



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Village Hall, Plumpton on 9th April 2019 at 19.45.

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

Absent: County and District Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO) and Cllr G Murphy (Cllr GM),

Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Members of the Public: 2

1. To accept apologies for absence.
 - **Cllr Gail Murphy 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 12th March 2019.
 - **297: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 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 confirmed the damaged tree on the allotment had been pruned/felled.
 - The Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for 7.30pm on 21st May in the VH main hall.
 - Clerk was asked regarding item 11 of the last minutes. Cllr CJ would speak with David Evison and report back.

5. Brief report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
 - No report received.



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6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total

- MoP asked for an update on the solar panels on the VH roof. Cllr NB confirmed this would be discussed at the APM.
- MoP worried about the surface of the steps on the new bridge by racecourse. **Clerk to contact NR and report back.**

7. To ratify planning applications

Cllr CJ

- **SDNP/19/01221/TPO.**
Clovelly, Plumpton Lane, Plumpton E/Sussex BN7 3AJ
Ash T1,T2,T3,T4 to fell
Ash T2 25% crown reduction
Ash T6 crown lifting.

Decision: **The Parish Council has no objections.**

7.1. Planning Applications

- Cllr CJ asked councillors to declare any pecuniary and disclosable interest in the applications – none received. Cllr CJ confirmed item 2, Strawlands had not been validated by LDC and would appear on a future agenda.
- **LW/19/0179**
Dyke Nook, Station Road, Plumpton Green, East Sussex BN7 3BZ
Single storey rear extension comprising a new kitchen and dining space.
298: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to support.
- **LW/19/0237**
4 Strawlands, Plumpton Green BN7 3DB
- **SDNP/19/01524/HOUS**
2 Westcroft Plumpton BN7 3AG
Loft conversion with velux roof windows to both front and rear roof slopes
299: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to support.

8. Correspondence

- Clerk raised item 4 of correspondence. PC happy for Parish in Bloom to visit the parish. It was noted that there was no expectation for residents to go out of their way to purchase hanging baskets and the like. **Clerk to action.**



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9. Finance Committee Report 09.4.2019

- Cllr PS reported FC meeting was uneventful and wished PC to note the few extra payments made due to year end. The budgets ended largely on track. FC had approved expenditure and year to date and asked PC to adopt items 9.1 to 9.3.

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 12.3.19

- **300: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt items 10.1 to 10.3.**

9.4 To ratify EICR works for the Pavilion.

- This was agreed over email due to the urgency of the works.

- **301: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to complete EICR works for the pavilion at £890 + VAT**

9.5 To approve Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019

Cllr NB

- **302: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the Annual Governance Statement were read as correct by Cllr N Beaumont (Chair).**

9.6 To approve Accounting statement 2018/2019

Cllr NB

- **303: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to approve the Accounting statement for the year 2018-2019.**

9.7 To note internal auditor report

- Internal auditor report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr PS wished to note that the systems and internal procedures that are in place, are followed by Council. Some minor points arising which are being carried by the FC and it had been agreed that any actions that needed to take place be done within 3 months. Cllr PS wished to note to PC that the alignment between FC regs and standing orders were slightly out of step and will be amended. It was also to be noted that any works between to the cost of £0-£500 would now not go to tender but Council would use their list of trusted and approved local suppliers, this will be updated in the FC Regs. Cllr PS thanked the Clerk. **Clerk to action internal audit recommendations and report back.**

10. To ratify War Memorial Lych-Gate grant application

- The Lych-Gate is a war memorial and has been deemed as unsafe. The Church is currently not in a position to be able to apply for grants and it was agreed that although this is not a PC asset the PC would apply for a grant of £8000 on behalf of the Church. It was noted that the village would need to raise an additional £3000. Cllr CJ would approach the developer for a donation. **Cllr CJ to report back.**
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- **304: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to apply for a grant of £8000 under the War Memorial Trusts on behalf of the Church.**

11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported the notice of Strawlands will be coming back. Main objections was flooding, there is a potential to have a public meeting. No news of Cala Homes or Riddens Lane developments. **Cllr CJ to speak with David Evison.**

12. Update on Gypsy/Traveller site

- Cllr NB reported that the hearing was currently in session with GT01 being discussed. All arguments stated clearly. Hard to read how the hearing went. The Inspector allowed another session to take place which was much more useful with thanks going to Cllr PS and resident barrister Gaynor Chambers in attendance. There was still a couple of questions to go to LDC before the end of the week. Inspector report would not be available potentially until the end of July. Council wished to thank Cllr's NB and PS and also Gaynor Chambers for the good advice given. It was agreed that Council would provide a thank you to Gaynor Chambers for giving up her valuable time to attend the hearing.

13. Bandstand Update

- Cllr NB reported the groundwork had been completed as per the agreed plan, but still waiting for a delivery date of the bandstand. Cllr PM spoke of the option of CCTV. Cllr NS confirmed it had been considered to put CCTV around the village, however in the absence of any current vandalism this can be revisited in future if necessary.
- To ratify path expenditure for bandstand
- **305: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to spend £2740 from the bandstand budget for block paving.**

14. Election Update

- Clerk confirmed the election was uncontested and six seats had been filled out of a possible nine. Council has 35 days to co-opt after 2nd May. All papers etc will be sent to the new councillors.

15. Committee/Working Group Reports.

15.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB reported the article in the Parish Magazine on the community speed watch had a good response with 4 residents coming forward. Based on this number the speed watch can now be put in place. It was recommended to look at vehicle activated speed sign in the centre of the village (by Fountain Inn) where speeding takes place.



15.2 Village Hall

- Cllr CT confirmed the de-fib would be in place by the weekend.
- Panto wished to discuss the stage curtains. PC supportive of proposal however Panto need to report back to PC with three quotes.
- The bridge has been mended, the willows on the pond have been cut and the green has had its first two cuts of the season.
- Cllr CT asked the Clerk to email the VH budget to the VH Manager. **Clerk to action.**

15.2.1 Stage Curtains

- As noted above.

15.3 Playing Field/New Pavilion

- Cllr NS reported the final decorating will be finished at the pavilion by the end of April. He is meeting with the Archery Club with regards to an indoor facility by the tennis courts. It was noted that this area is not PC land. Cllr NS duly noted.
- Cllr NS has invited the tennis club to committee meetings
- Electrics for EICR are being completed
- All car park signs etc are going up next week.
- There had been some feedback with the showers not draining correctly. **Cllr NS to check and report back.**

15.3.1 Playpark update

- Cllr PM reported he had met with a contractor about drainage. To lay 140m of drainage would cost in the region of £5,500. Cllr PM would like to obtain feedback from Honeybees on what they would like to see at the playpark. Cllr PM would like to speak with the original company who installed the play equipment. It was recommended he speaks with Emma Elford who at the time dealt with the installation. It was recommended to form a playpark committee; the PC see this project as one of the CIL expenditure items. **Cllr PM to report back.**

15.3.2 To adopt Playing Field Minutes of 3rd January (circulated prior to meeting)

- **305: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt the PF minutes of 3rd January.**

16. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report.

17. Questions from Parish Councillors

- A question was raised on how long the solider silhouettes would be up for. Cllr NB responded until June.



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- Cllr PM and Cllr NS attended the school council meeting and commented on how professional the children took the meeting. The main point that was to be reported back to the PC was the playpark.
- Cllr NB will contact the college to see how far they are in completing the memorial bench.

Meeting Closed 21.15

Dates of next meetings:

7th May 2019 – Planning Committee – 19.00 – Main Hall

14th May 2019 – Finance Committee – 19:00 – Parish Council – 19:45

21st May 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting – 19:30 Main Hall.

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 25th April 2019

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