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Summonses to the 2023 Sampford Peverell Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the main hall at the Memorial Hall, Lower Town on 9 May 2022, starting at 7pm, were distributed with the agenda and posted on the website on 9.5.2023.

Minutes of the 2023 Sampford Peverell Annual Parish Meeting

Present:

Councillors D Cutts (Chair), T Burt, E Castle, B O'Connell and S Taylor and S McGeever (Clerk).

2023APM/001 – Welcome from the Chairman of Sampford Peverell Parish Council

The current Chair, Cllr David Cutts, opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and greeted all those present.

2023APM/002 - Apologies

Councillors Culpin, Perks and Williams had not stood for election to Sampford Peverell Parish Council on 4 May 2023.

Councillor Norton (MDDC) had not stood, and Councillor Collis (MDDC) was not re-elected. The Clerk was in the process of establishing the official email addresses for the new MDDC councillors. Councillor Radford (DCC) was not present.

2023APM/003 - Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2022

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting should be approved as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

2023APM/004 - Annual Report from the Chairman of the Sampford Peverell Parish Council

The Annual Report from the Chair had been circulated in advance and no questions were raised during the meeting. A copy of the report can be found in Attachment A.

2023APM/005 - Presentation of the Parish Council Accounts for 2021/22

The 2022/23 Accounts as prepared by the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

These accounts had been reviewed, approved, and duly signed by the Internal Auditor. The signed accounts are published on the Parish Council website alongside the minutes of this meeting.

The customary remuneration would be organised by the Clerk.

Action: Clerk

2023APM/006 - Matters raised for discussion by members of the public (Open Forum)

No matters for discussion were raised during the Open Forum.

2023APM/007 – Any other matters for discussion

No other matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Attachment A

Annual Report from the Chairman of the Sampford Peverell Parish Council

The SP2 development is still taking up some of our time, having won their appeal and had plans approved they are now trying to change some of the conditions imposed by MDDC.

The Royal family have not been far from our thoughts over the past year, Jubilee Celebrations in the summer, funeral in September and Coronation in May. The first and last events being celebrated in the village in some style.

The Book Swap Kiosk received a long overdue makeover, a couple of Members helped with this under the direction of Richard Horrocks who spent many hours helping as well.

During the year the toilet block in the Play Park was re-configured, whilst the toilet side has been finished and is now operational, the Servery is still waiting for electrical work to be completed. Although the electrician has been appointed, we are still awaiting a start date.

The state of the roads has been of concern everywhere and our village is no exception. The worst road appears to be Boobery, but despite representations by us to our District and County representatives, nothing has been done. It really does make one wonder what the future holds for our roads, the amount now needed to address the issues is 10's of millions and going up substantially every year.

There is an ongoing planning application for a new farmhouse off Chains Road, this has received a few objections from some parishioners, but by a majority vote and after two site visits the PC had no objection.

All of the work carried out by the PC is only possible by the time and effort of the Members, in particular Heather acting as vice-chair and deputising for me on at least two meetings, I am very grateful for all your support. We all try our best, we may not always get it right, but that is because we are human. WE have lost some Members who have not offered themselves for re-election, but hopefully we can find replacements by co-option.

I have been a member now for 14 years and your chairman for 6, I feel the time is now right to hand over the chair to someone else. As you must have noticed, Rachel and I take a lot of holidays, we have booked a total of 7 weeks so far this year and plan more before the end of the year. This does make chairing the PC difficult, hence my decision to stand down, although for the present I am prepared to stay on as a member.

David M Cutts
Chairman, Sampford Peverell Parish Council