



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 11th July 2023 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), DC Cllr D Stewart-Roberts

Absent: CC Cllr S Osborne.

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

MOP's: 2

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - County Councillor Sarah Osborne tendered her 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 13th June 2023
 - Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th June 2023. Minutes signed to that effect by Cllr NB.
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Clerk distributed her report prior to the meeting and is appendix to these minutes. Actions
 - Clerk to put grass cutting day discussion on the playing field agenda in October
 - PPC agreed to change October meeting to 9th instead of 10th so the Clerk could attend the National Conference in Leicestershire.
 - Discussion took place regarding another fridge freezer at the pavilion for Honeybees to use. It was unanimously agreed for Honeybees to purchase themselves/source a second hand one. **Clerk to action.**
 - Cllr NS is still to speak to Mr Holmes regarding the phone box change of use to a library. **Cllr NS to action.**
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

District Report

- Cllr Stewart-Roberts reported he had had some correspondence with Don't Urbanise the Downs.
- Hoping to join the LDC local plan steering group



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- Station ticket office consultation – there is an overall campaign to save it.
- Pursuing with network rail regarding re painting of the signal box.
- Success with LDC regarding missed bin collections
- No tree officer at the moment at LDC
- Nicky Salterman is the Neighbourhood First Officer
- Met with Streat Parish Meeting for a walk about for winter proofing the footpaths, wondered if similar here – Cllr NDS advised Plumpton has the Monday Group.

Report from William Meyer Parish Councillor who was recently voted onto the board of SDNP Planning Group

- Cllr Meyer reported to PPC who within SDNP organisation was responsible for updating the local plan. Two enforcement officers are having to deal with the TPO's which is less than ideal as they have to cover Eastbourne, Lewes and National Park
- Parish Priority Statement – Chris Paterson is leaving and not being replaced. PPC need to try and prepare their statement and to contact the policy officer who is the link officer for National Park. LDALC to hold a face to face meeting with LDC in the Autumn regarding planning.

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

None. MoP came to observe the PPC meeting with a view to being co-opted in September.

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

LW/23/0343

Newburn Station Road, Plumpton Green BN7 3BS

Single storey, first floor rear extension with 3 No. side rooflights.

Decision: Unanimously agreed - No comment. **Clerk to action**

To note approved/refused applications from local authority.

None

8. Correspondence

- GTR response regarding ticket office – Cllr NB and NDS to respond on behalf of PPC.

9. Finance Committee

Cllr PB reported on the expenditure for July and noted the additional expenditure of £200 for VH grass cutting. Duly noted. Other high expenditure to note was the shed at the playing field and air conditioning unit for Honeybees,

a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.

- Unanimously agreed to adopt.



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b. To adopt year to date accounts.

- It was noted that the CIL expenditure of £9705 was for the basket swing, VH bridge and new shed. Duly noted and unanimously adopted.
- It was also noted that the VH bin expenditure would go over budget due to the increase in fees from LDC.

c. To adopt combined bank reconciliations

- Unanimously adopted.
- The Finance Committee advised that the parish council need to come to a decision soon on how they are best going to use the CIL monies.
- The pavilion cladding was discussed and it was agreed in principle for parts of the cladding to be removed for investigation only to see the state of the underneath. It will then be covered in marine ply as a temporary measure. In principle figure agreed was £2500 in order for investigations to take place over the summer.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllrs NDS and NB together with District Cllr Daniel Stewart-Roberts, met with Ben Ellis regarding the site behind the Plough – he has added extra wellness and commercial area.

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

Cllr RJ reported no changes on RA, all actions are in hand.

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

- Nothing to report

13. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB had reported the loose sign by Glencove and fingerpost is covered in hedgerow.
- Parking at Glebe site – complaints received however access has now been made for contractors to park on site.
- Speed camera working well – speed statistics similar to the southbound site and battery changing rota is working well.



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- ii. Allotments update
 - Cllr RJ asked the clerk if any response from a plot holder as overgrown – clerk to check payments against non payments. Other plots are being well attended.

- d. Village Hall
 - i. Update on management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath
 - Cllr NS reported the pond was being assessed for access on the 19th July – Cllr JB to attend. Looking to complete the works on 7/8/9/10 August. The electricity supply at the hall is going to be out at the same time which has been arranged by UKPN.
 - PAT Testing completed.
 - Fred has quoted to clear areas of the wood – second quote being sourced.
 - 5 yearly EICR quote received £875 & £850 for VH and Pavilion respectively. Unanimously agreed to proceed.
 - Question arose from the VH Manager regarding the self employed gardener and public liability insurance (PLI) – it was confirmed that the gardener would need their own PLI.
 - Extra trolley received.

 - ii. To discuss/consider replacement of step to a ramp leading from SH to green
 - PPC discussed the request from Ladybirds and it was agreed that the exit was not being used for its purpose – that being an emergency exit. PPC agreed to keep the step as it was.

- e. Playing Field/Pavilion
 - Public goals have been broken from children swinging on them – have been made safe. Do PPC wish to replace/remove the public goals. Junior football to confirm if they can provide moveable goals?
 - Broken slabs at the pavilion have been taped up and Cllr JB to repair.
 - Moles have appeared and contractor instructed.
 - 5 year EICR arranged along with PAT testing completed
 - Broken window in home changing rooms cost to repair is £250 including a £75 call out charge. Agreed to incorporate with other works booked in so this fee is not incurred. PPC to settle and to ask cricket club for a contribution towards fee. Clerk to arrange.
 - Bourne Sport – action plan to be drawn up for ground work – too hard to Verti drain and overseed which can wait until April 2024. Can sand this year and do goal mouth repairs at a cost of £1000 for goal mouth repair.

- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
 - Nothing to note



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- ii. Update on manhole cover repair and associated costs
 - Clerk to talk to users confirming what dates are not ideal to close the track. **Clerk to action**
- iii. Junior Football update regarding overgrown area
 - Junior Football wish to cut the overgrown area for 3 mini pitches. PPC to obtain quotes to cut back with a view to receiving some form of contribution from junior football – Cllr RJ to speak to O Marlow.
- iv. To consider/approve finance committee's recommendation for passing places costs of £4850.00 and discuss consultation plan and contributions from tennis club and Bowmen.
 - Unanimously agreed to proceed. Arrange for contractor to complete at the same time as manhole cover repair. Clerk to contact tennis club and Bowmen for contributions.
- v. To consider/discuss how to police the use of KGV by commercial enterprises.
 - Cllr NB/RJ advised there is an increase in commercial entities using KGV Field i.e. personal trainers/football trainers and should PPC monetise especially if it stops the general public doing what they want to do in the same area. Agreed to monitor and if becomes an increasing problem to revert back.

14. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Clerk to contact former Cllr Gardiner to see if she can interact between school and PPC.

15. Communications/Website

- Clerk advised General Power of Competence explanation published along with the new grant applications. An ad in the parish mag regarding grant applications had also been written.

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

- Plumpton Village Society had provided a report on the Coronation and PPC would like to thank PVS and all those involved in the weekend of the Coronation.
- Cllr RJ reported that Junior football were in talks with the Racecourse regarding a 3G pitch installation.

Meeting Closed: 21.45



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Dates of next meetings:

12th September 2023 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 18/07/2023