



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Village Hall, Plumpton on 12th February 2019 at 19.45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB) (Chair), Cllr G Murphy (Cllr GM), Cllr Chris Thompson (Cllr CT), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS) and Cllr C Jackson (Vice Chair) (Cllr CJ), Cllr Paul Stevens (Cllr PS),

Absent: County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO) and Cllr Peter Morgan (Cllr PM).

Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Members of the Public: 5

1. To accept apologies for absence.
 - **Cllr PM and County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne tendered their apologies.**
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed. Chair
 - **None**
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2019.
 - **278: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2019 were an accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.**
4. Clerk's Report on any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Clerk reported on the defib training which had been circulated prior to the meeting. PC were happy with response and **Clerk to arrange training dates after April**. The PC had also been made aware that the VH did not have a defib on site. The station has 2 defibs, one owned by the PC and the other by Southern Rail. The remaining defibs throughout the village are at the shop, Fountain Inn, and the Pavilion (owned by the football club). **279: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to move the PC station defib to the VH. Positioning needs to be discussed. Cllr CT to speak with VH Manager.**
 - Clerk reported on recycling bins at VH. Although LDC had been collecting general waste the VH had not been receiving invoices from LDC for the commercial general waste. LDC quoted £826 per annum for collection of mixed recycling and general waste which included a discount of £125 to cover community waste. **280: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to 2 x mixed recycling and the current 3 x general waste at a cost to the VH of £826 per annum. It was to be noted that this was on the basis of no retrospective bill for previous years. Clerk to report back.**



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- Clerk reported on the pavilion refurb deficit of £186 for the tables and chairs. There was no evidence of any sports club confirming they would cover this deficit. **281: It was RESOLVED and AGREED for the PF budget to cover this deficit.**
5. Brief report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
- Cllr NB read out the report provided by Cllr SO (see appendix 1).
6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
- None
7. Planning Applications
- Cllr CJ advised there was 3 planning applications plus another which needed to be agreed before the next meeting. Cllr CJ asked councillors to declare any pecuniary and disclosable interest in the applications – none received.

SDNP/19/00274/LIS

Plumpton Place, Ditching Road, Plumpton BN7 3AF

Interior alterations. Alteration of modern terrace and reinstatement of basement access steps.

282: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to defer decision to SDNP.

SDNP/19/00514/HOUS

Hazelden, Plumpton Lane, Plumpton BN7 3AJ

Proposed extension to side porch and the erection of a two storey rear extension.

283: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to support.

LW/19/0048/CD

Oakfield House Station Road Plumpton Green East Sussex BN7 3BT

Discharge of Condition 15 (Hydraulic Modelling) relating to Planning Application LW/17/0873

284: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to defer technical report to LDC experts.

Notification of Definitive Map Modification Order, (DMMO) application – Plumpton Green RWO 234.

285: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to support this proposal as consistent with PC vision for the village as stated in PPNP (The parish's natural assets will provide benefits for pedestrian and cycle movements through improved connectivity and additions to the network of footpaths, bridleways and public rights of way, many of which will directly connect to the new developments.) and PPNP policy 5 New Housing that supports the development of this site with the stated objective of "The provision of new footpaths and bridleways that connect with existing public rights of way and/or the green infrastructure network will be supported".

8. Correspondence

- Clerk reported on correspondence from King Ramps advertising events for skate parks. Clerk advised such events cost in region of £1700. PC agreed it was aimed for larger communities.



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- LDC CIL asked for PC permission to disclose CIL monies passed, and to be passed to ESCC. **285: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to allow LDC to disclose information.**
- PC discussed letter from LDC about Air Quality. PC asked Clerk to obtain further information and if a cost to the PC. Clerk to contact Ditchling Clerk to find out the location of their air quality monitoring unit. **Clerk to report back.**

9. Finance Committee Report 12.02.2019

- Cllr PS reported VH income tracking slightly behind budget due to less weddings this financial year, planned income due in will be 90% of income budget, apart from that all budgets tracking as expected. Nothing significant to report on income and expenditure, bank reconciliations all agreed.
- Cllr PS wished to extend his thanks to the Monday Group for laying a new surface on the footpath from the VH to the twitten.
- The FC had agreed to spend £3600 from PF project budget to complete the remaining decorating at the pavilion. Out of the three quotes received this was the most cost effective.
- Due to Honeybees success in gaining more children at the setting the PC had previously agreed to extend the outdoor area - the area is slightly smaller – fence will run along and now square with the existing fencing. Cllr PS recommended the PC approve £600 which will be taken from the PF maintenance budget. It was noted that Honeybees had gained grants and fundraising to complete the remaining fencing, they are also due an Ofsted inspection so work needs completing asap. **286: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to instruct Honeybees to complete fencing works.**

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 Minutes of 08.01.19

- **287: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt items 9.1 to 9.3.**

9.4 To approve VH and PF budgets for year 2019/2020.

- Cllr NS reported there are a couple more changes to make on the budgets and will send all budgets to everyone to approve at next month's meeting. **Clerk to carry forward.**

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB – nothing significant to report. No notice of start to the Oakfield site as yet. Cllr CJ to ask Cala to let the PC know when they anticipate a start. If it is to start within a month Cllr CJ will put in next months parish magazine. No further news on Strawlands, Riddens and Nolands sites.

11. Update on Gypsy/Traveller site

- Cllr NB updated the PC on current situation, it was noted that the PC would not be paying for legal representation at the examination. It was agreed that the PC would issue a statement reiterating that contrary to the impression given by PAG's latest leaflet, the Plumpton Action Group is not affiliated to the PC.
- Cllr CJ requested a detailed update from Cllrs NB & PS for the parish magazine – **Cllr PS/NB to action via Cllr CJ.**



12. Bandstand Update

- Cllr NB is still waiting to hear back from the manufacturer regarding delivery.

13. Village Action Plan

- Cllr CJ reported that the monies in the VAP account had now been transferred to the PC account and are to be earmarked for maintenance of defibrillators, noticeboards and apple press. There was a small amount outstanding that should be sent in due course.

14. Operation London Bridge

- Clerk wished to note guidance to the PC on action to take in the event of the death of the Monarch. A note has been made and filed with the Clerk.

15. Engagement with Primary School

- Cllr GM reported she would like to invite the Executive Head of the primary school to the next PC meeting to create closer links with the PC/community and the school to discuss their vision and how the PC and community can get involved with the school. Cllr GM thanked Cllr NS and Cllr PM who expressed an interest in helping.

16. May Elections

- Clerk reported to Council that nomination forms and guidance will be forwarded to those wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council in May. Posters will be put up on the noticeboards, parish mag and social media advising of the election. Due to Purdah starting on 19th March through to end of April, the Annual Parish Meeting cannot take place on 25th April. It was agreed to hold it in May. Clerk to speak to VH Manager about availability for week commencing 20th May. **Clerk to report back.**

17. Committee/Working Group Reports.

17.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB advised meeting Highways on 28th February. ESCC had confirmed that they will not be painting the white bridge as it isn't ESCC responsibility. PC to obtain a quote for the works from ESCC. **Clerk to report back.**
- Station Bridges are being repainted.
- Cllr NB asked PC if they have any questions for Highways to submit to him asap.

17.2 Village Hall

- Cllr CT reported the VH Committee met and discussed the environmental policy and will come back to Cllr GM with any adaptations.



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- VH Manager is currently reviewing the Halls T&C's.
- There will no longer be any VH jumble sales, which were held twice a year, due to lack of support by users and PC. Both jumbles normally raise £2000 in total per annum. Hiring charges will need to be reviewed in order to cover this potential deficit.
- Cllr CT asked Clerk to see where jumble sale proceeds are held in the income budget as these should be earmarked. **Clerk to report back.**

17.2.1 Village Green Grass Cutting Contract.

- At the December meeting it was advised that the current VH grass cutting contractor was not finding it cost effective to collect the grass cuttings. The contract was agreed in April 2018 after receiving three different tenders. For the contractor to collect the grass cuttings would cost the VH an additional £45 per cut (£540 per annum). It was noted that, with this price increase, the current contractor is still more cost effective compared to the other two tenders. Cllr CT confirmed that the first cut would be collected followed by mulching subsequent cuts.

17.3 Playing Field/New Pavilion

- Cllr NS reported on the last PF meeting. The activity scheme is wishing for a shed of their own. It was agreed this should match the Honeybees shed. It was noted that there is a covenant to be aware of as to height of the building. Cllr NS noted.
- Cllr NS reported the gate to the tennis court track now has a post and hook to hold it open.
- Cllr NS had talked to the FA re laying an artificial pitch after the confirmation that Fields in Trust have no objections. FA give out grants and, based on the junior football numbers, it may be worth pursuing. Grants can be applied for multi-sports.
- The remaining decorating for inside the pavilion has been agreed.

17.3.1 To adopt Playing Field Minutes of 7th November 2018 (circulated prior to the meeting).

- **289: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt the PF minutes of 7th November 2018.**

18. Communications/Website

- Cllr GM had nothing to report.

19. Questions from Parish Councillors

- None

Meeting Closed 21.40



Dates of next meetings:

12th March 2019 – Finance Committee – 19:00 – Parish Council – 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 13th February 2019

Appendix 1

Report from your District and County Councillor Sarah Osborne

Council to curb use of Chinese lanterns & Balloons

I got Lewes District Council to introduce new licencing conditions to curb the use of Chinese lanterns and balloons on council owned land.

In future, any organisation or individual that wants to hire council land for an event, will be required to sign a licence that prohibits the release of a lighted sky lantern or helium balloon.

The lanterns are already banned in some areas in the UK due to the environmental risks that they pose. The RSPCA, Civil Aviation Authority, the Marine Conservation Society and National Farmers' Union are also campaigning to have Chinese lanterns outlawed because of the damage they do to animals and the risk of fire.

Lewes District Council Budget Amendments

At the February Lewes District Council meeting I will be proposing the following amendments to the proposed budget for 2019/20. At the time of writing indications are that I will get the support of councillors for my ideas.

1. "Citizens science" project - Air quality monitoring

£10,000 to provide residents with self build sensors installed outside their homes to monitor air quality. The principle of the project is to kick start an air quality partnership with private funding for the monitors in the future and provide an educational opportunity.

2. Recycling on the go bin roll out.

£28k to replace litter bins around the district with dual litter/recycling bins that allow residents to 'recycle on the go'.

As previously mentioned I am getting one installed in Plumpton and I want to replace more bins across Lewes district. Residents have really embraced the ability to recycle rather than fill up litter bins and we get good quality recyclable material where we installed these new dual bins.



3. Biodiversity Improvements

£10,000 for supporting Bio-Diversity improvements on Lewes District Council owned land using a variety of improvements including nest boxes, wildflowers and to use as a catalyst for more community engagement and interest in their local bio-diversity.

More than one in 10 of the [UK's wildlife species](#) are threatened with extinction and the numbers of the nation's most endangered creatures have plummeted by two-thirds since 1970, according to a major report. There are good examples of wildlife and habitat recovery, but such projects are too few to turn the tide, with **public funding** for biodiversity having fallen by 32% from 2008 to 2015. But we can help (a little).

4. Trade & Investment Account Manager

£25,000 to pilot the creation of a new Trade & Investment Account Manager focusing on attracting new investment to Lewes District and supporting businesses to grow, trade locally, nationally and internationally. The proposal would enable a focused approach to boost the start-up and growth of businesses in the Lewes area.

5. Pop up and Flexible Business Space

I shall be asking for funding to develop a business case to develop "pop up" flexible business space in Council-owned empty buildings to provide an income stream for the council. Furthermore, the proposed use would directly contribute to economic growth by supporting micro businesses to expand. By their nature, micro businesses are locally owned and providing an environment where they can grow will help their owners who are likely to be residents of the District. It also provides an environment where micro businesses can network and support each other thereby improving their resilience and increasing their longevity.

East Sussex County Council Budget

The Conservatives passed a budget this month that includes cuts of over £5 million and put up council tax by 2.99%. Despite having reduced its spending by £130 million since the start of the decade ESCC still predict a funding gap of £21 million for the two years from April 2020.