



# PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 19:45.

**Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP),  
Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).**

**Absent: Cllr S Osborne, Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr J Morecroft (Cllr JM)  
Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS) , Cllr D Stewart-Roberts**

**MOP's: 2 (L Stevens from Plumpton Village Society (LS) and S Ward (SW) from Junior Football Club  
and K Speirs (KS) representing cricket club)**

1. To accept apologies for absence
  - Cllrs P Burford, N Satchell, J Morecroft, N Shefras and County Councillor Osborne tendered their apologies and reason 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - Cllr G Peacock was not in attendance at the last meeting and therefore the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> June could not be approved. Clerk to put on September agenda. **Clerk to action.**
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
  - Noted Clerks report – also published on website.
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
  - County – no report to give apart from reporting potholes.
  - District – nothing to report due to general elections.
6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
  - Cllr NB requested that item 18diii be discussed now, so L Stevens could discuss with council. Duly agreed.
  - LS submitted a reported to Council regarding the poor condition of the pediment which sits on the external wall at the Village Hall. P Manville has inspected the Pediment for its condition and also its fixings. There is no value but has historical value to the village. Option, to go to the BBC Repair Shop to see if they are



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prepared to take it on board. Needs to be taken down – it is the plaster that is very fragile. Need a scaffolding tower and then lifted down.

- James Honess to be approached to do the 4 minute video for The Repair Shop application. Cllr JB has a scaffolding tower to do video etc for the application.
- Suggestion is do application to Repair Shop – PPC nervous to take down until response from the Repair Shop as nowhere safe to store it. PPC happy for LS to drive the project.
- LS also mentioned the Ken Beard postcard collection – Village Society would like to keep the Plumpton aspect of the postcard collection (as would the family of Ken Beard) – they are currently being valued. Clerk advised if PPC wished to purchase subject to its valuation then the decision needs to be made at a full council meeting Clerk to put on September agenda and valuation to be emailed to the Clerk once received. **Clerk to action.**
  
- Cllr NB requested that item 18eiii be discussed in order for SW/KS to comment.
  
- Grass cutting – SW and KS to provide wish list for cutting schedule to the Clerk and Clerk to send to contractors for quotes. Clerk advised out of the 3 contractors approached only 1 had responded. KS happy to see out this season with current contractor and then give notice. **Clerk to action on receipt of schedule from KS and SW.**
  
- Drainage on 9aside pitch – Clerk had passed on a verbal quote from Bourne. Junior Football happy to fully fund. Clerk to get a confirmed quote from Bourne and advise work would like to commence in September. Clerk to keep SW informed of all communications. **Clerk to action.**
  
- KS mentioned car parking by commuters at playing field is becoming harder to park. Create a signage for no commuters passed the bollards for Honeybees. Clerk to order signage. If that doesn't help then further actions to be taken. **Clerk to action.**

7. Update from PCSO Christopher Marchant (subject to availability).

- PCSO Marchant was unavailable to attend.

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

Application received after agenda publication.

**LW/24/0438**

**Heath Farm South Road Plumpton Green East Sussex BN8 4EA**

Proposal: Clearspan agricultural grain, straw, hay and machinery store

Decision: No comment. Unanimously approved.



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### 9. Correspondence

- Nothing to report

### 10. Finance Committee

- a. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedules.

Additional expenditure

PPC

SLCC - £229.00

George Pottinger Stage 2 design pavilion (CIL) £5940.00

VH

James Eastwood - £240 new heater element for immersion heater

LDC – Domestic waste and recycling quarterly bill - £348.29

PF

Cllr J Brown - £31.26 (lock for storeroom and sealant for PPC shed).

- Unanimously approved to release the payments as per schedules plus additions; as follows;

PPC - £11629.00

VH - £2943.82

PF - £855.32

- b. To approve year to date accounts.

- Unanimously approved.

- c. To approve bank reconciliations and corresponding bank statements

- Unanimously approved. Bank reconciliations and statements had been checked by Cllr GP and Cllr NB. Cllr NB signed to that effect.

### 11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- (i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- NB – heard back from Dan Witcher re the build out at Nolands site. To get a 20mph limit average speeds already need to be lower than 24mph otherwise traffic calming is required. Average speed is 26/27mph which determines the visibility splay required at the Nolands Access. They will try and make pavement wider on the VH side.
- Will try and give priority from south to north at the pinch point.



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- (ii) Plumpton Hub – update from Bedford Park re lease recommendation from PPC.
- B Ellis had no update to give and will come to the Sept meeting. Duly noted.

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

- Cllr JB inspected the loose slabs outside the electrical room at the pavilion and confirmed they are very heavy and no immediate issue as the door isn't used. Cllr JB to sort when time allows.
- Cllr JB commented on the path around the pavilion – it was confirmed that concrete path bit of subsidence here and there. Not considered worth doing. Gentle hole no edges and not considered a trip hazard.

13. To adopt the Community Emergency Plan

- Primary school age 11-16 – change to 5-11. Go through and take off watermark and remove some wording on last page. Unanimously agreed to adopt. **Clerk to action.**

14. To adopt the Nature Recovery Strategy Terms of Reference.

- Unanimously agreed to adopt. **Clerk to action.**

15. To adopt the 2024 Financial Regulations

- Adopt in September after FC have reviewed.

16. Allotments

- RW Green provided a quote of £580 + VAT to tidy up the allotments and hedge cut. Unanimously agreed to proceed. Quote received of £280 + VAT to clear a particular plot as plot holder struggled to maintain. PPC unanimously agreed that it was not PPC responsibility to clear and to email quote to plot holder for their allotment clear up and advise plot holder to pay to clear or give the plot up.
- Planters too expensive to do Clerk to send list of plants to JB and try and get a community day to plant.
- VH quote for tidy up around the village hall etc too expensive, plus unsure about the herbicide being used. Agreed to instruct existing contractor to spray revisit quote another time. Agreed that the VH Committee to devise a gardening rota with the volunteers that had come forward. Clerk to advise VH Manager. **Clerk to action.**

17. To consider/agree various quotes from RW Green for general garden maintenance around the village as per quotes provided. See above.



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### 18. Committee/Working Group Reports

#### i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Nothing to report

#### ii. Update regarding the National Nature Recovery Strategy.

- No update yet – hoping to have a quote next time.

#### d. Village Hall

##### i. Update on path reinstatement from UKPN

- Meeting at 9am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July on site.

##### ii. To discuss drainage work options/costings behind Kimber Cottages

- Cllr JB reported – meeting with Drew day after last meeting. Dug up a investigation trench where the pipe was going to be and pipe is not there. To put a drain in – dig a channel from that area to pond build a brick pillar, £250 with pipe etc – however the downside would be it will block up at regular intervals and will need clearing/jet washing out.
- Alternative option is to dig a trench with sloping sides – down to pond and put a bridge over it for maintenance vehicles etc which is made out of sleepers (14 required) would be strong enough to get a car across. £390 with softwood pressure treated sleepers or oak sleepers at £690. It will remove the secondary pond behind Kimber Cottages on the council land. Unanimously approved to do oak sleepers work will start in October. Clerk to advise resident.
- Tenterden resident contacted Cllr NB re South East Water leak flooding their property. Due to another resident speaking with SEW advising of his issues with the pond on VH land,SEW have then decided that the same flooding incurred at Tenterden even though it is higher than the pond (as proven that Kimber is higher than the pond via laser) is the responsibility of PPC. Go back to SEW and advise them the property is higher than the pond and invite to meet on site. Clerk to get photos from Tenterden resident. **Clerk to action.**

##### iii. War Memorial Pediment restoration presentation and discussion

- Discussed under public session



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e. Playing Field/Pavilion

i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.

- Nothing report that is of high risk.

ii. Pavilion working group update

- Cllr NB reported working group met with George Pottinger (GP) who presented two options – extra money for the upper floor but didn't offer much more. Proposal was single storey and to move to stage 3.
- Unanimously agreed to move to stage 3 at £7560 plus SUD's and environmental survey (ratify other quotes when in) (Clerk waiting on quotes from GP).

iii. To discuss grass cutting tenders and options regarding current contractor

- Discussed in public session above

iv. To discuss car parking at the playing field during week days and discuss HB parking.

- Discussed in public session above

19. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

20. Communications/Website

i. To create a small working group to agree design and content of the new website and set a meeting date. PPC to discuss whether PVS can piggyback off the new website.

- Cllr GP happy to be involved and asked the Clerk to forward the email from website designer. Clerk to action. Clerk to also ask Cllr JM and Cllr NDS if they would like to be involved.
- Clerk to email Plumpton Village Society advising that they are switching to a .gov.uk domain and PVS will not be able to piggyback off of this. PPC new website will have a list of groups/societies etc and a link to their website/Facebook page. **Clerk to action.**

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

- Cllr NB reminded Cllrs that no meetings in August.

Meeting closed: 22.20



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## Dates of next meetings:

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

29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Pavilion Working Group Meeting – 9.30am at the pavilion

4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – VH Committee Meeting – 19:00 at VH

10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Finance Committee - 19:00 followed by Full Council – 19:45

No meetings are held in August

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 16/07/2024