

03.10.17

Summonses to the bi-monthly business Meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 3 October 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 26 September 2017.

Agenda

As distributed.

2017/18/047

The Chairman, Cllr David Cutts, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed Jenny Clifford, Head of Planning, MDDC, Colin & Lesley Passey, Janet Disney, Bernie O'Connell and the Members present.

2017/18/048

Parishioners' Open Forum: the Chairman invited Jenny Clifford to address the meeting on the subject of the postponement of the Forward Plan Examination. Jenny explained that MDDC needs to deliver a sound Local Plan. Following a review of comments received, legal advice was taken from which the decision to postpone followed. It is anticipated that there will now be a six-month delay in the examination process. A revised report will be subject to public consultation beforehand.

Cllr Cutts expressed concern that the delay would make us vulnerable to speculative planning applications such as the Place Lands proposal. Ms Clifford stated that the delay with the Local Plan is unfortunate, but unavoidable. There would be no advantage in removing J27 from the Plan because any change will require consultation.

Ms Clifford was thanked for her attendance: she left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

2017/18/049

Apologies: Cllr Taylor. Cllr Radford (DCC) and Cllrs Bainbridge and Collis (MDDC) (Canal JAC meeting).

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr D Cutts, Chairman:

Cllr C Holland, Vice-Chairman:

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

2017/18/050

Report from Community Police Officer: PCSO Carrie Morris's report for September had been received and circulated. An attempted burglary in Blackdown View and criminal damage to a vehicle in the car park were highlighted. PC 11927 Hannah Hodgson is the newly appointed Neighbourhood Beat Manager in the Cullompton Neighbourhood Policing team.

2017/18/051

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 August 2017 were unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

- Matters arising: none.

- Declarations of Interest: D17/18/001 Cllr Taylor re planning application
17/01234/LBC noted and signed by the Chairman.

2017/18/052

Vacancies on the Parish Council: Mrs Janet Disney stated that she would accept co-option onto the Parish Council. She signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests papers for later completion and submission to MDDC's Monitoring Officer. Janet was welcomed onto the Parish Council by the Chairman.

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Mr Bernard O'Connell had been invited to the meeting and asked to consider co-option. [At the end of the meeting Bernie indicated his willingness to join the Parish Council. He signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office on 12 October when he was given Code of Conduct papers and a Declaration of Interests form for completion and submission to MDDC.]

2017/18/053

Planning matters: applications considered by sub-committee/planning decisions notified by MDDC/Appeals notified/new applications and matters notified after 26 September 2017 and enforcement matters: see attached spreadsheet (Planning Applications - August-September 2017).

A planning sub-committee had conducted a site visit to determine a response to application 17/01469/CAT and has no objection to the proposed tree works. Clerk to respond to MDDC. S106 monies: a useful meeting with Juliet Hamlyn-Payne, MDDC, attended by Cllrs Cutts and Holland and the Clerk, had been held on 25 September at Phoenix House. No more allocations towards the sports field entrance will be made. Improvements to the public conveniences were suggested for future S106 monies.

2017/18/054

Finance:

a) Payments made since last meeting as listed under item 7(a) on the meeting agenda: noted.

- (i) 26.9.17: A Hunt: refund of VAT payments 3 & 4: £8,852.90
- (ii) 5.9.17: M J Aspray: Merriemeade room hire (5.9.17): £15.00
- (iii) 5.9.17: M J Aspray: Globe Inn room hire (4.10.17): £50.00

b) Statement of Accounts: as at 26 September 2017 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,952.13 (sheet 108)

Current account: £20,487.00 (sheet 290): (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. Members agreed that the CLT meeting room hire cost (£50.00) paid to the Globe Inn could be met from the Parish Plan funds.

c) Authority to pay accounts rendered:

- i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for August and September 2017: £566.00.
- ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses for the period 5.8.17 to 26.9.17 as detailed in a report sent to Members: £65.52.
- iii) Grant Thornton: external audit fee: £360.00.
- iv) SP Parochial Church Council: churchyard maintenance grant for 2017: £350.00.
- v) SP Methodist Church: churchyard maintenance grant for 2017: £70.00.

Five cheques issued with the unanimous agreement of Members.

d) Finance correspondence:

The Clerk reported the satisfactory report from the external auditors.

2017/18/055 Reports from Working Group (WG) Chairmen and holders of individual portfolios:

- Communications and Engagement WG: agreed that a 'Village Showcase' event should be held in the Spring of 2018.

- Roads, Pavements and Paths WG: Ian Sorenson (DCC) had given a presentation of proposals for Station Road at a public meeting on 26 September.

A complaint about the trees on the south side of Turnpike has been investigated.

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The Clerk will contact Western Power Distribution to draw attention to the overhead power cables affected. The Tree Wardens will be asked to trim branches that overhang the footway and seat area.

No further action regarding the leat will be taken.

Abandoned car on Lower Town. It is on private land. Clerk to write to owner.

- Affordable Housing WG: a public meeting will be held on 4 October to seek volunteers for membership of a steering group to set up a Community Land Trust for the parish.

- Snow Warden: Cllr Adlington is to check salt stocks.

- Tidiness: Cllr Leaman stated that the next village litter pick will be on 14 October at 9.30 am, meeting in the car park. The Globe Inn has kindly agreed again to provide tea and coffee at the finish.

Fly-tipping in Whitnage Road: MDDC staff have not been able to find sufficient evidence to take further action.

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

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Other highways and village matters:

- Definitive map review: following the presentation by Tania Weeks (Public Rights of Way Officer, DCC) on 26 September, the review of footpaths in the parish will be undertaken by a committee comprising the Chairman and Cllrs Leaman and Disney. The same committee will also review S106 matters.

- defibrillator installation: the Chairman has made a formal application for funding from the TAP Fund. If successful, consideration will have to be given to training and signage.

- redundant telephone kiosk, Boobery: it appears that electricity is still connected. Also the Lower Town kiosk has not been moved.

- Whitnage Road parking: a report from Stuart Brooks has been circulated to Members. It lists action taken to minimise the problem caused by junior youth matches.

- NDLR roundabouts: DCC is seeking to minimise maintenance costs. Suggested that adoption by local businesses (eg Minnows and the Farm Shop) could be tried.

- Play Park: report that litter bins are overflowing. A third bin, near the back of the park, would be useful.

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Discussions with County and District Councillors: no reports submitted. Cllr Radford has offered to take up any issues arising from the meeting.

2017/18/058

Reports by Parish Council representatives:

a) VH & RG Charity Committee: Cllr Adlington is awaiting the minutes of the 5 September meeting.

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b) Canal Advisory Committee: Cllr Cutts has circulated a report from Mark Baker. Also, the 'Friends of the Grand Western Canal' September and October newsletters have been circulated to Members, the latter including a notice of the AGM on 24 October.

c) Sampford Peverell Society: Cllr Culpin has circulated the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2 October. The Society's AGM will be held on 13 October.

d) SP & District Twinning Association: Cllr Taylor had circulated the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 August, also of the Joint Committee meeting held in July. The visit to France this year went very well, but there are doubts about the future of the twinning movement because the French government is no longer subsidising these activities.

e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Holland will report on Tree Warden activities at future meetings.

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Correspondence has been circulated by e-mail: noted.

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Other matters by leave of the Chairman: none raised.

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Next meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday 28 November 2017.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.