



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB) (Chair), Cllr Paul Stevens (Cllr PS), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr C Jackson (Cllr CJ), Cllr G Murphy (Cllr GM), District and County Councillor Sarah Osborne, Ian Fitzpatrick Director of Planning and Regeneration, Leigh Palmer Head of Planning at LDC, Jim Alexander Traveller Team Manager at ESCC and Tondra Thom Head of Planning Policy at LDC.

Absent: Chris Thompson (Cllr CT),

Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Members of the Public: 118

1. To accept apologies for absence.
 - **Cllr Thompson tendered her apologies.**
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed. Chair
 - **Cllr NS declared an interest in Nolands Farm.**
3. Discussion regarding the proposed permanent Traveller/Gypsy site

Questions from members of the public and PPC had been sent to representatives of LDC and ESCC prior to the meeting who then read and answered these questions which are available to view on the Plumpton Parish Council website. A further Q&A followed. Meeting temporarily closed at 20:45 to allow members of the public to leave the meeting.

Meeting re-opened at 20:50

The Chairman moved item 6 ahead of item 4.

6. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO) on matters affecting this Parish.
 - Cllr SO reported she had received comments on the traveller site and asked that any comments be formally submitted to the inspectorate via the LDC website.
 - Cllr SO reported there had been some issues with public reporting via the LDC website and by telephone. She assured that this is being sorted but to advise her directly of any issues going forward.
 - Cllr SO is going on a roadshow to promote women in politics and is hoping this will be successful.



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- Cllr SO met with the District Commander of the Police to advise that since the reduction of the PCSO it had been reported of a greater proportion of accidents in rural areas.
- Cllr SO reported the majority of her time is taken up fighting cuts, the Fire Service are making cuts over the next few years, however LDC are in a better position to other District Councils due to forward thinking and merging with Eastbourne DC.

The Chair thanked Cllr Osborne for attending. Cllr SO left the meeting.

4. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2018.

- **254: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on 11.9.2018 were an accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.**

5. Clerk's Report on any Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

- Nothing to report

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

- MoP reported the Playpark is getting waterlogged. Cllr NS advised he will investigate. **Cllr NS to action.**

8. Planning Applications

- Cllr CJ asked for any declarations of interest in the applications to be discussed. None received. Cllr CJ advised of applications.

i) To ratify Riddens Lane resubmission

- Cllr CJ advised the developer had resubmitted application whereby moving the footpath route from flood zone 3 to flood zone 2. Original objection was repeated.

ii) LW/18/0700

The Southern Stables, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton

Proposed residential conversion and extension of redundant former stable blocks to provide a single residential dwelling with ancillary annexe.

- **255: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to support application LW/18/0700.**

**iii) S1/298 (in conjunction with 20 dwellings Planning ref: LW/17/0873)
Former Brighton Garages Services, Station Road Plumpton**

Proposed developer led highway works to create a new junction access on Station Road, including new crossing places for pedestrians.



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- Cllr CJ advised this was a consultation regarding the Oaklands development part of the Neighbourhood Plan. This was not a planning application and were asking for comments. Cllr CJ asked the Clerk to respond with 'no comment'. **Clerk to action.**

9. Correspondence

- Clerk advised ESCC wanted a decision from PPC regarding urban cuts for 2019/2020. Clerk advised Plumpton received the standard 2 urban cuts last year at no cost to Council and to revert back to the 6 urban cuts would cost Council £259. Council advised 2 urban cuts were not enough.
- **256: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to proceed with 6 urban cuts per year at a cost of £259. Clerk to action.**

10. Finance Committee Report 9.10.18

- Cllr PS reported nothing to note from the Finance meeting. One closing balance on the PPC account differed due to Barclays cashing a cheque for 80p more than its value. Income and Expenditure tracking to budget. The PF received in the region of £500 back from Opus Energy as providing estimated readings even though Clerk had been filing readings each month.

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

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

10.3 To adopt and approve the Finance Committee Minutes of 11.9.2018.

- **257: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt items 10.1 to 10.3 of agenda dated 9.10.2018.**

10.4 To accept External Auditor Report (circulated prior to the meeting)

Clerk advised the External Auditor report came back with no comments of significance and was happy with the review. Clerk asked Council to accept the report as a true record and report of the External Auditor.

- **258: It was RESOLVED and AGREED accept the External Auditor report for 2017/2018.**

11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported Riddens Lane had re-submitted application with 20 houses rather than 16. Oaklands was being delayed (see S1/298 above) due to a highway issue. Strawlands site had not been re-submitted yet. Glebe site has been rented out for one year.



12. Bandstand Update

- Cllr NB reported he was in touch with the manufacturers who are delayed with the bandstand due to a full order book, unsure of delivery date yet. Clerk had received one letter regarding saving the trough, still unable to find someone to move the trough to allow access to deliver the bandstand. It was noted the village green will need correct protection from the artic lorry now heading into winter months. The floor material of the bandstand needs to be agreed by PC.

13. Village Action Plan

- Cllr CJ reported funds need to be transferred to the PC. The Station Partnership scheme needs its own bank account and it had been agreed to take on the VAP account once transfer to PPC made.
- Monday Group have arranged for a new noticeboard to replace the existing one at the pavilion.

14. To discuss marking centenary of WWI (Bench on Green)

- Cllr NB reported the working group are working hard on obtaining information on residents on families who fought in WWI. Cllr NB met with Jeremy Kerswell of Plumpton College who will help with catering on the 11th and also contribute towards two Silent Silhouette which costs £250 each from the British Legion.
- The celebrations commence on the 11th November to 28th June 2019 which marks the 100th year of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.
- A grant submission for conservation of the lych gate has been submitted.
- Plumpton College metalsmithing department who are producing the bench to commemorate the WWI Centenary advised the bench wont be ready for the 11th November but will have the designs on display at the VH. Details of the events to be held on 11th November 2018 will also be in the parish magazine and posters on noticeboards.

15. Committee/Working Group Reports.

15.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- The T&E committee met with the Plumpton Plastics which is a campaign to reduce use of plastic in the parish. The PC were asked to ask the VH and PF to come up with an environmental policy to reduce waste.
- Cllr NB reported there is an SLR meeting on 16th October subject to hearing back from ESCC.
- Cllr CJ reported the walk books commissioned 5/6 years ago by the VAP are in the process of being re-published. The printing cost would be in the region of £2000 for 500 copies plus design costs. Books hope be sold for £8.50 of which £1 goes to the shop who are selling them. It was noted to agree to the re-publish in principle which can qualify for CIL expenditure and any profit should be earmarked for future publications.



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15.1.2 Trough on the Village Green

- It was noted that this had already been discussed under Bandstand.

15.2 Village Hall

- Due to Cllr CT's absence there was nothing to report. Clerk wished to note the Village Green needed two extra cuts taking it from 12 to 14 cuts for the year. This was noted by Council. **Clerk to advise VH Manager.**

15.3 Playing Field/New Pavilion

- Cllr NS met with Plumpton College regarding maintenance regarding the park with a potential to level the park off to create space for the football and cricket separately. Due to the extent to which the park is used they may lose one sports club. Junior football happy to discuss fees for the forthcoming year.
- Cllr PS reported the Honey bees wish to expand in to the lower age group and wish to rent more outdoor space. The area is currently overgrown with brambles and the pre-school will clear at their own expense. Clerk mentioned Fields in Trust may need to authorise. **Clerk to report back.** Council agreed in principle with potential to offer fund expenses for clearing subject to Field in Trusts response. **Cllr PS to report back with potential costs.**

15.3.1 Playground Inspection

- Cllr NS reported the Clerk is investigating specialist playground inspection training and will reported back next month. **Clerk to action.**

15.3.2 To ratify hedge cutting and gate repairs.

- Clerk sought approval during the month for the hedges to be cut around the playpark. Council agreed for Fred Symes to complete the work for £300.
- **259: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to ratify hedge cutting at playpark.**

15.3.3 Signage for car park and playground

- Cllr PS reported that a user of the playing field had noted that as part of their insurance there needed to be liability of user signage in the PF car park and also the pavilion. There was no signage in the playpark nor skate park of who to report issues to. **Clerk to action.**

16. Communications/Website

- Cllr GM has removed previous Councillors from Facebook page and needed another to replace. Clerk agreed happy as a backup. **Cllr GM to add Clerk as administrator.**



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- Cllr NB reported he had done some website training to cover the web admin while on holiday.

17. Questions from Parish Councillors

- Co-option was questioned. Cllr NB reported one resident being co-opted in November and is talking to another potential interested party. Clerk advised of elections next year and asked if any Councillors do not wish to be elected to let her know as soon as possible. Further details on the elections will be supplied next year.
- Cllr CJ & Cllr NS sent their apologies in for November's meeting.

Meeting Closed 21.50

Dates of next meetings:

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

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 15th October 2018