



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Plumpton Village Hall on 8th May 2018 at 20.00.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB) (Chair), Cllr Paul Stevens (Cllr PS), Cllr C Jackson (Cllr CJ), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS).

Absent: Cllr G Murphy (Cllr GM), Cllr Emma Elford (Cllr EE), Cllr Chris Thompson (Cllr CT) and County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO).

Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Members of the Public: 1

1. To accept apologies for absence.
 - **Cllr's Murphy and Thompson tendered their apologies.** It was noted that Cllr Emma Elford had tendered her resignation from Council and all Committees. This was duly accepted. The Clerk advised the monitoring officer had been notified. Election notices have been displayed on the website and notice boards for three vacancies. **It was noted that Cllr Osborne was not present. Cllr NB confirmed Cllr Osborne would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May.**
2. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 10th April 2018.
 - Cllr CT advised in writing that her apologies at last months meeting had not been noted on the minutes. This was duly accepted by PC.
 - **227: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on 10.4.18 were an accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.**
3. Clerk's Report on any Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
 - Clerk advised Community Match Funding grants two per year. Clerk to find out how many finger posts can be claimed. Clerk advised she is still needing to speak with NALC about VH Manager contract.
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.

- Nothing to report

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

- MoP addressed the PC regarding the potential development of Riddens Lane site which is part of the approved Neighbourhood Plan. MoP wished to make the current PC aware of the flood risk, hazards re access onto Station Road and potential maintenance that the PC could have to take on if the site were developed. Council thanked MoP for the information and stated that until a planning application is made Council do not know what the development will entail but thanked MoP for raising these important concerns.

7. Planning Applications

- None. Cllr CJ advised two applications have come in and a special meeting will be called as the date expires before next meeting. **Cllr CJ to arrange a date.**
- Cllr CJ reported on the planning committee meeting held on 3rd May. The Wells Close development outline planning application was supported as it is in the Neighbourhood Plan but the Planning Committee raised residents' concerns on flood risk and inappropriate layout. The Committee did not support another application for a single dwelling neighbouring No4 Strawlands, due to lack of parking provision. Minutes have been published on the PC website.

8. Correspondence

- Clerk was requested to forward to Council again the email regarding the overgrown trees on PC land. A quote had been received to maintain the trees each year of £250 p.a. or fell for £350. Cllr CT advised by email that she was in favour of felling the trees. **229: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to fell the trees.**

9. Finance Committee Report 8.5.2018

- Cllr PS reported two items on the YTD to be itemised but nothing to report.

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

9.2 To adopt and approve year to date account 2018/19

9.3 To adopt and approve the Finance Committee Notes of 10.4.18

- **230: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt items 9.1 to 9.3 of agenda dated 08.05.2018.**

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported the NP had been adopted by LDC on 2nd May and is now part of LDC's Local Plan. A meeting took place with the developers of Riddens Lane and PC expressed its total



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opposition to the developers' intention to increase the number of dwellings to 20, from the 16 stipulated in the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. Bandstand Update

- Cllr NB wrote to contractor regarding foundations – offer received was favourable. Cllr NB to now speak with the Executors.

12. To discuss and approve Community Infrastructure Levy

- Clerk reported CIL money had been received for a Riddens Lane development. PC requested this be put on the FC agenda and to start creating an action plan. Cllr NB is attending a CIL course and requested the Clerk attend if possible. **Clerk to transfer to FC agenda next month.**

13. Speed Limit Feasibility Study

- Cllr NB advised of the Feasibility Study Report on introducing a 40mph speed limit in the 60mph stretches of Plumpton Lane and Station Road between the Half Moon and the Plough, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Whilst there are some inconsiderate residents that drive aggressively and/or dangerously, the speed survey indicates that there is no endemic problem within the Parish. It was noted that the Police wouldn't support a 40mph limit from the Quarry to the railway crossing. Total cost to implement the speed limit outside this stretch of road would be £27,000. After much discussion PC agreed it is not cost justified. **Cllr NB to put feasibility report on website.** Potential to look at Community safety schemes e.g radar speed signs.

14. Committee/Working Group Reports.

14.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths

- Cllr NB attended the SLR meeting along with Cllrs CJ and GM, and East Chilmington Councillor. Cllr NB flagged the Barnfield pavement damage. Cllr GM raised ongoing flooding on Plumpton Lane.
- Cllr NB reported he had received an email from an MoP re making Plumpton a plastic-free zone, and MoP had agreed to lead the project.

14.2 Policing & Neighbourhood Watch Working Group

- Nothing to report

14.3 Village Hall

- Cllr CT not present.

14.3.2 To discuss use as a Rest Centre

- Clerk advised no response received. **PC agreed to remove from future agendas.**



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14.4 Playing Field/New Pavilion

- Cllr EE has resigned from PC but confirmed she will complete grant application for the Pavilion project. Clerk advised second tranche had been received. EE advised one more bill to come from the builder.
- Cllr NB reported on PF Committee meeting for the benefit of the new PC members of the PF Committee. He had been made aware that the Football Club season now overlaps with the Cricket season on 3rd Sat in April. The Cricket Club have a written contract giving them the use of the playing field from 3rd Sat in April through to 1st Sat in September. The Football Club have no clear dated written agreement. Cllr NB advised a formal agreement needs to be made to accommodate both clubs. Cllr NB advised both clubs that after the ASM the new PF Committee members would arrange a meeting with the club organisers. Cllr PS and Cllr NS agreed to look into the issue.

14.4.1 Playing Field and car park proposal

- Cllr CJ advised finding funding is difficult. It would cost approximately £40k for whole project to create parking for another c25 parking spaces. She said the project did not meet most charities' criteria for grants as Plumpton is not a deprived area.

14.4.2 To adopt grass cutting contract 2018-2019

- **231: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt the PF grass cutting contract 2018-2019.**

15. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report.

16. Questions from Parish Councillors

- Cllr PS asked about bench at Lentridge. Cllr NB reported that the resident had very kindly offered to fund £300 towards a bench and PC to approve the difference in the region of £150. **232: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to approve new bench at Lentridge.**
- Cllr NB requested something appropriate should be sent to Reg Stone to mark his many years of service for the Parish Council. **233: It was RESOLVED and AGREED. Cllr NB to action.**
- It was requested that the Clerk put Village Action Plan on the next agenda going forward.



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Meeting closed 21:25

Dates of next meetings:

15th May 2018 – Annual Parish Meeting (Main Hall) 19:30

12th June 2018 – Finance Committee – 19:00 – Parish Council – 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 9th May 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Emery'.

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