

(b) decisions notified by MDDC:

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

(ii) 14/01474/FULL: Mr Perry: conversion of redundant barn to dwelling: adj Goldsmoor House, Westleigh. Permission refused (Planning Committee 6 votes to 4 against approval): 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. Consent granted: noted.

(iv) 15/00199/PNAG: Mr K Browne: prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building: Boehill Barton Farm, SP. Accepted: noted.

(v) 15/00065/FULL (see above). Permission granted: noted.

(c) Appeals notified: none.

(d) new applications (to 17 March 2015): none.

(e) matters notified after 17 March 2015: none (except correspondence, see below).

(f) enforcement matters: none.

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(g) other planning matters and correspondence:

(i) electronic consultations: e-mail from Planning Support Manager, MDDC, Shane Broad dated 11 March 2015 noted. From 1 April 2015 applications received in electronic format will be consulted electronically. Noted. Members agreed with the feeling that problems that this will produce for rural parishes have been ignored by MDDC.

(ii) Local Plan: Members noted the extension of the current consultation period with additional exhibitions (Cullompton 11 April: Tiverton 14 April).

(iii) 15/00184/FULL: retention of extensions to 2 agricultural livestock buildings and retention of additional livestock building: Bycott Farm, Halberton. No action.

(iv) 14/01629/MFUL: First Great Western: new surface car park and associated lighting: land at Tiverton Parkway, SP. Cllr Lucas reported on a meeting between the applicant, DCC and MDDC planners on 25 February. The Enforcement Notice remains in force and a new application is expected by the end of March. A Section 106 contribution will be sought to enhance 'cycle routes and lighting. The present bund will remain as a noise reduction measure.

(v) Pre-application consultation by Mr J Curtis of 53 Boobery, SP. A planning sub-committee has examined the submitted drawings and visited the site. Mr Curtis has been advised that the PC will not object to his proposed extension.

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Report from the Community Police Officer: none received.

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Reports from County and District Councillors:

Cllr Radford (DCC) reported a 1.99% rise in the County element of 2015/16 Council Tax, equivalent to an increase of £22.68 for a band D property over the year.

Referring to the 22 Lower Town project, Cllr Radford said that he would give support because it would raise the profile of the Canal. He is prepared to consider a contribution towards survey costs, but first needs to see a business plan and details of proposed funding.

Cllr Radford called for support for the proposal to create buffer zones along the Canal: consultation has been extended to 26 April.

He also spoke of efforts to reduce landfill: he reminded Members of the 'bus consultation: and he confirmed that highways issues should be referred to David Whitton at DCC.

Cllr Bainbridge reported that while the MDDC budget for 2015/16 is balanced, further cuts will be necessary in 2016/17.

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: Durley Moor 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.