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Summonses to a bimonthly business meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 23 September 2014 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 15 September 2014

Agenda: as distributed, but with additional planning matter 14/01285/FULL.

2014/15/051

The Chairman, Cllr Colin Passey, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Cllr Mel Lucas (MDDC) and Members of the Parish Council present.

2014/15/052

Summons to meetings/publication of agenda: on a motion proposed by Cllr Holland and seconded by Cllr Mason and agreed *nem con*

‘Sampford Peverell Parish Council Members agree that the service of a Summons to all meetings of the full Council and of its Finance and Planning Committees shall be either by hand, by first class post or by e-mail to all Members. In each case the Summons shall include the agenda for the relevant meeting. The meeting and agenda shall also be advertised on the Parish Council’s notice board at the Memorial Hall and by such other means as the Parish Council shall from time to time determine.

At least three clear working days’ notice of all meetings of the full Council and of its Planning and Finance Committees shall be given.’

2014/15/053

Open Forum: Cllr Sweatman welcomed and introduced Mr Paul Hawkins, SP Junior Football Club’s Vice-Chairman. Paul spoke of plans to convert the disused tennis court area in the Whitnage Road sports field into a multi-games area using an artificial surface. The Club Chairman, Stuart Brooks, is making an application for a grant from Viridor to secure 90% of the cost of the proposed works. Three quotations are awaited. Paul explained that the existing court area is overgrown and its fencing broken. The Tennis Club has handed over the area to the SP Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity. Cllr Sweatman explained that he has received a letter from Mr Brooks seeking the support of the Parish Council in this project. After a brief discussion the Members agreed unanimously that the PC will support this project in principle and set up a sub-committee on the proposal of Cllr Port, seconded by Cllr Sweatman. It was further agreed that

1. Cllr Sweatman will circulate the letter from Stuart Brooks,
2. contact with the PC will be through the Clerk, and
3. the subcommittee will comprise Cllrs Passey, Holland and Sweatman.

Mr Hawkins then left the meeting.

2014/15/054

Apologies: Cllr Culpin (and with apologies for lateness from Cllr Rowley)  
(also from Cllr Bainbridge and PCSO Sims)

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr C Passey, Chairman

Cllr C Port, Vice-Chairman

Cllrs D Sweatman, D Cutts, C Mason, C Holland and I Adlington.

2014/15/055

Minutes of the Meetings of Sampford Peverell Parish Council held on 22 July 2014 and 26 August 2014, also notes on the special meeting held on 17 September 2014, Matters arising and Declaration of Interests made: deferred to next meeting.

2014/15/056

Planning matters:

a) applications considered by sub-committee:

i) 14/01166/OUT: Mrs Carol Pearce: erection of a dwelling and garage: land adjacent to 6 Lower Town, SP. Not supported: noted.

ii) 14/01285/FULL: Prof Tim Burt: erection of extensions to rear: Little Orchard, Lower Town, SP. Supported but on the condition that the roof of the extension is not be visible from the road: noted.

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iii) 14/01320/FULL: Mr G Summerhayes: erection of an agricultural livestock/storage building: land NW of The Linhayes, Westleigh. Supported: noted.

b) The role of planning sub-committees: general discussion highlighted the need to ensure that neighbours are aware of nearby planning proposals and to check that a planning notice is clearly displayed on or near to the site.

c) planning decisions notified:

i) 14/00821/FULL: removal of existing 15 m mast with antennae, 2 equipment cabinets and 1 dish, and replacement with a 17.8 m mast housing 6 antennae, 4 dishes and 2 equipment cabinets for shared use of O2 and Vodafone: Higher Boehill Farm, SP. Permission granted: noted.

ii) 14/00945/FULL: Mr G Clements: erection of extension and replacement garage following demolition of existing garage: 32 The Brendons, SP. Withdrawn: noted.

iii) 14/01166/OUT: see above. Withdrawn: noted.

d) Appeals notified: none.

e) new applications notified by 15 September 2014: 14/01456: Mr D Wright: notification of intention to fell 1 ash tree within a Conservation Area: 4 Boobery, SP. Referred to planning sub-committee.

f) matters notified after 15 September 2014: 14/01285/FULL: see above. Refused: noted.

g) enforcement matters: none.

h) other planning matters and correspondence: the Local Plan proposals will now go to the Planning Inspector in November with consultation on the Inspector's findings to follow.

2014/15/057

Report from the Community Police Officer received and circulated to Members: noted. In a note to the Clerk, PCSO Sims states that "due to staffing and commitments" no more speed surveys in Whitnage Road, etc have been done. He recommends that Highways should visit the site and for give way/priority markings on either side of the bridge.

PCSO Sims to be asked again to supply the speed information that is required, and to do so before the end of the year.

2014/15/058

Reports from County and District Councillors:

Cllr Radford (DCC) not present.

Cllr Lucas (MDDC) speaking of the budgetary process said that difficult decisions will be necessary.

Referring to local road conditions, he recommended contact with the MP requesting a site visit to The Brendons and Higher Town.

2014/15/059

Parish Council Working Groups: membership, responsibilities and priorities.

Cllrs Passey and Port indicated that they would like to be involved with all Groups. The Chairman asked that each Group quickly (within 7 – 10 days) gets together to select a leader, draw up a programme of work and establish priorities. He asked that each Group reports to the November meeting of the PC. Cllr Passey said that he hoped that each Group would keep their affairs informal and that the PC could avoid establishing formal terms of reference.

The Chairman asked that each Group keep himself, Cllr Port and the Clerk informed of meeting dates. Agenda items relating to Community Safety, including Speed Watch and Neighbourhood Watch, delegated to the Working Group.

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TAP Fund 2014/15: to be delegated to the Working Group.

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Highways and other village matters:

- a) Higher Town enhancement: outstanding work: notice board: Cllr Sweatman reported that the notice board for Church and PC use had been ordered (finance arranged) and delivery awaited.
- b) Railings at Canal bridge: contact has been made with Willy Pike (DCC) and will be followed up by the Working Group.  
[Cllr Radford joined the meeting at 8.30 pm]
- c) Parking problems on Station Road and Lower Town: the land owner is believed to be John Hewitt and the field rented to Graham Cotterill who has access problems.
- d) Litter pick will be on Saturday 18 October.  
[Cllr Rowley joined the meeting at 8.37 pm]
- e) Housing survey deferred to November meeting.
- f) Village footpath walks: 21 September and 19 October....see "Parish News".

2014/15/062

Cllr Radford was invited to address the meeting: he spoke of his 'Locality Budget' from which funds are available at approximately £1 per elector. Expressions of interest invited.

[Cllr Lucas left the meeting at 8.55 pm]

2014/15/063

Finance:

- a) Statement of Accounts: as at 17 September 2014 balances were as follows...  
Business Reserve account: £3,947.18 (unchanged)  
Current account: £8,939.70 (which includes £1,508.88 held in the name of the Parish Plan Group and £788.39 belonging to the Sports Pavilion Fund).  
Unanimously accepted as a true statement.
- b) Authority to pay accounts rendered:
  - i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for August 2014: £283.00.
  - ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for September 2014: £283.00.
  - iii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses: deferred to next meeting.
  - iv) M J Aspray: refund re voucher and card for Mrs Farley: as per receipt presented: £27.00.  
Three cheques issued on the unanimous approval of Members present.
- c) Finance correspondence: e-mail of thanks and receipt for grant to SP Methodist Church. Treasurer of SP PCC has been given the grant cheque and asked for account details for the closed church yard and for the cemetery.

2014/15/064

Reports by Parish Council representatives:

- a) Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity: Cllr Port reported that the Tennis Club is seeking to improve its pavilion. It is felt that the play group has an uncertain future. The condition of the Committee Room will be raised in Committee.
- b) Canal Advisory Committee: brief report already circulated. Problems with parking on the slipway in SP and gate being left open: Cllr Cutts to action.
- c) Sampford Peverell Society: minutes of Committee meeting (8 September) circulated by Cllr Culpin. Note AGM on 3 October.
- d) Sampford Peverell & District Twinning Association: Cllr Rowley has had no contact from the Association.
- e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Port to contact the group regarding trees giving cause for concern.

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Correspondence:

- i) MDDC notice of public exhibitions re Cullompton North West Urban Extension Masterplan.
- ii) DCC: consultation re NDLR improvements
- iii) MDDC: Listing of free-standing First World War Memorials
- iv) Mavis Farley: letter of thanks.

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Any other matters by leave of the Chairman:

It was reported that vegetation adjacent to the bridge near to the Lower Town car park entrance had been cut back by Fred Harding.

2014/15/067

Next meeting:

The next bi-monthly business meeting will be on Tuesday 25 November 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.