

25.11.14

Summonses to a bimonthly business meeting of Sampford Peverell Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 25 November 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 18 November 2014

Agenda: as distributed, but with additional planning matter 14/01537/FULL.

2014/15/068

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, also Mr J Troake of 12 Richmond Close.

2014/15/069

Open Forum: Mr Troake, who is in his 90s and registered disabled, stated that the footway serving numbers 10 and 12 Richmond Close has no dropped kerb, making it difficult, even dangerous, to use a wheeled mobility aid. He hopes soon to obtain a mobility scooter, for which a dropped kerb will be essential. Cllr Lucas undertook to contact Nick Sanderson (MDDC) to establish if this is a County or District responsibility. [these enquiries revealed that Richmond Close is adopted and thus the responsibility of DCC. E-mail to Cllr Radford on 28 November has been referred to Rhys Davies, from whom a response is awaited (as at 15 January 2015).]

2014/15/070

Apologies: Cllr C Port and Cllr D Sweatman (on standby for call from RD&E to collect Cllr Port):

Cllrs C Rowley and D Cutts will be late:

(also Cllr R Radford (DCC), Cllr H Bainbridge (MDDC) and PCSO J Sims).

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr C Passey, Chairman

Cllrs H Culpin, C Mason, C Holland and I Adlington.

Members expressed regret that a fall had necessitated hospital treatment for Cllr Port.

2014/15/071

Open Forum, continued

[Mark Baker and Cllr D Cutts joined the meeting at 7.10 pm]

Mark Baker was invited to address the meeting about works proposed for the overgrown hedge and the lime trees behind the picnic ground. He proposes laying the hedge and maintaining it at about 7 feet height. The lime trees also require attention. The work on the hedge will be done on Volunteers' Day in December (2nd Sunday). Mark considers the hedge work to be essential: he will also start a programme of grass mowing in the area now that the orchard trees are growing well. These proposals were supported by Members present. Mark also mentioned poplar trees at Coot Hide: there has been wind damage resulting in fallen limbs. He proposes pollarding and repeating every 10 years. Also the hedge between the towpath and the adjacent dwelling at Buckland Bridge is overgrown requiring attention and a tree (eucalyptus) may need to be felled. Mark stated that DCC is exempt from the need to apply to MDDC for permission to undertake tree works in the Country Park Conservation Area.

The Chairman thanked Mark, who left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

2014/15/072

Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 22 July, 26 August and 23 September 2014, also notes on the Special Meeting held on 17 September 2014:

approved on the proposal of Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Mason (22 July and 26 August) and on the proposal of Cllr Cutts, seconded by Cllr Adlington (23 September), agreed *nem con* and signed by the Chairman. The meeting notes (17 September) were also approved.

- Matters arising from these Minutes/notes (other than items to follow): none. The Clerk confirmed that he has written a letter conveying the Parish Council's support for the proposed conversion of the disused tennis court on the Whitnag Road playing field to a multi-use games area. This letter, together with a copy of recent audited accounts, has been sent to Paul Hawkins to assist with grant applications to be made by the SP Junior Football Club.

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

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2014/15/073

Planning matters

(a) applications considered by sub-committee:

(i) 14/01474/FULL: Mr & Mrs J Perry: conversion of redundant barn to dwelling: land and buildings adjacent to Goldsmoor House, Westleigh. Not supported (clearly visible from the adjacent highway: poor visibility for road access and no space for vehicle turning): noted.

(ii) 14/01537/FULL: J Cornish & Sons: erection of an agricultural livestock building: land and buildings at Butteridge Farm, Westleigh. Supported: noted.

(iii) 14/01688/FULL & 14/01721/FULL: Mrs D Emmett: removal of agricultural tie condition applied to 87/01131/OUT and 87/02515/ARM: Goldsmoor House, Westleigh. Further information provided by applicant: PC response not to support is unchanged.

(iv) 14/01711/OUT: Mr Z Grochala: outline for the erection of replacement dwelling to provide staff/holiday accommodation: Minnows Caravan Park, SP. Further information from applicant. The original decision to support is unchanged.

(v) 14/01629/MFUL: First Great Western: new surface car park and associated lighting: land at Tiverton Parkway, SP. Further information re provision for pedestrians and cyclists. Supported: noted. It is believed that the triangle of land that would take the proposed footpath is owned by Mr J Hewitt, who is proposing gating the access (to prevent parking) while retaining pedestrian access. Boulders from Westleigh Quarry will be placed along the perimeter of the area.

(vi) 14/01824/FULL: Mr P Ollis: erection of single storey extension and extension to existing raised patio: 9 Boobery, SP. No objections: noted.

[Cllr Rowley joined the meeting at 8.00 pm]

(b) decisions notified by MDDC:

(i) 14/01456/CAT: Mr D Wright: notification of intention to fell 1 ash tree within a Conservation Area: 4 Boobery, SP. No objection: noted.

(ii) 14/00446/FULL: change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden, formation of access track, and erection of ancillary outbuilding: 14 Turnpike, SP. Conditions re outbuilding discharged: noted.

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

(c) Appeals notified:

14/01285/FULL: Prof Tim Burt: erection of extensions to rear: Little Orchard, Lower Town, SP. Appeal against refusal of permission.

(d) new applications (to 18 November 2014): none.

(e) matters notified after 18 November 2014

14/01537/FULL (see above). Permission granted: noted.

(f) enforcement matters: solar park at Venn Farm, SP. Noted that construction work has now finished.

(g) other planning matters and correspondence: Local Plan progress noted. Cllr Lucas has requested that local Parishes continue to receive paper copies of planning applications because of continuing poor broadband speeds.

2014/15/074

Report from the Community Police Officer already circulated to Members: noted. Shed break-ins highlighted. Recommendation for installation of speed data recorders on Whitnage Road and Station Road to be passed on to Cllr Radford.

2014/15/075

Reports from County and District Councillors:

Cllr Radford (DCC) not present.

Cllr Lucas (MDDC) spoke of the 46% reduction in 4 years of support grant paid by central government: there is currently a budget gap of £650,000 in MDDC. Partnership with other councils being investigated. Local plan: the Cabinet meeting in Cullompton on 11 December will include SP and J27.
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2014/15/076

Reports from Parish Council Working Groups (WGs):

(a) Environment WG:

It was observed that under the proposed DCC Road Warden Scheme, there would be a local responsibility to record and report problems with drains and roads. The Environment WG would need to set up and maintain a spreadsheet to record road defects (bad potholes). The problem at the 'Old Cattle Shed' has been referred to the enforcement officer (MDDC), John Clarke. The report from the Environment WG by Cllr Holland had already been circulated and progress noted.

Cllr Mason said that the Tree Wardens will take on the tasks of the former Parish Lengthsman with regards to bramble growth and the like. The Tree Wardens have expressed the wish to plant a suitable tree (elm suggested) on the Lower Town triangle in 2015. The Group will draw up a list of proposed works following a village inspection in early January.

(b) Community Safety WG:

Nothing to report.

(c) Publicity WG:

No meeting held.

(d) Parish Plan/Funding WG:

Cllr Rowley hopes it may be possible to improve the play area in Lower Town. Attention to grass cutting is considered to be very important.

2014/15/077

Highways and other village matters:

a) Higher Town enhancement: the notice board is now in place: concerns were expressed over possible condensation problems (it may be necessary to laminate all notices). Complaints made regarding its metal construction.

b) Litter pick held on Saturday 18 October had been successful. Thanks to pickers and the Merriemeade Hotel (for coffee) recorded. Station Road continues to be a bad area for litter, with fresh litter appearing immediately after the pick.

c) Housing survey: Cllrs Passey, Holland and Mason have met with CCD to revise the wording of the letter and survey form. The revised draft has been circulated for comment.

d) Village footpath walks (21 September and 19 October) had not been well attended, but no particular problems were encountered. Cllr Adlington asked about the availability of maps to show the footpaths in the Parish. Clerk to investigate.

2014/15/078

Finance:

a) Statement of Accounts: as at 19 November 2014 balances were as follows...

Business Reserve account: £3,947.85

Current account: £8,340.20 (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 Holland, seconded by Cllr Culpin and agreed *nem con*.

b) Authority to pay accounts rendered:

i) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for October 2014: £283.00.

ii) M J Aspray: Clerk's salary for November 2014: £283.00.

iii) M J Aspray: Clerk's expenses: details as presented for period 18/7/14 to 19/11/14 incl: £84.24.

Three cheques issued on proposal of Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Culpin and agreed *nem con*.

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Reports by Parish Council representatives:

- a) Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity: no report in the absence of Cllr Port.
- b) Canal Advisory Committee: report already circulated by Cllr Cutts and discussed in Open Forum, above.
- c) Sampford Peverell Society: minutes of Committee meeting (17 November) circulated by Cllr Culpin.
- d) Sampford Peverell & District Twinning Association: Cllr Rowley is now attending Committee meetings: draft minutes of 2 November meeting circulated.
- e) Tree Wardens: Cllr Mason has already reported (see Environment WG, above).

2014/15/080

Correspondence:

- i) Local Government Boundary Commission: Electoral review of Devon: already circulated: no comments.
- ii) MDDC: review of polling stations: already circulated by e-mail: 7 responses, all agreeing that the Memorial Hall is ideal for location and access. Clerk has responded.
- iii) DCC: road closure notice (NDLR, 10 to 12 December) noted.

2014/15/081

Any other matters by leave of the Chairman:

- i) Cllr Holland reported car parking problems again on Whitnage Road during a 2 hour period on a Saturday morning. Chairman to write to Football Club.
- ii) an e-mail from Simon Bartlett reported the use of the amenity car park for the parking of a caravan and a motor-home. Cllr Lucas offered to establish to whom the PC should write.
- iii) confirmed that a wreath had been laid by the PC. It was unanimously agreed that a donation of £50 would now be made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

2014/15/082

Next meetings:

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday 9 December 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall (Committee Room):

The next bi-monthly business meeting will be on Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.