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Summonses to the bi-monthly business Meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 28 March 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 20 March 2017.

Agenda

As distributed.

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The Chairman, Cllr David Cutts, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Cllrs Heather Bainbridge and Christine Collis (MDDC) and Cllr Ray Radford (DCC), also Mrs Julie Hill, a resident from Westleigh, Mrs Julie Evans, the new owner of Minnows Caravan Park, two parishioners from Higher Town, and also the Members present.

2016/17/105

Parishioners' Open Forum: Mrs Evans spoke to express her concerns about the proposed recycling plant. Currently, the caravan park employs eight people, with possibly more as the business expands in the future. She sees the proposed plant as a threat to visitor numbers and business expansion. Noise and dust from the plant's operation, as well as from associated HGV movements, will detract from the amenity of the area. Trees will take 10 years to grow to provide effective visual screens: this screening will be reduced if the trees are deciduous. Mrs Evans also spoke about the knock-on effect on other businesses in the village if visitor numbers at the caravan park decrease.

Cllr Collis also expressed concern about noise expected to be generated by the site.

Mrs Hill spoke of local concerns about the proposed plant which will process 33,000 tons of construction waste and soil annually. The operation has no connection with agriculture and totally unsuited to this green-field site. Her objection to the proposal includes the number of lorry movements and the height of stockpiles of materials for processing.

Cllr Radford spoke to encourage local objectors to make individual representations to DCC by the deadline of 13 April.

The Open Forum ended at 7.20 pm. The 4 members of the public left the meeting having been given the undertaking by the Chairman that SPPC would look at the revised application in the light of comments made at this meeting.

2016/17/106

Apologies: Cllrs C Holland and L Taylor.

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr D Cutts, Chairman:

Cllrs I Adlington, H Culpin, B Husbands, T Leaman, C Mason, and C Passey.

Cllrs H Bainbridge and C Collis (MDDC) and R Radford (DCC) were also present.

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a. Minutes of the bi-monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 January 2017 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Passey, seconded by Cllr Husbands, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.

b. Minutes of the special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 February 2017 were approved on the proposal of Cllr Passey, seconded by Cllr Husbands, agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman.

- Matters arising: none.

- Declarations of Interest: none.

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Retirement of Members: the Clerk reported that both Cllrs Mason and Passey had indicated continued.....

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their wish to retire from the Parish Council with effect from the next meeting (in May). The process of filling the vacancies created will start with advertisement in the village by MDDC following that meeting.

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Planning matters: applications considered by sub-committee/planning decisions notified by MDDC/Appeals notified/new applications and matters notified after 20 March 2017 and enforcement matters: see attached spreadsheet (Planning Applications – February to March 2017).

- 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. The Ward Members advise that the planning officer is minded to refuse permission.

- 17/00407/FULL: variation of Conditions on extant planning permission land at J27. Ward Member, Cllr Collis stated that she has called this application into Committee.

- Paultet development: on-going concerns of local residents (represented by Mr P Dumble) regarding the layout of the site reported by the Clerk.

- Greater Exeter Strategic Plan consultation: letter from MDDC dated 27 February 2017 forwarded to Members on 28 February noted.

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Finance:

a) Payment made since last meeting (not included on meeting agenda):

i) H Culpin: repayment of loan made to the SPPP Appeal Fund: £900.00. (This loan enabled payment of the third-party contribution to be made to Viridor in full and on time before receipt of the grant of £1,000 from Aviva on 20 February.) Approved and agreed by Members.

b) Statement of Accounts: as at 25 March 2017 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,951.94 (sheet 106)

Current account: £7,181.85 (sheet 282) (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 February and March 2017: £570.00.

ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses for the period 16.11.16 to 25.3.17 as detailed in report sent to Members: £73.30.

iii) DALC: membership fee for 2017/18: £273.20.

iv) Friends of GW Canal: corporate membership fee for 2017/18: £25.00.

v) SP VH&RG Charity: grant for 2017/18 (to be paid early at the request of the Charity): £2,000.00.

Five payments issued on the proposal of Cllr Leaman, seconded by Cllr Culpin and agreed *nem con*.

d) Audit arrangements for 2016/17 accounts noted.

e) Finance correspondence: explanation from NatWest for the £6.50 voucher fee applied to the February 2017 statement - the charge of £3.25 is made on a per-sheet basis. Two were issued in February due to the higher than usual level of transactions. Noted.

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

- Communications and Engagement WG: nothing to report. Cllr Culpin was thanked by the Chairman for her continuing work in maintaining the website.

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- Roads, Pavements and Paths WG: Cllr Holland's report included the latest update from Ian Sorenson on the Station Road project. Plans have been drawn up and costed, but a safety audit has raised matters which require slight amendment. After the final design has been costed, Ian will arrange a meeting.

The first cut of grass around the village by MDDC has been done. The area around the planters had already been cut by community volunteers.

It was reported that rain water collects on the newly installed seat on Turnpike.

- Affordable Housing WG: Cllr Culpin is to contact Sue Southwell to determine the next steps to be taken.

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Report from Community Police Officer: the Chairman invited PCSO Carrie Morris, who had just joined the meeting, to introduce herself and to give her report. [A copy of her report was received by e-mail and circulated to Members on 29 March.] There has been a theft from the shop and a report of a rough sleeper by the Church investigated.

[Cllr Collis left the meeting, and Katie Chantler & Alix Hunt of the SPPP Appeal joined the meeting at 8.00 pm]

Katie Chantler requested contact details for PCSO Morris [sent after the meeting by the Clerk].

2016/17/113

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

- Recreation Ground improvement project: Katie Chantler was invited by the Chairman to give a presentation on the project. She began by distributing, then talking to, a report, reviewing finances, projected future income (including the barn dance), the building programme and ongoing maintenance and security. The Chairman thanked Katie and Alix for all their work on this project.

[PCSO Carrie Morris, Katie Chantler and Alix Hunt left the meeting at 8.25 pm]

- Snow Warden: Cllr Adlington had nothing to report.

- Tidiness: Cllr Leaman stated that a village litter pick has been organised for 20 May, with tea/coffee afterwards courtesy of the Globe Inn. The litter problem on Station Road and the associated car parks is being investigated with First Great Western.

- Community safety (Speed-watch/NHW): nothing to report.

- Business promotion: nothing to report.

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Other highways and village matters:

- Lower Town amenity car park: the Chairman asked Members to consider what questions should be put to Andrew Jarrett regarding maintenance costs. These questions to be sent to the Clerk.

- damaged dog bin at Holbrook Bridge: now repaired by MDDC.

- defibrillator installation: the Chairman reported that Uplowman PC had received a 100% grant from the British Heart Foundation, but that such grants are no longer available because funding has dried up. Agreed that the best location would be at the Village Hall (an electricity supply is necessary).

- S106 monies/Sports Field access: Fred Harding has indicated to the Chairman that he would be against improvement to vehicular access: there is no space for vehicle parking within the playing field (and cricket balls might present a hazard!). Instead, he suggests a drop-down kerb opposite the disabled/pedestrian access.

- Merriemeade Hotel: Cllr Mason will speak again to the tenant to ascertain maintenance liability.

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Discussions with County and District Councillors:

Cllr Radford (DCC) told the meeting that Nick Allen (Nick.Allen@devon.gov.uk) has taken over from Willy Pike. The Clerk was asked to e-mail Willy to thank him for all his assistance to SPPC.

[Cllrs Bainbridge and Radford left the meeting at 8.55 pm]

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Reports by Parish Council representatives:

a) VH & RG Charity Committee: Cllr Adlington reported that a new boiler, also a radiator (in the Committee Room) are to be installed on 5 April. Work on the new kitchen and toilets is in progress.

b) Canal Advisory Committee: Cllr Cutts had circulated a list of works done during the winter (his e-mail dated 20 March 2017). Noted.

c) Sampford Peverell Society: Cllr Culpin had also circulated a brief report covering the meeting of the Society on 10 March, also work in progress on book publications. Noted.

d) SP & District Twinning Association: Cllr Taylor had circulated the draft minutes of the 12 March meeting (which she had been unable to attend). Future events include the AGM (on 25 May), a safari supper and a French evening at Bickleigh Mill. Timings for the visit to France (27 July to 1 August) and call for deposit payments. Noted.

e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Mason had circulated a brief report covering tidying works at the Station Road triangle, pruning of the Community Orchard trees and removal of detritus from the leat alongside the SOL building.

Christine stated that she will be willing to continue with her role of liaison with the Tree Wardens, although Peter Bowers may prefer to take on this. [The problem with this is that after 10 May neither will be Members of the PC.]

The Clerk reported that MDDC is unable to offer insurance cover for the Tree Wardens.

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Correspondence has been circulated by e-mail: noted.

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Other matters by leave of the Chairman:

- the Clerk reported that he has been unable to obtain a key to the notice board by the church: he is therefore unable to use it other than by giving notices to Peter Bowers for display.

- Cllr Culpin asked if there is news about the purchase of the telephone kiosk: no contact from BT on this to date.

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Next meeting of the Parish Council will be the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting and the 2017/18 Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall.

Apologies from Cllrs Mason and Passey noted.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.06 pm.