



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 9th October 2023 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP),

Absent: Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr S Osborne and DCllr D Stewart-Roberts

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO) and Simon Bull from Elivia Homes

MOP's: 1

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Cllr NS tendered his apologies and reasons for absence accepted, DCllr D Stewart-Roberts and Cllr S Osborne 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 12th September 2023
 - Unanimously approved – Chair signed to that effect
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Report had been submitted to PPC for review. Clerk had had a walk around the pocket park – it was agreed to meet after the budget meeting to walk about and invite wildlife society too. **Clerk to action.**
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
 - No report from Cllr SO

District Report

- I attended a meeting of the Local Plan Steering Group. Work is now proceeding at pace to finalise the consultation paper that will be issued for public responses in the second half of next month. I, and all my councillor colleagues, have been receiving a considerable number of emails, postcards and letters objecting to the NBF development. We have been advised by the officers that we have to be careful what we say to avoid the risk of pre-determination. I am focusing in my responses on encouraging people to participate in the formal consultation process, as this will be the most effective way that people can have some influence over the decision. It would be unfortunate if anyone felt that the objection they have sent so far was enough.
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- On a less significant note, I have contacted the CEO of Compass Bus to try to get them to put up timetables on bus stops that show the new (slightly) improved service. This problem was brought to my attention by a resident in response to my request in the parish magazine for comments on local transport. It was good to see that at least one person reads my monthly column!
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6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
- A lengthy discussion between PPC and Elivia Homes mainly regarding the access into Nolands Farm. Elivia Homes advised that they are going through all the paperwork and are instructing their own transport consultant regarding the access and whether there would be general traffic calming or a build out. PPC wished to know how tied Elivia were to the build out proposal. Elivia unsure why the other calming option was rebuffed. Speed isn't the issue as it has been shown that 85% of people drive safely. Parking for houses opposite will be lost – Elivia have to provide parking in the development for 'visitor' parking. Elivia Homes are investigating and will report back in 2-3 weeks time.
 - Elivia confirmed the Scout area and footpath going into North Barnes but confirmed that they have no access to land south of the footpath from North Barnes.
7. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:
- Land South of the Plough planning application had come in – it was agreed that a planning meeting would take place on 2nd November at 19:00. **Clerk to arrange agenda.**
- To note approved/refused applications from local authority.
- Nothing to note
8. Correspondence
- It was noted that correspondence from a resident visiting had reversed and smashed his back windscreen. Whilst every effort is made to maintain the car park – vehicles are parked at their own risk. **Clerk to respond.**
 - Linda Watson – is going to issue a statement into the parish magazine. PPC have responded to the resident.
 - ECE Planning – emailed for a copy of the NP and Design document. Not on LDC site at the moment. Has been sent over. Clerk to ask James Emery when the system will be updated. **Clerk to action.**
9. Finance Committee
- Cllr PB reported – expenditure items went through schedule – extra items VH £180 Aquacare – legionnaires. PF Bourne £7698 inc VAT - £190 skatepark clear up.



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- a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.
- b. To adopt year to date accounts. Discussed expenditure on passing places – agreed to come out of CIL – nothing new to note on PPC and on VH hiring income about £3k down which is 10% - panto to restore some of it – worth noting we may have a shortfall.
- c. To adopt combined bank reconciliations – all agreed
- d. To note external auditors report and notice of conclusion of audit.

- It was unanimously approved to adopt items a-d.
- Note thanks to Anita for another clean audit report.
- Some other items in FC – due to urgency of the work for the EICR have gone ahead and programmed it in – FC ratified decision.
- Investment Bond – needs all Cllr signatures – put £40k in one year bond at 5%.
- Did consider 5 grants – Activity scheme £225, Plumpton Fest £200, East Chiltington Tree Nursery – up to £230, St Peter & St James £413.50 one application to pay for hall hire for their fundraisers for the year.
- Fencing around the pond – two quotes range £3065 and £3450 FC agreed to proceed with £3065.
- Prelim budgets have been submitted.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB reported on Maria Caulfield statement – NB Has written to Maria Caulfield to ask which clause in the new Levelling Up and regeneration bill will remove the Standard Method for determining housing need.
- Agreed to arrange and meet developer with Riddens (Cllrs NB/NDS). Also, trying to meet with Wealden Group of Local Councils.

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

- It was noted that there was no mention of branch overhanging in VH car park on RA.

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

- Report received from Paul Stevens – statement published now likely to be before end of the year.

13. Update on parish council handyman

- PPC agreed to formulate a job description.

14. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- SLR meeting 10am 24th October. Ian Johnson is to attend. Cllr NB to formulate agenda.



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- ii. Allotments update
 - In Clerks report. Allotment plots have been inspected by the Clerk and a note will be sent to all ploholders. **Clerk to action.**

- iii. To agree attendance and agenda for the SLR meeting on 24th October
 - Noted above

- e. Village Hall
 - i. Update on management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath
 - Fred starting on 24th Oct to clear the area. Bulrushes are being removed this week.
 - ii. Update on building assessment. Clerk emailed building control at LDC – nothing received back yet – **Clerk to chase.**
 - iii. Report on meeting with Wildlife Group – talking about management of the green and pond area – invite to walk around pocket park. James Otway is EC tree warden.
 - iv. To agree Grab Lorry to remove pond waste – this was agreed before the meeting so as to get machinery onto the green without damage – it was confirmed bulrushes being collected 10th Oct.

- f. Playing Field/Pavilion

Cllr Jury gave his report as follows;

- PF Committee met last week. Report from the meeting as follows;
 - Honeybees have been using loo rolls and liquid soap – they should be funding themselves. Unanimously agreed and Honeybees are happy to fund.
 - Rats at the clothes bank area this has now been sorted
 - Wasps nest – underground by second parking space.??
 - Moles – still a problem. Contractor still visiting
 - Request to see if we can do anything about pavilion Wi-Fi. Clerk to look at boosters.
 - Activity scheme – members of the committee advised that. They have not participated in Pav meetings unless there is a specific agenda item that impacts them.
- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
 - Clerk contacted Fosters for quote awaiting for a site meeting date.



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- ii. Update on manhole cover repair and passing places
 - Completed – Victorian era sewer – live sewer – Southern Water have been contacted by the Clerk to advise them what was under the manhole cover as SW did not have a record on their map.
- iii. Junior Football update regarding overgrown area – RJ to speak to Peter Beeden
- iv. To discuss the public football goals –
 - Original plan was to take down and replace with portable goals – when there is no football season the goals wont be there. JB has made some repairs and made safe.
- v. To agree action on fire assessment report – RJ formulated a spreadsheet. Heavy duty ashtrays – 3m away from building. Skirtings required budget of £2k put aside. Wheelie bins – not a big financial impact put on RA and pick up another day (use a parking bay). Signage for combustibile items. Fire doors now don't come up to the standard? BS476 – what is required to amend. JB to speak to a contractor. **Cllr JB to action.**
- vi. To note UKPN request for easement
 - Clerk waiting to hear back from them to confirm the funding of the easement request.
 - JB inspected and took off some of the cladding and areas need attention. Action Plan – JB to remove bottom around HB area outside – have a look – take more cladding off and board it initially. Report back in November. Put a Committee together including PPC, HB, sports clubs and community members after report back in November.

15. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

16. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report

17. To decide on date and format of meeting at Plumpton College

- Interest to meet – all councillors are invited to visit and meet with Jeremy Kerswell to discuss community involvement of the college students.

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

- None



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Meeting Closed: 22.21

Dates of next meetings:

24th October – SLR @ VH 10am

14th November 2023 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 17/10/2023