



# PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 19:45.**

**Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS) and Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ)**

**Absent: Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), DC Cllr D Stewart-Roberts and CC Cllr S Osborne.**

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

### **MOP's: 4**

1. To accept apologies for absence
  - Cllr PB, Cllr NDS tendered their apologies and reasons for absence accepted. CC Cllr S Osborne and DC Cllr D Stewart-Roberts also tendered their apologies
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
  - None
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023
  - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
  - Nothing to report
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
  - See appendix 1 for District report.
6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
  - MOP came to discuss with Honeybees manager regarding noise disruption from wooded area that Honeybees use. MOP was concerned the usage of the area was increasing having sought agreement in August 2022. Current arrangement was 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30pm. PPC advised that the playpark is a public space and as such could not restrict access to this area. After much discussion it was agreed to a time change of 10.30-2.30pm in the wooded area until the end of term and for September and to reconvene to discuss after this period. PPC had purchased the hire of an air conditioning



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unit for the Honeybees room for the remaining term. **Clerk to make an amendment to agreement and distribute.**

7. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

**LW/23/0190 – Beresford House BN8 4EN**

Demolition of existing extension, erection of two storey side extension, single storey extension and single storey rear extension with fenestration alterations.

- PPC unanimously agreed: No comment.

To note approved/refused applications from local authority.

8. Correspondence

- Nothing to note

9. Finance Committee

- Cllr NS reported that the FC had agreed to increase the grant/donations for the year to £2000 now S137 not applicable.
  - a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.
  - b. To adopt year to date accounts.
  - c. To adopt combined bank reconciliations
  - d. To approve the Community Grants and Donation Policy
- It was unanimously agreed to adopt items 9a-c and approve item 9d.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB reported that the Planning Liaison Working Group had met with Don't Urbanise the Downs, and East Chilington Parish Council reps to talk about Eton New Town. LDC are still assessing the land for possible inclusion in the local plan. Since the local election there is uncertainty as to when LDC would complete the local plan process.

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

- Cllr RJ reported nothing significant – manhole cover is in hand.

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

- Cllr NB advised still waiting on the bidding period to cease which is on or around the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

13. Update on first aid training sessions



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- Clerk advised there was a small amount of interest for the course on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Readvertised on Facebook again.
14. To consider telephone box to be used as a library.
- A request from a resident about turning the phone box into a library. Cllr NS to speak with Mr Holmes who maintains the box on behalf of the parish council. Cllr NS to report back.
15. To consider registering donated parcel of land by Racecourse entrance and associated costs.
- Unanimously agreed for the Clerk to look into registering the land that was gifted to the parish council many years ago but was never officially registered with HM Land Registry.
16. To considering candidates for the SDNPA elections.
- Cllr NB had circulated candidate options – it was unanimously agreed for PPC to submit votes for W Meyer and M Marsh. **Cllr NB to action.**
17. To consider a pavilion working group for repairs and maintenance
- It was unanimously agreed for Cllr JB and Cllr RJ to sit on the working group initially. Cllr JB will advise on an interim repair on the cladding and then the working group will start a plan of action on the pavilion.
18. Committee/Working Group Reports
- i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing
    - Cllr NB advised nothing to report
  - ii. Allotments update
    - Cllr RJ reported allotment fence repaired and the pump has been repaired twice. Clerk advised all invoices had been sent out and had contacted the next in line for the recently available half plot.
  - e. Village Hall
    - Cllr NS reported the graffiti had been removed from the bandstand, signage and electrical box by VH manager. There had been damage to the roof of the bandstand Cllr NB has arranged for new tiles to be delivered but the original installers do no longer come out to repair. Cllr JB to have a look.
    - Fire extinguisher checks have been done
    - Unanimously agreed to not charge PVS for the large hall for the strawberry fair.
    - The additional tables purchased now need a trolley – unanimously agreed to purchase a trolley for £400 + VAT (use maintenance budget).
    - PAT testing next month



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- Noticeboards requiring some repairs – Cllr NS to draw up a plan
- Keith Moorhouse tree was not looking in good shape – Cllr NS to keep an eye on it.
- Clerk advised that a resident had emailed regarding hemlock plant near the pond. She had contacted contractor used last year for hogweed but has not heard back yet. Clerk to contact O Marlow. **Clerk to action**

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

- Pond management works to start after the end of June.

- f. Playing Field/Pavilion

- Cllr RJ reported;  
Bollard had been replaced  
Fuse box replaced at the pavilion  
Back doors may need attention – Clerk to investigate  
Wire fence surrounding playpark replaced  
New sand in the playpit  
Repairs to border fencing completed  
5 bar gate replaced leading into playpark  
Cllr JB has emptied the sand bags and removed the bag of metal near the Bowmen area.

- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.

- Received nothing to note – the old basket swing should come off at the next visit.

- ii. Update on manhole cover repair

- Another quote received for £1100 to repair. Cllr RJ to speak with Parkers about cost of cover.

- iii. To confirm/discuss change of summer term outside hours for Honeybees area

- Discussed under public meeting.

- iv. Junior Football update regarding overgrown area

- Cllr RJ to have another talk with junior football about them using part of the area.

### 19. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

### 20. Communications/Website



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- Nothing to report

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

- Communication had been received from the Bowmen regarding replacing the dilapidated sheds with two shipping containers and their recommendation on how to screen plus their risk assessment. Clerk to check Fields in Trust happy and whether any planning required due to size. **Clerk to action.**

Meeting Closed: 21.21

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

11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 14/06/2023



## Appendix 1

### District Report

- This has been a month of getting up to speed and this has involved attending more training courses than I could have imagined. Although it has taken up a lot of time, and will continue to do so for another few weeks, it is positive that LDC puts so much effort into councillor training.
- As you are probably aware, the Lib Dem group is now in opposition, the Greens having decided on a coalition with the Labour group. We aim to be a constructive opposition. I am please to say that the most explicit position taken so far is a restatement of our opposition to the Eton New Town.
- I put myself forward for the role of LDC's representative on the SDNP board because I thought this would be useful in the campaign against the Eton New Town, and have been elected to that position. I have also taken on the role of Armed Forces Champion for the district. I am open to ideas on how I can use these positions for the benefit of the ward.
- I think it was mostly good fortune that Beresford Lane finally reopened just after my election, but Sarah and I did engage with South East Water to encourage them to spend up the process and communicate better and it was a good lesson for me in how councillor interventions can get utilities and similar bodies to act.
- I have had initial interaction with the groups campaigning against the Eton New Town and will be having more substantive meetings with both of them shortly. I will also be meeting with Ian Fitzpatrick to get an understanding of what LDC is doing with respect to the New Town and the Local Plan.