



# PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Plumpton Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 19:45.

**Present:** Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Peter Morgan (Cllr PM), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB) and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).

**Absent:** and County Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO), Cllr P Stevens (Cllr PS).

**Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).**

**Members of the Public: 0**

1. To accept apologies and reason for absence.
  - Cllr P Stevens and County Cllr Sarah Osborne tendered their apologies, reason and apologies were noted and agreed.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed. Chair
  - **None**
3. To accept Cllr Thompsons resignation
  - This was duly accepted and noted that Cllr's would actively seek new recruits. Clerk confirmed monitoring officer had been informed and put the vacancies on social media sites and village boards.
4. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
  - **336: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were an accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.**
5. Clerk's Report on any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
  - Clerk reported that a textile bank had been found whereby Honeybees will be paid a percentage per tonne of textile recovered. St Peter and St James's Hospice was also another option. Clerk wished to know if both were required. Council decided to start with just the Honeybees one first and review in about six months.



6. Brief report from the County and District Councillors on matters affecting this Parish.

- Clerk advised no report had been received from Cllr Osborne.

## District Report

### Lewes District Lottery

The Council have launched this new online initiative to support local good causes. The first draw was held in December. With a weekly top prize of £25,000 up for grabs, tickets cost just £1 with 60p going towards local good causes. There are also prizes of £2,000, £250, £25 or three free tickets. This builds on existing support for good causes across the district.

Any groups in the parish that want to take advantage of the new initiative funding should visit the website and complete an application at [www.leweslocallottery.co.uk](http://www.leweslocallottery.co.uk). This scheme was proposed by Sarah Osborne when she was a district councillor and it is good to see this up and running.

### Street signs

I have reported missing and broken street signs across the area including Honeypot Lane and Mill Lane and the village sign welcoming you to Plumpton Green at the north of the village, and a damaged bus sign opposite the station. I have also reported dumped rubbish along Plumpton Lane.

Cllr NB asked Cllr Banks about the decision on LPP2. Cllr Banks reported this would now not be received until end of January due to election and purdah and may go to full council in February but is still awaiting clarification.

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

- None.

8. Planning Applications

### **SDNP/19/05367/LIST**

Plumpton Place

Remove modern panelling and shelving from Library and modern stone floor to be replaced.

**Decision: No Comment**

### **LW/19/0833/CD**

Strollings, Station Road

Discharge of condition 3 in relation to planning approval LW/18/0519

**Decision: No Comment**



## **SDNP/19/05452/HOUS**

Laines Cottage, Plumpton Lane

New access from Plumpton Lane with amendments to boundary wall and new gateway

**Decision: Support**

## **SDNP/19/05197/FUL**

Plumpton College

Solar Arrays to Farm Teaching Block and Winery Building Blocks

**Decision: Support**

- **Clerk to action**

- Planning Decisions

LW/19/0653

At Barn south of Inholmes Farm, Station Road

Change of use from agriculture to residential

Permission granted.

LW/19/0747

23 Chapel Road, Plumpton

Erection of single storey conservatory at the rear side of the property

Permission granted.

SDNP/19/04952/TPO

Townsend Cottage, Plumpton Lane BN7

Reduce height and shape Maple

Permission granted

- **These were noted by Council.**

## 9. Correspondence

- Item 16 – Cllr NB advised he had received a letter asking about the Oakfield site development and when it would be likely to commence. Cllr NB had contact Cala Homes and has yet to receive a response. **Cllr NB will respond to resident.**



## 10. Finance Committee Report – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

- In Cllr PS absence Cllr NS chaired the meeting. Cllr NS reported that all budgets had been approved along with the precept recommendation for Council. Cllr NS advised the percentage increase was 8.72% but equated to 0.61p increase per month on tax band D. Cllr NS also wished it note that in order to keep the precept request down £5k was being taken out of general reserves to cover this year's budget. The increase was largely due to salaries, pensions and earmarking for future projects. Cllr NS asked Council to approve 10.1-10.3 and 10.4 and 10.5 separately.

10.1 To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules

10.2 To adopt year to date accounts

10.3 To approve VH and PF Budget 2020/2021

- **337: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to adopt and approve items 10.1-10.3**

10.4 To approve PPC budget and precept of £60,953.00 for 2020/2021 (an 8.72% £7.34 (tax band D) per annum rise on 2019/2020 request)

- **338: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to approve 2020/2021 budget and submit a precept request of £60,953 for 2020/2021.**

10.5 To note interim internal auditor report and recommendations

- Clerk wished to note to Council the recommendation from the auditor regarding Clerks availability to spend up to £100 without prior approval for example of stationery, Clerk also has power to spend up to £500 for emergencies only. This was accepted. **Clerk to amend FC Regs.**

## 11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported Riddens site had now complied with all conditions and has been approved. Cllr NB would also write to resident regarding Oakfield site query.

## 12. Update on Gypsy/Traveller site

- Cllr NB advised he had called the programme manager regarding the decision on LPP2 – no report to be published until the end of January 2020.

## 13. Bandstand Update

- Cllr NS reported the Christmas lights would be going up on the bandstand. It was also agreed to take this item off any future agendas.



14. To note and action if necessary Risk Assessments monthly inspection.

- Clerk advised the lifebuoy had been ordered for the pond on the green and contractor had quoted £50 to concrete the post in. Cllr NB looked at the stream by the allotments and it was agreed the risk was low, however it was agreed to purchase a A4 sign stating 'Danger steep bank, water hazard' **Clerk to action.**
- Clerk to send to Cllr NS the RA report for the playing field. **Clerk to action.**

15. Committee/Working Group Reports.

15.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB noted the parking issues around the brow of the hill by the shop and was noted this could get worse when the Riddens Lane development starts.
- Cllr NB reported the community speed watch team wanted to put some signs up and were duly ordered however the police advised they could not be used. They are subsequently providing Cllr NB signs for free.
- Cllr NB is still needing more volunteers.

15.2 Village Hall

- Cllr NS reported the gentleman's toilets emergency lighting and toilet needing fixing
- Outside light needs fixing and awaiting a quote
- New chairs have arrived and are currently being unwrapped – the old chairs have been disposed of.
- Stage curtains (black) need lowering and red curtains need raising. VH Manager is speaking with supplier.
- Some tables and chairs have been donated by school for 8-12 year olds to use.
- LED lights have been installed in the corridor
- New cable fitted for the fire alarm.

15.2.1 To consider online booking system

- Cllr NB reported this would be good to simplify the forecasting, it can also be integrated with the website and will automatically raise invoices etc. There is a three-month trial offer. **Clerk to action in January.**

15.3 Playing Field/New Pavilion

- Cllr NS reported the tennis club had received communications from power company to remove the overhead cables that go across the courts. At the expense of the power company they wish to put these cables underground. Council happy to support. **Cllr NS to action.**



15.3.1 To discuss extra security at Pavilion.

- Cllr NS advised he was still investigating and will report back next month. **Cllr NS to action.**

15.3.2 Textile bank and bring site.

- Reported under Clerks report

15.3.3 To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.

- Cllr PM had now received three quotes for the tunnel ends and decaying banks. He is asking for specification on materials and will report back in January.
- Cllr PM had received two quotes for drainage in the playpark, the archery club wished it note that is was boggy around their area. Cllr PM advised the contractor would mole drain and to include playing field and play park would be £400 this is remedial works and the same contractor had quoted £715 to verti-drain also which is still needed. Cllr PM is awaiting the formal quote. Clerk to advise Cllr PM the cost of last years verti-draining. **Clerk to action.**

17.4 Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

Cllr PM

- Cllr PM nothing to report but is attending the nativity play.

16. Communications/Website

- Cllr NB had nothing to report with regards to Openreach and is to contact the East Chiltington group. **Cllr NB to report back.**
- Cllr NS was made aware of the Parish Magazine deadline.

17. Questions from Parish Councillors

- Cllr PM reported he had enquired with LDC about another dog bin in the park as had been advised PPC will not have to pay for the purchase nor collection. Cllr PM to report back.

Meeting Closed 21:07

## **Dates of next meetings:**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Finance Committee - 19:00 - Parish Council - 19:45.

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019