



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.30pm 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, County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne and Anita Emery (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 5

Apologies: It was noted that Cllr G Murphy, Cllr P Stevens and Cllr C Thompson had tendered their apologies.

2. To accept minutes for 2017 meeting

PPC APM Resolution 003. It was RESOLVED and AGREED by majority that the APM Minutes of the meeting 31st May 2017 are an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Update from Cllr Sarah Osborne – moved to item 4.

Cllr Osborne invited Scot Reid Head of LDC Customer & Neighbourhood Services to speak first.

Mr Reid introduced to residents a new scheme that LDC had set up called Neighbourhood First. Neighbourhood First is a new initiative to help deal with community issues for example, potholes, anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, dog fouling. Two uniformed LDC officers (Steve Brooker and Nicky Soltermann) will be covering 3 zones including Plumpton. Residents can report issues via a designated app 'Report It' which will go directly to the designated officers. There is also a telephone number. Mr Reid handed out leaflets which will also be posted onto the noticeboards. MoP asked if the two officers can be part of Plumpton's Facebook page. **Cllr GM to accept their request when received.**

MoP reported fly tipping in the Ferrings. Mr Reid advised that it is the landowners responsibility to clear, however advised the MoP to report it to the officers if it becomes a constant problem and the officers will speak with the landowner.

Mr Reid advised residents that the new recycling bins will be delivered w/c 9th June for a couple of weeks. Bins are now bigger and no need to separate items – all recycling can be mixed. MoP asked about the existing boxes – Mr Reid advised that they can either be kept or they will be collected when new bins delivered. If there are any elderly residents that cannot move their bins LDC can arrange for assisted collection. It is also not compulsory to put the recycling bins out once a week. MoP asked if there will be a recycling bin available to the Village Hall. **Clerk to speak with Mr Reid to arrange.**



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The Chairman thanked Mr Reid for his informative presentation and asked the **Clerk to arrange for the officers to attend the July Parish Council meeting for an update.**

4. Guest Speaker Scot Reid Head of LDC Customer and Neighbourhood Services. (moved to item 3)

Cllr Sarah Osborne – County Council Report

Cllr SO reported a rather bleak outlook for the next year regarding cuts. The Council Tax was up by 6% and making cuts of £17m which is projected for the next 2 years. All central services reduced to democratic cause. A lot more self service on critical care and adult /social care. Management of Highways will be reactive. Community based support cuts – Homeworks by 50% e.g. Stroke association and STEPS – these cuts are causing more pressure on hospitals. There is a 70% cut on Discretionary East Sussex Support scheme – this covers the poorest in the District – for example domestic abuse. – Refuge is being cut – Music Lessons in all schools are being cut. Cllr SO reported that she is fighting the cuts and all is in consultation at the moment and urged residents to go to ESCC website and under 'have your say' to submit your views on the cuts.

District Report

Cllr SO reported that a budget had been set for £2.2m on 24 x 2 bed accommodation for homeless. Currently in process to find sites.

LDC are installing on street recycling bins in main areas of population e.g. towns there is a £10k feasibility study on trade waste recycled option.

£50k budget for environmental initiative fund, along with a fund for events one being celebration of 100 years of women's rights in work place – especially women in Council which is being headed by Association of Local Councils. Universal Credit only available online, LDC will provide money to support residents. LDC will do more work for better internet access for Section 106 affordable housing.

MoP asked Cllr SO how LDC can survive against ESCC. Cllr SO advised that LDC have historical reserves. The budget from Central Government has reduced by 40% since 2014 but LDC have been commercially minded and share services with EDC (Eastbourne District Council). ESCC have not done the same but cuts have been more severe with greater demand.

The Chair thanked Cllr Osborne and Cllr Osborne and Mr Reid left the meeting at 8.25pm.

5. Annual Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Main events the PC have worked on this year

Sadly saying goodbye to Reg Stone due to ill health. Reg is a valued member of the community who has worked on behalf of the Parish over many years and done an amazing job. Emma Elford left the Council in March of this year and was thanked for her hard work with regard to the Playing Field and Pavilion refurbishment. Stephen Morris was another Councillor to depart due



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study commitments and was great to have his input over the last year. The Clerk has been with Plumpton now for a year and the role becoming more complicated, one being GDPR whereby making sure all correspondence is shredded, encrypt the computer and obtaining a Data Protection Officer.

The Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum with a 47% turnout and 80% in favour. The Chair thanked the steering group. The monitoring of the plan will now be taken part of the Parish Council meetings. The Chair advised one developer has come to the Parish Council to ask about increasing numbers on site.

MoP stated the Parish is grateful for the steering group and for pushing it through a job well done despite some opposition.

Speed Limits

The Chair reported this was a constant issue, a speed survey was carried out – result being no major problem with 85% of drivers below the limit and driving at 40mph. A feasibility study had been produced – the PC asked for 40mph limit but ES Highways only agreed this from Half Moon Pub to Quarry only, result being no major problem with 85% of drivers driving at or below 40mph. A feasibility study had been produced – the PC asked for 40mph limit and ES Highways have agreed this on Plumpton Lane from Half Moon Pub to Quarry only; and on Station Road from Plough south to existing 30mph zone. Total cost to reduce limit would be £27k which the Parish Council decided was not cost effective. MoP asked whether speed radars could be installed. Something for the PC to discuss. The Chair reported on Parking issues. A survey was distributed to residents within the station area who wished for parking restrictions to be enforced. The PC are still to discuss. Cllr Jackson advised to expand the parking at the Playing Field would cost in the region of £30-40k as Plumpton is not a deprived community, grants are few and far between.

6. Parish Reports

6.1 Council Finances

- The Chair reported in the absence of Cllr Stevens. The Parish Council received VAT rebate for the last 2-3 years. General Reserves are healthy. An action plan is being put in place to fund maintenance projects around the Village - verges potentially being one of them. MoP asked the PC to encourage residents to cut verges outside their property which would help in the reduction of urban grass cuts, another MoP complained you cannot see out of Beresford Lane as the verges are too high and will cause an accident, cuttings are never taken away.

6.3 The Village Hall

The Chair reported in the absence of Cllr Thompson that the Village Hall had new curtains purchased, the large hall had been painted and new china purchased. The borders had been planted with wild roses and the VH Manager had been digging over the borders. The VH has a new grass cutting contractor, the Willows are being lifted and the two large shrubs are being cut. A thank you to Robin and Sue Akers for donating plants for the borders. Projects for the future are new chairs for the hall. A big thank you to the VH



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Manager for all her hard work over the last year and obtaining more hirers. The Chair advised the Bandstand is about to be ordered along with a path to be cut for access.

6.4 The Playing Field

The Chair reported that Emma Elford has done an amazing job in organising the Pavilion refurb with a grant obtained from Leader of £49k and remainder came from the Pavilion account and the Parish Council donated £7.5k. The refurb has been finished to a high standard. MoP asked if all the cladding could be replaced as only partially done? Cllr NS advised this would be put on the 3-5 year plan but would arrange for it to be costed. Cllr CJ hopefully the CIL money may be able to pay for it if/when it becomes available from the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chair reported that Cllr Satchell and Cllr Stevens are now on the Playing Field Committee and Cllr NS is currently sorting out the sports clubs issues over dates of use of the playing field.

6.5 The Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair had reported on this in his report, however advised that once development is made the Parish will receive CIL money and the Clerk and himself are attending a briefing on how the money can be spent within the Parish once it is received.

6.6 Transport and Environment/Footpaths Committee

The Chair had already mentioned parking in his report above. The Pocket Park is being used by the Primary school for Forest School.

There had been reports of nuisance lighting one of which has been resolved but the other the Clerk is to speak with Environmental Health about Wells Chase. **Clerk to action.** The Chair reported that he had been asked by a resident regarding reducing the amount of plastics used within the Parish. Network Rail were granted an easement in order to lay new electricity cables – they will also replace the gate to the tennis court and tarmac once the works are finished. MoP stated that Network Rail did a good job on new stile.

7 Questions from the Public

None

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 23rd May 2018