



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Plumpton College on 9th January 2018 at 19.45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB) (Chair), Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr Paul Stevens (Cllr PS), Cllr C Thompson (Cllr CT), Cllr G Murphy (Cllr GM), Cllr C Jackson (Cllr CJ), Cllr E Elford (Cllr EE), Cllr S Morris (Cllr SM). Jeremy Kerswell – Principal of Plumpton College.

Absent: County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO), Cllr R Stone.

Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Members of the Public: 1

The Chairman welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Mr Kerswell for the use of the College facilities.

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - **None. It was noted that Cllr R Stone and County and District Councillor S Osborne were not present.**
2. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 12th December 2017.
 - **204: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that minutes of the meeting 12/12/2017 were an accurate account of the meeting**
3. Clerk's Report on any Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
 - Clerk reported LDC Environmental Health had been contacted about the nuisance lighting on Riddens Lane. Clerk reported she had circulated a response to Council from LDC regarding using the Village Hall as a rest centre in emergencies. Clerk asked would a presentation be required by Council. Council were happy with the response from LDC and resolved to agree.
 - **205: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to allow the Village Hall to be used as a rest centre. Clerk to notify LDC.**
4. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - Cllr NS declared an interest in Nolands Farm



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5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO) on matters affecting this Parish.

- Clerk reported no report received from Cllr SO.

6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 10 minutes in total

- None

7. An update from Jeremy Kerswell, Principal of Plumpton College.

- Mr Kerswell updated the PC on the College last academic year. Their aim was to raise awareness and work more effective within the local community. Mr Kerswell explained the structure of the College and how the College has succeeded in the last three years, one being winning part of the bid for the renovation of the walled garden in Stanmore Park, Brighton.

On completion of the presentation Cllr NB asked Council for any questions. Cllr CJ asked about the College interaction with the Church, Mr Kerswell advised the College is keen to work with the Church in the broadest sense and make it part of the heart of the College. Mr Kerswell handed to Councillors an Ecology Estate document which was part of their re-branding. Cllr EE asked if the College does ground maintenance courses where students can get involved with the maintenance of the Playing Field. This was received well and Cllr EE and Mr Kerswell to discuss arrangements. Cllr GM asked about the all weather cycle track, Mr Kerswell advised the College are in support of this and will be speaking to his colleague and will report back to Cllr GM.

Mr Kerswell concluded his report. Council thanks Mr Kerswell for his time. Mr Kerswell left the meeting at 20.15.

8. Planning Applications

- Cllr CJ requested if anyone would declare any interest regarding the planning applications to do so now. **Cllr PS declared knowing the applicant of 4 Fairhaven.**
- Cllr CJ requested that the Bandstand application be discussed first.

LW/17/1047

Plumpton Village Hall, 1 West Gate, Plumpton Green.
Erection of a new bandstand and associated pathway.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the Bandstand, Cllr CJ reminded the Planning Committee the application made was for the positioning of the bandstand. A vote took place.

- **206: 4 support, 2 against, 1 abstain. Motion carried. Cllr CJ to submit to LDC.**



SDNP/17/06183/HOUS

4 Fairhaven, Plumpton BN7 3AH

Rear and side ground floor extensions, creation of front porch and insertion front & rear dormer.

- Cllr GM asked the applicant to explain some queries, which were duly explained. The Planning Committee felt a site visit was necessary with 3 committee members attending.
Cllr CJ to submit its decision on completion of site visit.

9. Finance Committee Report 9.1.18

- Cllr EE announced that she will be stepping down as Chair of the Finance Committee and Cllr PS will be taking Chair as of next months meeting.

9.1 To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedule for PC, VH & PF accounts

9.2 To adopt year to date account 2017/18

9.3 To adopt the Finance Committee Minutes of 12.12.18

- **207: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt items 9.1 to 9.3 of agenda dated 12.12.17.**

9.4 To approve precept for 2018/2019 of £56,062 an increase of 2% and tax base increase of 89p per annum per household based on tax D banding.

- Clerk advised it would create a 1.1% increase on the Council Tax.

- **208: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to approve the precept for the year 2018/2019 of £56,062.**

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB had nothing to report, PPNP is still with the independent examiner and is hoping to hear back this week.

11. Bandstand Update

- Reported under agenda item 8 above.

12. Riddens Lane Nuisance Lighting

- Reported under agenda item 3 above



13. North Barnes Lane/Hastoe.

Cllr NB spoke with Cllr RS regarding the matter of the unadopted road. Cllr RS advised the landowner is responsible unless they can prove otherwise. Cllr NB asked the Clerk to chase Cllr Sarah Osborne up on her findings. **Clerk to report back.**

14. To discuss Village Hall as Rest Centre for LDC

- Reported under item 3 above.

15. Committee/Working Group Reports.

15.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths

- Cllr NB reported the application has been submitted for the feasibility study into the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on Plumpton Lane and the northern section of Station Road. This is the first step towards applying for community match funding by which the council would hope to part fund the project. Cllr NB reported that given the concerns expressed by residents and council at the last meeting, the submission requested that the study should look at imposing the 40mph restriction on the full length of Plumpton Lane rather than just the southern section as preferred by East Sussex highways.
- Cllr NB advised he is still going through the results of the survey on the parking around the station and will report back next month.

15.2 Policing & Neighbourhood Watch Working Group

- Cllr NB had nothing to report.

15.3 Village Hall

15.3.1 New Local Tenders

- Cllr CT reported the VH Manager is meeting one contractor and Cllr CT another and will report back next month. Cllr PS suggested approaching Plumpton College about maintaining the village green. **Cllr EE will pass details of the college to Cllr CT.**

15.4 Playing Field/New Pavilion

Cllr EE

- Cllr EE reported the Playing Field Committee met last week. New kitchen has been installed and the outside has been re-cladded. Doors and windows are being replaced next week. There had been around £8k additional unexpected expenditure. Cllr EE will be applying for the first tranche of the grant next week.
- Cllr CJ reported she will be applying to Leader for a grant on the car park and Leader were happy to accept the application separate to the Pavilion.



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- Cllr PS suggested speaking to Leader regarding the unexpected overspend on the Pavilion to see if they will cover this. **Cllr EE to follow up with Leader.**

15.4.1 To adopt Playing Field Committee Minutes of 1st November 2017.

- Clerk advised this was passed last month and was on in error.

15.4.2 Playing Field and car park proposal

- Cllr CJ mentioned the correspondence from McNicholas Civil Engineers that the Clerk had circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Council advised that the car park is in constant use and this would not be an option. Council asked the Clerk to advise McNicholas to contact the Racecourse as their car park has been used for previous works. **Clerk to contact**

15.4.3 Playing Field Padlock and Gate

- Cllr EE advised nothing to report and agreed to take off future agenda.

16. Communications/Website

Cllr SM

- Cllr SM had nothing to report but suggested perhaps putting the report that is submitted to the Parish Magazine onto the Parish's Facebook page. Council agreed. **Cllr CJ to forward report to Cllr SM to post each month.**

17. Questions from Parish Councillors

- None

Meeting closed 21.45

Dates of next meetings:

13th February 2018 – 19:00 Finance Committee –Parish Council – 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 10th January 2018



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