



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 12th September 2023 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP), Cllr S Osborne and DC Cllr D Stewart-Roberts

Absent: Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB)

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

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1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Cllr JB tendered his apologies and reasons for absence accepted.
2. To co-opt Graham Peacock
 - Cllr NB welcomed Graham. It was unanimously approved to co-opt. Cllr GP signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by co-option and submitted his Register of Members Interest to the Clerk.
3. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
4. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2023
 - Unanimously approved – Cllr RJ pointed out a couple of things which happened after the minutes were written and can be noted In these current minutes.
5. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Cllr NS spoke with Mr Holmes – he sees it as more of a museum piece and not comfortable it being converted into a library. Mr Holmes is still looking after it. PPC happy to leave as it is for the time being. **Cllr NB to respond to enquiry.**
6. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

Cllr SO – role at LGA deputy chair of – report to come via SO. Gov agreed to ban single use VAPS.

Northeast School – has support from County for the next two years.



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- Cllr DSR Reported he took the Chair and Deputy chair to SDNP on a walk to look down over Eton land. They understood issues of infrastructure studies. Tim Slaney responded that the SDNP's view going forward is to object.
- Beresford Lane fly tipping – Cllr DSR wrote to head of waste about their performance and asked for a post mortem why it took so long to remove the traffic lights. Still waiting a response.
- Still continuing one man campaign for painting of signal box and fencing at the station.
- Cllr NB asked - Any news of local plan process. – Nothing yet – Cllr DSR now on local plan steering group.

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

- MoP questioned report in the parish magazine asking why the PC broadly supported development south of the Plough. Cllr NB – met with developer last week who has been very collaborative throughout. He wants to put light commercial units (10) – 4 studios and wellness centre (gym/pilates/café). All development on south part of the field. A section of the site north of the footpath– for community use (vineyard/orchard). NO residential houses being built. The developer has experience of building this type of site. Cllr NB urged MoP to visit the public consultation on Thursday 14th Sept at the Village Hall. This would bring certainty to that site.
- MoP – danger of building on green spaces – gym didn't work at racecourse/café too far out of village. 2/3 of the field is staying green. Exhibition on Thursday 14th Sept.
- KS request - can we put something in the parish mag about parking on pavements (Glebe site) making it hard for pushchairs and mobility scooters etc to pass through. Cllr NB to do.
- Public goals when taken away by junior football when out of season goals wont be there and not available for the public to use year round. Duly noted.

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

LW/23/0515

Chiltington Ferrings, Plumpton Lane BN7

Change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house

- Can't see from the road. Decision: No comment.

SDNP/23/03498/CND

Fallbrook, Plumpton Lane, Plumpton BN7

Variation of Condition 2 (Plans) related to Planning Approval SDNP/21/00308/HOUS to include minor amendments to west elevation.

- No comment – defer to national park



Additional planning app received after publication of agenda

SDNP/23/03703/HOUS

3 Fairhaven Plumpton East Sussex BN7 3AH

Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory, construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the property, alterations to the fenestration and addition of new flue/chimney

Decision – no comment.

To note approved/refused applications from local authority.

- None to note

9. Correspondence

- Nothing to report

10. Finance Committee

- Cllr PB went through expenditure items – biggest were EICR reports for electrical for pav and VH plus pond clearing. Additional expenditure not listed was £20 for hall water jugs payable to Cllr NS.
 - a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules. Unanimously adopted
 - b. To adopt year to date accounts. Cllr PB advised VH little low on hiring income v time of year – this is due to lack of weddings. Cllr NS to be mindful of expenditure. Unanimously adopted
 - c. To adopt combined bank reconciliations – Unanimously adopted everything cross checked and agreed.

Cllr PB reported one item to agenda for next month and that was first draft of budgets to be provided for October meeting.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB – talked about land south of plough – exhibition here on 14th 4.00pm -7.30pm. Turn up as and when. Cllr NB to be there along with Cllr PB and NDS – request from developer, Ben Ellis that PPC put up a supporting statement to the developer. CPRE Lewes branch putting in a statement of support. Cllr NB read out the statement of support. PPC unanimously agreed that they were happy to put in a supporting statement to developer. **Cllr NB to action.**
- Elivia Homes – now building the Nolands site – called for a meeting but not ready to meet. PPC said they need to talk about the Scouts and their area plus access involves build outs so need to find out if there is an alternative as there will be yellow lines and



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there will not be parking for houses who do not have off road parking. Cllr NB to write a note – meeting to take place with PPC in Oct.

- Cllr NDS attended Don't Urbanise the Downs meeting, nothing said that PPC don't already know.

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

- Cllr RJ – usual things – manhole and astroturf (practise nets) are wearing thin. Cllr NB advised cricket club purchased these and are their responsibility. Clerk confirmed the Astro strip was not on PPC's asset list.
- VH pond – as now more open it would be advisable to have some post and rail surrounding for safety. Clerk to contact contractors for quote. **Clerk to action.**
- PF - Paving slabs loose outside exit door of utility room Cllr JB to concreted in.
- Activity shed – shed is bigger than base and is sitting on some slabs – not on RA but should be – in hand with Cllr JB – Clerk to advise VH Mgr to add to RA. **Clerk to action.**

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

- No update. Cllr NB to find out.

14. To discuss advertising the position for a parish council handyman

- PPC fully supportive - Investigate for job description and hourly rates (inc gardening etc). **Clerk to action.**

15. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB asked about SLR meeting – Clerk had received several dates and it was agreed that 23rd Oct 10/10.30am for the meeting. **Clerk to confirm.**
- Cllr NB will be applying for a third license for speed sign £100 for license and bracket. Site approved ages ago by ESCC. Duly noted.

ii. Allotments update

- Two overgrown plots 2/2b and two plots by the stream. Clerk to email plot holders regarding overgrown. It was also noted about the plot holder letter regarding carpet etc on the plot – Cllr JB and RJ had spent hours clearing the area and Cllr RJ does not feel the plot holder has been misled. **Clerk to action email to all holders.**



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d. Village Hall

- i. Update on management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath.
 - Cllr NS reported that the works had been completed and looks good. Suggestion has been made for duck house and lilies. Vegetation has rotted down well. Need a grab lorry to remove the rushes left over.
- ii. To consider quotes for tree work surrounding the pond.

Southern Land Service £13k + VAT
Sussex Tree Surgery - £5k +VAT – use tractor and digger and tractor to remove off site. Chip and stack wood.
Fred Symes – around £3k? NDS to speak with Fred as quotation not received.

Ask contractors how long and when they can do. **Cllr NS to action.**

PPC approved to agree on the work up to £5k. Budget to be spent from PPC Pond/band stand funds.
- iii. To adopt Village Hall Committee minutes of November 2022, Feb 2023 and June 2023.
 - Unanimously adopted.
- iv. To note fire risk assessment and any action required
 - Cllr NS advised that he would go through the VH assessment with VH Manager and report with recommendations.
- v. To discuss/consider instructing surveyor for building assessment.
 - Clerk to speak to insurance company to see how much cost to get it surveyed and also to speak to LDC building control for advice. **Clerk to action.**
 - Cllr NS reported that Steve Bodsworth wants to hold a jumble sale to raise funds on behalf of a Gambian charity. In principle PPC happy. Has volunteers available, no requirements needed from PPC.
 - Cllr NB had received an email from the organisers of Plumpton Fest in October questioning the need for PLI – Clerk advised that as it is classed



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as an event and selling tickets and it is not a private party then they do need public liability insurance they also need to obtain the PRS license.

e. Playing Field/Pavilion

Cllr RJ reported the following;

- Water heater – part is coming tomorrow – away Andy Westgate is to do instead. PPC happy for different plumber to fit.
- Aftercare window work has been done
- Can't find any contractors to look at the underneath of the cladding at the pavilion it has therefore been decided that Cllr JB will look on behalf of PPC.
- Playing Field - 80 tonnes of sand being laid and Verti draining work is being currently done.
- Problem with moles – SDF set traps.
- Archery storage – storage container has been delivered – received a voicemail from Bowmen that it has been delivered sitting on same footprint. PPC happy.
- Overgrown area – Bourne Sports are flailing it. Junior football to cut. Clerk to speak to Countrywide and inform of the extra area to cut and costs involved. **Clerk to action.**
- Activity shed is up and racking needs to be put in to utilise space.
- Public goals – need to look at moving/repairing – **Clerk to put on agenda.**

i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.

- RJ to look at the two items flagged by the inspection report. **Cllr RJ to action.**

ii. Update on manhole cover repair and passing places
Spoke with Chris Lewry – spoke to him wants to do passing spaces first and then manhole and then will be end of Sept and 1st week of October. **Clerk to action.**

iii. Junior Football update regarding overgrown area – see above

iv. Update on workings of Honeybees outside play times

- No more issues received from either party

v. To discuss recommendation by PVS for a table tennis table and location

- For the playing field - PPC don't think there is currently a suitable location – defer that until outcome on future of pavilion is decided – however we may have an alternative location that can be discussed on Thursday. **Clerk to report back.**

vi. To note fire risk assessment and any action required

Cllr RJ went through the report and it was agreed that Cllr RJ would pull out what was needed and what Honeybees needed to action. Clerk to submit a



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letter to Honeybees on actions required once Cllr RJ has gone through with VH Mgr and crossed checked against the EICR report. Six months to action.

vii. To adopt PF Committee Minutes of 7th June 2023. –

- Unanimously adopted.

16. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

17. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report

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

- None

Meeting closed 21.58

Dates of next meetings:

9th October 2023 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45 (Note this is a Monday – day change due to Clerk on conference)

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 12/09/2023