



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 28th September 2022 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Z Needham (Cllr ZD) , Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS) and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).

Absent: Cllr Paul Burford, Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG), Cllr Paul Stevens, Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), and County Councillor S Osborne (Cllr SO).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

MOP's: 0

The AGENDA is as follows:

412. To accept apologies for absence

- Cllr PB, AG, PS, NS and JB all tendered their apologies. Cllr RB tendered Cllr SO's apologies. All reasons duly noted.

413. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.

- None

414. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2022

- Unanimously approved

415. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.

- Clerk advised she had contacted allotment plot holder regarding its care – Cllr RJ confirmed the area had been covered.

416. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

District Report

- Cllr RB reported the Wealden inspector overrode the Mornings Mill Farm site (Polegate) but there are other precedents to concentrate on.
- Government approved £100 support towards heating oil. Citizen advice is now open at Southover House in Lewes.
- Patching repairs done on B2116.
- Cllr RB had signed the book of condolences at All Saints.
- Cllr RB has the opportunity to question Southern Water on their latest sewage issues. Any questions Cllr's have to direct to Cllr RB.
- No report received from County.



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417. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total

- None

418.Planning applications:

Clerk advised the following application had been received after publication of the agenda.

TW/22/0073/TPO

The Fountain Inn, Station Road

T1 – Oak – reduce eastern elevation by 3m, plus remaining tree to be reduced by 2m all round – tree is overhanging rear of pub, blocking light and tree debris is blocking gutters.

Unanimously agreed to support.

To note approved applications.

- None

419. Correspondence

- Item 2 – Clerk advised residents have a TPO and were looking for guidance.

420. Finance Committee

- To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 12th July 2022
 - To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.
 - To adopt year to date accounts.
 - To adopt combined bank reconciliations
- Cllr NB advised that the FC were not quorate and therefore PPC could not ratify and adopt items a-d.
- To consider fixed asset sale of items relating to the apple press.
- Clerk advised a requested had come in from PVS re two unused items of the apple press at a potential value of around £25-£50 which can then be used to maintain the press. Unanimously agreed to try to sell for a fixed price and let PVS deal with the sale. Clerk to action.
- To note external auditors report and notice of conclusion of audit.
- Duly noted.

421. Neighbourhood Plan Update

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB reported that they had written to M Caulfield MP regarding Nolands and Cllr NB and NDS were meeting with Leigh Palmer of LDC. A meeting of the liaison group was to be arranged.



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- Millwood (Glebe site) were having their ecological survey done over the next few weeks.
- Nolands Inquiry starting on 11th October for 3 days at the VH and if a further day is required this will be held on the 18th at the college.

422. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.

- Clerk met with Fred Symes to discuss trees overhanging at the entrance to the playing field and skate park and a few others and to deal with the sycamore and reduce height of a couple of others which are backing onto Kimber Cottages.

423. Update on broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.

- Cllr PS had distributed a note to all Cllr's in his absence – this was duly noted.

424. Update on defib and first aid training sessions

- Cllr RJ reported a good turn out to both defib training events and feedback was positive. Clerk is speaking with first aid providers for day session.

425. Adopt CCTV Policy (last adopted Feb 2021)

- Agreed to defer to next full council meeting.

426. To discuss recommended street name for Glebe development.

- Cllr NB reported that he had received a recommendation from a member of the public for the Glebe site either being Woodward Way or Woodward Glebe as there is a tradition in the village of naming new roads after historic notable families. The Woodward family were rectors of Plumpton from 1770, and particularly John Peckham Skirrow Woodward who gave the land for the site of All Saints Church and helped raise the funds to build it.
- It was agreed that there was no objection to either name.

427. To approve urban grass extra cuts expenditure of £403 for 2023/2024

- Clerk advised this is the usual annual charge for the extra cuts provided by ESCC for the verges roadside. Unanimously agreed to proceed with the extra cuts at £403. **Clerk to action.**

428. Committee/Working Group Reports

a. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

i. Allotments update

- Cllr RJ reported a few plots and pathway overgrown including communal area by pump. Concerned hose could get damaged if a plot holder takes it upon themselves to cut the area back. Clerk to investigate cost of a gardener to keep the area maintained. Plots will need to be clearly marked out. **Clerk to action.**

ii. Community Orchard Update.



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- Cllr NB reported no update. Perhaps so a google poll to see who wants an orchard. Site has been identified at the playing field but mixed responses. Copse in a box received but expecting actual plants to propagate but it was just the containers.

iii. To discuss Cllr attendance at '20 is plenty' briefing 21/9 or 27/9

- Date passed.

b. Village Hall

- Cllr NB advise the apple press day went ahead but no report received on the day yet. Clerk wished it be noted that the plug at the bandstand was damaged for the second year running costing £130 to repair as some apples were left to drip onto the plug and blow the plug and fuse. Duly noted.

i. Management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath.

- Carry forward

ii. Replacement of footbridge

- Cllr NB reported that Cllr NS has made contact with ES Bridleways and is waiting for an update.

iii. To consider memorial bench application for village green.

- Clerk advised a request for a memorial bench had been received. PPC agreed that the memorial bench policy is for the playing field only and cannot set a precedent. Clerk to respond and ask the family if they wish to plant a tree with plaque on the village green.
Clerk to action.

c. Playing Field/Pavilion

- Cllr RJ had submitted his report prior to the meeting and this was duly noted, adding the following;

Pirate ship has been moved into new home. Request for a sign stating 'Honeybees only not for general use'. **Clerk to action.**

JBFC can obtain another defib as long as PPC take this on.

Pav jumble sale raised over £1000, Jo Taylor is retiring from her duty of arranging this jumble sale and new helpers now needed.

Sand needed for playpark – clerk to order for spring as rain is washing it away. Clerk to keep an eye on level.

Cricket club – loam has arrived.

Shower problems still happening. Cllr RJ to speak with James Eastwood about a limiter and a weighted curtain.

Cricket Club would like an electronic scoreboard fixed to the pavilion. Kelvin to present to Council.



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Shed has been removed but the contents are still there. Chest freezer and other objects to be removed. Clerk to speak to Neighbourhood First team to gain advice. **Clerk to action.** Water stop cock for tennis club is in the skate park but unable to lift as rusted over. Clerk to contact South East Water. **Clerk to action.**

Overhanging trees to be cut back at skate park.

Training/football matches are reducing as light fades and will be reverting to indoor training.

- i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary
 - Noted.
- ii. To discuss noise complaint at playing field
 - Cllr NB and Cllr PS distributed a note to remaining members which was duly noted. It has been agreed that Honeybees will revert back to pre-covid timetable for their outside learning.
- iii. To discuss/consider use of CIL money and cost of for skatepark repairs
 - Quote received for skins to be replaced on the ramps - £18k. Clerk spoke with users and they didn't feel it was a problem – only the tarmacked area wasn't smooth enough. Issue with skins is 'non skatepark users' are using it as a slide. PPC to place a sign advising 'users at own risk'. Clerk to double check current signage. **Clerk to action.**
- iv. To discuss/consider pavilion repairs
 - Agreed to defer to next month when more members available – current quote received for the cladding £22.5-£24.5k. Cllr RJ struggling to obtain further quotes.
- d. Events Committee
 - i. Jubilee Celebrations debrief
 - Defer Cllr AG absent.
 - ii. To consider to dissolve Events Committee and transfer remaining Jubilee funds of £179.05 to PVS
 - Clerk advised PVS asked if PPEC not be dissolved due to impending Kings Coronation. Duly accepted and agreed. Unanimously agreed to transfer remaining Jubilee funds of £179.05 to PVS. **Clerk to action.**

429. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Defer



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430. Communications/Website

i. To consider/discuss member attendance at PECN meetings.

- Due to lack of members – defer until next full council meeting.

431. Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and/or to be included in future meetings

- Clerk to arrange PC Christmas drinks at the Fountain.
- Cllr RJ – electronic scoreboard and Bowmen re shed foundations.

Meeting closed: 21:25

Dates of next meetings:

11th October 2022 - 19:45 PPC (including finance).

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 03/10/2022

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