



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 19:45.

**Present:** Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr J Morecroft (Cllr JM) and DCllr D Stewart-Roberts

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

**Absent:** CCllr S Osborne, Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP), Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS)

### MOP's: 0

1. To accept apologies for absence
  - Cllr G Peacock, Cllr N Satchell and County Cllr Sarah Osborne tendered their apologies and reasons for absence accepted.
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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - Unanimously approved – chair signed to that effect
4. To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024
  - Unanimously approved – chair signed to that effect
5. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
  - Clerk distributed report prior to meeting.  
Clerk wished to note the investigation regarding the playing field drainage. PPC noted that it had been a particularly wet winter and the cost of maintaining the playing field i.e. verti-draining work etc is £13,000, PPC can't justify spending more money on the playing field at the moment considering the new pavilion costs. It was agreed to maintain rather than invest further at this moment in time. However, if junior football want to put the effort in and raise the grants to pay for it then the parish council would be willing to listen. PPC does not have the resources to raise/apply for the grants for the extra mini pitch/drainage work. Clerk to pass onto junior football. **Clerk to action.**
  - Cllr NDS reminded Clerk regarding the TPO from last meeting. **Clerk to action.**



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

Cllr DSR reported the following;

- Caravan on Riddens Lane – title deed stated provisions in relation to border structures – passed onto planning officer to see if anything. Pushing officer to get a decision on this. Likelihood that the planning statement has loophole as mobile caravan doesn't require planning permission.
- Road widening – had meeting on site (Nolands) with highways discuss the concerns – came away that it won't go away and is required for sight line purposes. Discussions around possible mitigation, giving way currently north bound vehicles – consider south bound traffic to wait rather than north bound vehicles. Try and work with them. ESH agreed pavement needs to be widened and heightened.
- Riddens Lane construction management plan – chasing. Signed S106 which is last notice received.
- Station House – confirmed today no delay with people moving in and will remove all the rubbish outside. Cllr NB noted that the tree and hedges getting out of control, DSR to pass this on.
- Streat footpath near My Little Farm problems with two dogs not under control and have hurt some people – police are handling.
- Flexibus team – Compass schedule buses will remain. Flexibus wont be able to drive same route as per scheduled Compass buses.

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

- No reports

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

**LW/24/0361**

**Top Barn Farm, Station Road, Plumpton Green, East Sussex BN7 3BZ**

Variation of Condition 2 (Ancillary to host dwelling) in relation to the approval of LW/22/0609 to allow for additional use as a holiday let.

- Unanimously agreed to no comment

9. Correspondence

No 4. NB to respond to ESCC who wanted to know which Green Spaces designated for their value for wildlife in the Neighbourhood Plan. NB to respond.

Drainage on Riddens site – who is accountable for – NB speaking with Sarah Osborne who is checking if all the detail were sent out in the last response from ESCC SuDS. DSR to give James Smith at LDC a push.



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### 10. Finance Committee

Cllr PB re-elected as chair and Cllr NS as vice chair.

Continuing high electric bills and the pavilion – out of contract and Clerk to broker and try and get a better deal.

Bourne has done all the work at the playing field apart from the sanding

First tranche of CIL from Rectory Meadow - £11,974.95

a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.

Additional expenditure to note;

**PPC**

Balfour Beatty for license of SID - £60.81 (clerk to query as it was believed the license was refused for that location – **Clerk to action**)

**VH**

Viking Direct – cleaning sundries - £134.39

Castle Water - £27.69

Chubb Fire extinguisher service contract - £618.62 (Clerk to query if still tied into this contract).

**PF**

LDC – Playpark Inspection - £18

Cllr Brown – new padlock - £19.98

Total expenditure for June therefore;

PF - £6808.34

PPC - £23,208.70

VH - £5052.97

- Unanimously agreed to adopt the June payments.
- b. To adopt year to date accounts.
- CIL spend £1360 on George Pottinger Architect for the pavilion
  - PF energy costs well over expected budget.
  - PF – Bourne sport playing field work part completed
  
  - Unanimously agreed to adopt the year to date accounts.
- c. To adopt bank reconciliations and corresponding bank statements
- Cllr PB advised all agreed, it was noted that the £40k deposited with Cambridge BS – Cllr PB and NB logged onto account with the Clerk to view the amount sitting at Cambridge. It was noted that this is a viewing account and no transfers can take place.
- Unanimously agreed to adopt bank recs and corresponding bank statements.



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### 11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB – talked about Nolands access as part of District Cllr report above – met two from Highways – may get some mitigation out of it which ESH will look at it again.
- Meeting with the Wealden Group on 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- Housing Needs survey is published on the website.

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

(ii) Plumpton Hub – to discuss lease length and cost proposal from Bedford Park for orchard/allotment area.

- Bedford Park have suggested a lease length of 125 years and a rent of £3000 per year. Not what PPC were envisaging and were of the opinion that it would be a peppercorn rent. **Clerk to action.** Invite Ben Ellis to July PPC meeting.

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

- PPC went through action points and agreed some were out of date/had been actioned or PPC felt did not require action. Clerk to update and pass back to the VH Manager.

### 13. To adopt the Community Emergency Plan

- Defer to next meeting

### 14. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Invite PCSO to the next meeting – Clerk to email Trevor Leggo advise never see him and has been invited to parish meeting on a couple of occasions. **Clerk to action.**

ii. To agree to use part of the Neighbourhood Plan allocated funds for the National Nature Recovery Strategy (subject to quote).

- NPlan EMR has £6410 available. SDNP will match 50% of the quote. It was agreed in principle to use some funds from Neighbourhood Plan earmarked reserves - subject to quote but PPC have been advised it should be in the region of £6000.

d. Village Hall



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- i. Update on path reinstatement from UKPN
  - Clerk received a call from UKPN fault department who were the ones who dug up the path. Clerk is arranging a site visit with UKPN in the next week or so and to advise Cllrs JB and JM of date. **Clerk to action.**

- e. Playing Field/Pavilion

- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
  - PPC have dealt with the holes in the ground on basket swing and the floor has been ordered by HAGS for the ship and Jim is kindly fitting this week. Sandpit sand has been ordered and will be refilled by Cllr JB this week. Please note deterioration in one of the posts but they state low risk - Cllr JB advised that there is a small amount of rot is at the end of the post and not part of a structural part of the frame - if it starts to get closer to the bolt then PPC to action.

- ii. Pavilion working group update

Cllr PB reported back after the working group meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June – News from Tina that Danwood needed some drawings in order to quote – working group meeting saw way ahead was to get George Pottinger to do the RICS stage 2 concept design. To that, PPC have to add the topographical survey which will be £2370 + VAT – have asked George if we can have drawings by next working group meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr JB also advised that the working group requested two drawings one two storey and the other single storey. To be timber framed/modular construction.

Results from surveys – pleasing thing was resident and users survey were in line with PPC and working group thinking. Neighbour surveys were posted through their doors but not received anything back yet. Surveys to close on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

ii(a) To approve George Pottinger spend for Stage 2 architecture concept design of £5940 + VAT or consider potential recommendation from working group regarding Danwood.

- Unanimously agreed to proceed with stage 2 concept design and arrange for the topographic survey at £2370 + VAT using CIL funds. **Clerk to action.**

### 15. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report. Clerk has not heard anything more from them regarding seed planting at the two planters. It was noted that Honeybees have planted their section of the planters.

### 16. Communications/Website



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(i) To approve website revamp by Parish Councils websites at a cost of £749 + VAT plus monthly cost of £21.85 + VAT for hosting and support.

- Unanimously approved to proceed. **Clerk to action.** Cllr NB to speak to camera club for village images

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

- Cllr NB reported that PVS have noted that Ken Beards postcard collection is being valued would PPC be interested in purchasing some subject to valuation. **Clerk to put on July agenda.**
- Cllr PB unable to attend July meeting and sends apologies. Duly noted.

Meeting closed: 21.37

### Dates of next meetings:

27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Playing Field Committee – 19:30 at the Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Finance Committee – 19:00 followed by Full Council at 19:45

No meetings are held in August

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 12/06/2024