



## PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 19:45.**

**Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Paul Burford, Cllr Paul Stevens, Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS) and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).**

**Absent: Cllr Z Needham (Cllr ZN), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ) and CC Cllr S Osborne.**

**Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).**

**MOP's: 4**

**The AGENDA is as follows:**

523. To accept apologies for absence

- Cllrs ZN, NDS and RJ tendered their apologies and reasons for absence accepted. C Cllr SO also tendered her apologies and this was duly noted.

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

- None.

525. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

- Unanimously approved.

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

- Clerk advised the playpark and skatepark repairs are now complete, advertising for the parish council elections have gone onto the website and parish magazine.

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

- Cllr NB asked remaining Council if agenda item 537(f)iii be moved up as MOP's were here to discuss. Duly accepted.

537 (f) iii To discuss/consider financial support for the Activity Scheme shed.

- PPC to note that the S137 application made by the Activity Scheme had been referred to full council. The request made was for help to repair the shed and also equipment that had perished through the shed leaking – the total request was for £458. Subsequently since receiving the application the shed had been inspected and it had been noted that it was not worthy of repair as it had not been erected correctly. Therefore PPC needed to look at the application for equipment and the shed separately. After a long discussion it was agreed to donate £350 towards the replacement of damaged equipment. Unanimously agreed. **Clerk to action.** PPC were mindful of financially supporting the purchase of the shed when other clubs etc have to purchase their own storage. It was therefore agreed that the shed would become a fixed asset of PPC (funded by CIL)



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and the Activity scheme could use part of the shed for their storage during the 11 months of the year when not in use. Cllr NS to confirm actual size of footing and PPC to source. Unanimously agreed.

537 (f) vi - To discuss request for a memorial tree to be planted at the playing field.

- MOP advised they would like a memorial tree and plaque and discussed location with PPC. The tree would be a native Hawthorn tree which has high ecological value. PPC fully supportive of tree however, a site visit is to take place with Cllr JB so he can report back to PPC on the exact location requested. **Cllr JB to report back.**
- No County Report received.

### **District Report – Cllr Banks**

- Cllr RB met with enforcement officer Toby Collins regarding the excessive machinery noise before 8am from the Glebe site. The developers/contractors have been made aware of the time restraints.
- Nolands – Spoke with L Palmer of LDC planning – who had nothing further to report on the Nolands site.
- LDC bin collections will change due to the pending bank holidays.
- LDC will be rolling out 60 electric charging points in car parks and parishes can be part of this rollout.

Cllr NB recommended bringing agenda item 532 forward – duly agreed.

### 532. Neighbourhood Plan Update

#### (i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB reported they had met Ben Ellis a land promoter/developer who had an idea for a light industrial site similar to the Old Brickworks on the GT01 site south of the Plough Inn. It is currently only at idea stage however his recommendations included; Light industrial units to potentially include a small gym and wellness centre, cycle repair facility, and office hub. The northern area of the site would be reserved for PPC to use; priorities are an area for the Scouts if they are displaced from their current location, and the community orchard. The scheme does not include housing and is a similar project based on one at Goddards Green. Mr Ellis would like to put an outline detailed design in for application. PPC received ideas positively.

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

- No questions.

### 529. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

#### **LW/23/0074**

#### **6 Cox Cottages, Station Road, Plumpton BN7 3BZ**

Add a single storey detached annex to rear

- After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to submit a 'no comment' but noting objections of restricting covenants on the land by neighbouring properties. **Clerk to action.**



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To note approved applications. - None

### 530. Correspondence

- Nothing to note

### 531. Finance Committee

- Cllr PB advised that the finance committee had met and discussed the S137 applications and it was agreed as follows:

Good Neighbours - £120.00  
The Monday Group - £250.00  
Junior Cricket Club - £250.00

- Cllr PB advised that they had slightly gone over budget by £20 and this would be covered from general reserves.

#### **Clerk to arrange.**

- a. To approve the Finance Committee minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

- Unanimously approved.

- b. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.

- Cllr PB advised there were some additional expenditure items to adopt as follows;

VH - £431.82 – Boffins – 3 x new tables  
£58.66 Viking Stationery  
£90.00 MPS Bulkheads

PF - £180 – MPS Electrics Bulkheads

PPC - £886.15 Eibe remaining skatepark repairs

Therefore total expenditure for March;

PPC - £4703.33

VH - £3328.29

PF - £2016.55

- Unanimously adopted.

- c. To adopt year to date accounts.

- d. To adopt combined bank reconciliations

- Unanimously agreed to adopt item c & d.



### 532.. Neighbourhood Plan Update

#### (ii) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr PS reported on the Rural Settlement Services Study received from LDC. PPC response based on the Neighbourhood Plan and needs to be filed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. PPC happy with response.  
**Clerk to action.**
- Planning Liaison Group reported above.

### 533.To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.

- Cllr RJ sent in a report in his absence advised nothing new to report.

### 534.Update on broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.

- Cllr PS reported he had received confirmation that Plumpton postcodes to be part of the Lot 16 announcement in July/August 2023.

### 535.Update on first aid training sessions

- Clerk advised now looking at June dates so to get the elections and new council formation and year end out of the way.

### 536.May Elections

- Clerk reminded Cllr's nomination forms to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> April to LDC. The last PPC meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April before the Annual Parish Meeting – there will be no finance meeting.

### 537.Committee/Working Group Reports

#### i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB reported that there is now a rota of four volunteers for the speed activation device (SID) who will change the batteries and move the SID's location. Another bracket is needed. Cllr NB to order.

#### ii. Allotments update

- Cllr RJ advised allotments wet – some are starting to prepare for the change of season.

#### e. Village Hall

Cllr NS reported;

- Fire Alarm panel has been replaced



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Borders – first working party a success, second party on Saturday. Thanks to Jim for bringing his digger it would have been a struggle without it.

- Hand dryer in the mens WC disabled – awaiting a quote for repair
- Stage heaters – awaiting a quote
- Emergency light in production room has been replaced
- New chair trolley has been received.

i. Update on management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath

- Clerk advised she had emailed OART advising on go ahead and had also chased. Waiting on formal quote. **Clerk to action.**

ii. To approve additional cost of a skip for green clearance at £220 + VAT

- Unanimously approved.

f. Playing Field/Pavilion

- Cllr RJ reported that the 3 bags of sand at the far end of field will be dispersed once the digger can get onto the ground.
- Playing Field Committee meetings have been poorly attended recently.
- Shower heads finally fixed.
- A request has been made to source a directional sign for the playing field – **Clerk to action.**

i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary.

- Duly noted - no action required.

ii. To adopt the PF Committee Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

- Unanimously adopted

iii. To discuss/consider financial support for the Activity Scheme shed.

- Discussed after agenda item 527 above

iv. Tennis Club lease

- Clerk advised no response yet.

v. To discuss current cleaning supplies to Honeybees

- Cllr RJ reported that HB were now purchasing their own supplies. No further action required.

vi. To discuss request for a memorial tree to be planted at the playing field.

- Discussed after agenda item 527 above.

vii. To consider/discuss border fencing along KGV field and private properties.



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It was agreed that Cllr PS would discuss with Mr Wells and Cllr's PS and RJ to meet with fencing contractor and obtain quotes. **Cllr's PS and RJ to action.**

g. Events Committee

i. To acknowledge PPC Events Committee notes of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

- Noted. Next meeting to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

538. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

539. Communications/Website

- Nothing to note.

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

- Pavilion cladding to be put on next months agenda
- Cllr JB reported a hole in a field and the landowner had been contacted – nothing PPC can do as on East Chiltington land .

Meeting closed 21:35

### **Dates of next meetings:**

18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 18:30 PPC meeting, 19:45 Annual Parish Meeting

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 21/03/2023