



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 8pm in Plumpton Village Hall.

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

In attendance: Cllr N Beaumont (Chair), Cllr C Jackson (Vice Chair), Cllr N Satchell, Cllr E Elford, Cllr S Morris, Cllr C Thompson, County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne. Anita Emery (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 18

Apologies: It was noted that Cllr G Murphy and Cllr R Stone had tendered their apologies.

2. To accept minutes for 2016 meeting

PPC APM Resolution 002. It was RESOLVED and AGREED by majority that the APM Minutes of the meeting 17th May 2016 are an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Update from Cllr Sarah Osborne

Cllr Osborne thanked the Parish for electing her as County Councillor which makes her District Councillor until 2019 and County Councillor for four years.

Cllr Osborne reported as County Councillor her focus would overview personal, social and health, also casework on potholes and pavements and asked the public to write to her about parking and speeding within the Village.

As a District Councillor the major achievements for the last year was budget and online lottery for good causes. 50% of the money raised was being passed to good causes. The feasibility for the money towards temporary accommodation, the District has a problem with homelessness and not enough local accommodation for homeless people who are then being housed at Bed and Breakfast in Eastbourne. Potential for modular homes in 2-3 years. A study for how Lewes District Council can use outbuildings for accommodation and the feasibility for tenants to share housing or lodgers. To gain money from sustainable tourism, a strategy is in place for a pilot wine festival in Lewes and a microbrewery.

- Question from the floor enquired had LDC made provision for animals to go with the tenants.

Cllr Osborne responded yes if the accommodation was Council owned but probably not for the bed and breakfast. Cllr Osborne noted the question.



4. The Wendy Kaill Legacy – Bandstand

Cllr N Beaumont reported that late in December 2015 the Council had resolved to erect a Bandstand on the Village Green in memory of Wendy Kaill and invited Sue Akers to speak. Sue was a Councillor at the time when the money was bequeathed to the Parish Council by Wendy Kaill and Hope Good in 2014. Cllr N Beaumont reminded the meeting that the Council's agreement for erection of the Bandstand still stands but that the purpose at this meeting was to allow residents to raise comments and concerns. Cllr N Beaumont passed around the floor a picture of what the Bandstand would look like and reported that the main concern from the public was that the Bandstand could attract anti-social behaviour. Sue Akers gave a brief history of the events leading up to the decision to erect a Bandstand as a monument to Wendy Kaill. After much discussion from the floor and the Council, it was decided that Sue Akers would forward a pre-planning application to LDC and await public responses.

5. Annual Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Cllr Nick Satchell and Cllr Stephen Morris who joined the Council during the year and welcomed new Clerk Anita Emery who joined at the beginning of May this year. The Chairman reported that there is one Councillor vacancy and Cllr Reg Stone expects to return to the Council after an extended absence due to illness.

The Chairman reported the public concerns about speeding and parking throughout the village. The Chairman confirmed that from the 5th June 2017 for 7 days there will be 4 speed monitoring deployed at 4 locations, between the Plough Pub and the Half Moon Pub, including one within the village 30mph zone. To introduce a speed limit would cost in the region of £10k+.

- Questions from the floor. Where is the evidence of the previous agreement for a speed limit – the Chairman reported that this had not been seen or confirmed from ESCC.

The Chairman reported that there continues to be a number of complaints of inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of the station.

After the Plumpton College slurry incident the Council has started to work closer with the College by having meetings to form closer links.

The Chairman also reported that the website had been redesigned and the good neighbourhood scheme was going through CRB checking.

6. Parish Reports

6.1 Council Finances

Cllr E Elford reported that the finances of the Council had been maintained in accordance with regulation and inspected and verified by the internal auditors during the course of the year. The Council had set an appropriate Precept against its budget commitments and the end year reporting demonstrated a modest carry forward and adequate reserves. The Council had the correct level of insurance provision to mitigate its risks during the year.



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Cllr EE confirmed that the accounts are available to view from 5th June through to 14th July and to contact the Clerk.

- Questions from the floor: The pre-cept had increased since last year where was the money being allocated for the new pavilion fund? Cllr E Elford advised that this was being addressed under item 6.3 but it was agreed by the Chair to report on item 6.3 before item 6.2.

6.3 The Playing Field

Cllr E Elford reported that she was the Chair of the Playing Field Committee and to raise money for a new pavilion would cost in the region of £500k. Cllr E Elford reported that the current Pavilion was of solid construction and the new Pavilion account held a decent sum of money for a new refurb. A grant application has been submitted and the result of which is due week commencing 5th June. If successful, the grant including funds held at the bank would be in the region of £60,000, this would be used to re-furbish the windows, fire exits, flooring, kitchen, changing rooms and by the end of the year it should be completed. If budget allows, possible drainage works on the playing field. Cllr E Elford also reported that there would be a new rental strategy and thanked Jane Donovan for bringing the compliance up to date.

- Question from the floor: Are the Honeybees donating any money towards refurb? Cllr E Elford confirmed it was grants only.

6.2 The Village Hall

Cllr C Thompson reported that the use of the Village Hall was up and gave thanks to Jane Donovan for this. Cllr Thompson also reported that the heating had been replaced, floor varnished, locks replaced, new soap holders and a cigarette box was installed outside. Cllr Thompson also reported that the Village Hall will be redecorated and new curtains installed.

Cllr Thompson reported that the borders are being replenished and thanked Sue Akers for her help and in time all of the borders will be attended too.

- Question from the floor: Questioned grass cutting. Cllr Thompson advised that UK Landscapes were not fulfilling their duties but this has now been addressed.
- Question from the floor: Hoovers and cleaners available to use after hiring the hall are of poor quality. Cllr Thompson confirmed that some items had been replaced and noted to check remaining equipment.

6.4 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr C Jackson reported that a review had taken place of what was originally proposed and over the last 12 months the plan has been re-written. The plan is being submitted to the Parish Council on 13th June for support. Cllr Jackson reported that the Plan will go



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out to the Village and Statutory bodies for consultation again and in a years time for referendum. Cllr Jackson advised that the consultation dates were the evening of 21st June in the Pavilion and all day (drop in) on 16th July in the Village Hall

6.5 Transport and Environment/Footpaths Committee

Cllr N Beaumont reported that there would be a consultation to gain public opinion on double yellow lines near the station. The main issue is inconsiderate parking on corners, and verges being destroyed. Cllr Beaumont thanked ESCC for repairing the verges speedily. Cllr S Osborne commented on parking outside the shop is dangerous and a member of public complained about the garage parking cars on the road. Cllr Beaumont reported the main area of concern is at the station.

- Question from the floor: Suggestion of using extra parking at the Playing Field. Cllr Jackson reported that the parking is for Playing Field users only. Cllr Jackson reported that the Fields in Trust had agreed in principle for an overflow car park next to the Playing Field to ease congestion, this would be policed with a gate and lock and only Playing Field users would have access.

A member of public advised Cllr Beaumont that the Village Hall sign had corroded and fallen it has been reported on Fix my Street. Cllr Beaumont thanked the member of public.

Cllr Beaumont reported the consistent problem with the railway barriers. Any further problems should be reported to Cllr Stephen Morris. Cllr S Osborne confirmed she had reported it to the Rail Regulator.

Cllr Beaumont advised the litter picking day would be 19th November and the Pocket Park had been cleared out by the allotments and thanked Cllr Nick Satchell for his efforts.

A member of public requested a new bin to be installed by the notice board next to the Plough Pub. Cllr S Osborne confirmed the District Council will provide new bins.

7 Questions from the Public

- Why haven't the allotment hedges been cut?
The member of public was advised by Council that this was being done in August.
- A member of public advised that a coach company sits for 30 minutes on double white lines illegally. Cllr N Beaumont noted the information.
- A member of public thanked the Council for everything they do.



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Meeting closed 9.20pm

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 1st June 2017

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