



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Plumpton Village Hall on 14th January 2020 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), Cllr P Stevens (Cllr PS) and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).

Absent: County Councillor Sarah Osborne (Cllr SO).

Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Members of the Public: 2

1. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

- County Cllr Sarah Osborne tendered her 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 10th December 2019.

Cllr NB wished it be noted that item 11 and item 15.1 was misleading - the Riddens Lane site had outline planning approval but was still awaiting full planning approval. This was noted by Council.

- **339: It was RESOLVED and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 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 sign for the stream was in hand, precept application had been submitted and work in progress regarding the online booking system for the VH.
- Cllr NS wished it to be noted that the tennis club were happy regarding the electric cables to be put underground as reported last month.



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- The Chair advised Council that he would be moving item 11 to be part of item 5 in order for members of public to comment on afterwards. This was duly agreed.

5. 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

- Cllr Banks reported the LPP2 inspectors report had been released and was disappointed with the decision and no changes had been made on the modifications. Cllr RB believes it conflicts with LDC's own policies and he does not believe the inspectors report addresses the concerns put forward at consultation, however there has been no formal planning application received for the site. This will be discussed at Full District Council on 24th February the agenda will be posted on LDC's website.
- Cllr Banks reported on the coach crash on the B2116 after the new year, a petition has been put on the ESCC website <https://democracy.eastsussex.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=500000031>.
- ESCC have located new bus stops with Plumpton one being outside the Fountain which has been welcomed.
- Terracycling – is a new recycling of crisp packets to raising money for Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance – Cllr Banks to send info to Clerk to post onto the website. Cllr PM will also forward to the school as they are currently working on a plastics project.
- Cllr RB asked Cllr PM if he had heard regarding the dog bin for the playing field and if he needed help chasing up to let him know. Cllr PM thanked Cllr RB.

Item 11. Update on Gypsy/Traveller site

- Council had a lengthy discussion on the inspector's report, they felt the inspector did not take into account any of their objections to the plan. The Inspector states in the report that LDC engaged in a public meeting in Plumpton on 5th September 2018. This is not correct (the date was 9th October) and this error is indicative of the Inspectors lack of concern for residents views evident throughout his comments on GT01.—If LPP2 is approved at LDC full council meeting at the end of February, the next stage and decision point for the council would be if and when a planning application comes in for the site.

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

- MOP had a few questions in relation to item 11 above and was satisfied with the PPC discussion.
- MOP queried the Riddens Lane development in last months minutes. Cllr NB confirmed the minutes were slightly misleading and asked the Clerk to note this. Clerk noted in 3 above.



7. Planning Applications

No planning applications received.

- Planning Decisions

SDNP/19/05367/LIS

Plumpton Place, Ditchling Road

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

Permission granted.

SDNP/19/05197/FUL

Plumpton College

Solar arrays to farm teaching block and winery building roofs

Permission granted.

- **These were noted by Council.**

8. Correspondence

- Cllr PM reported a verbal correspondence from M Newman regarding emptying of the new clothes recycling bank at the playing field. Honeybees manager is on top of the emptying and the company seem very quick in doing so. Bank has been emptied 3 times since delivery.

9. Finance Committee Report – 14th January 2020

- Cllr PS reported VH slightly down on income but this is down to timing and nothing else, all budgets are tracking to plan and bank accounts looking healthy. Earmarked reserves will be looked at next month for approval in March. Cllr PS is keen for expenditure proposals to benefit the village.

10.1 To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules

10.2 To adopt year to date accounts

10.3 To note and accept LDC precept support grant exclusion.

- Clerk advised that although expected in the planning of the budget, LDC have now confirmed that no precept support grant will be issued to PPC for 2020/2021. Income will therefore be down £450 for 2020/2021. This was duly noted and accepted.



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

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported he had spoken to Cala Homes about the land behind Oakfield, they confirmed there was a negotiation issue with the landowner.
- PPC wished it be noted that in the neighbourhood plan there was a preference for a single access point onto Station Road to serve both the Glebe and Oakfield sites.
- Nothing further to report on Riddens site
- Strawlands site has gone quiet – outline plan still pending.

11. Update on Gypsy/Traveller site

- Noted as above (item 6)

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

- RA for the month had been distributed to Cllrs and was noted. No action needed.

13. Committee/Working Group Reports.

13.1 Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB had contacted Southern Water regarding sewage works on Station Rd asking for their long term plans to renew the old pitch fibre pipe. – still awaiting a response.
- Accident by Plumpton College a letter had been received from Hills (to ES Highways and Maria Caulfield) advising of the prediction of the accident. Principle of College is meeting Cllr NB to make a joint approach. Council agreed.

15.2 Village Hall

- Cllr NS updated Council on last months activities at the VH.
 - Chairs and fire-retardant certificate had been received
 - Panto starts week commencing 20th Jan
 - Still waiting on fire retardant certificate for stage curtains
 - Floor cleaner is brilliant – VH manager wishes to thank PPC
 - Mens toilets emergency lighting and dimmer switch for first bank of lights are being replaced
 - WI have sadly folded and Ladybirds are now using their storage cupboard
 - Stage refurb now completed – thanks to Mark Brunt. Cllr PS wished it note that although PPC paid for the new stage curtains they were not asked to contribute to the stage refurb. Thanks go to the Pantomime Society for covering this cost. ▽
 - PAT testing needs doing on stage which will be done before panto starts. Cllr NS has requested to the VH Manager to get a competitive price.
 - VH Jumble sale is on 1st Feb urgent plea for help from PPC as low on helpers.



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- Life aid has been installed by the pond and VH manager sorting deep water sign
- Chicken wire has been re-laid on the bridge.

- Clerk wished to note (although dates have now changed) a request from the VH manager on waivering the hall fees for the Rectors afternoon tea. PPC has no objections if they wish to hold the event here, but on recent correspondence it could now be held at the church annexe.
- Clerk spoke about whether she would be required to clerk the VH Committee meetings. Cllr NS advised he was going to merge the user group and committee meeting and Cllr PM more than happy to issue agenda and minutes and no need for clerk to attend. Clerk wished to note that as per standing orders the agenda must be published 3 clear working days before the meeting. This was noted.

13.2.1 To consider online booking system

- Clerk to report back.

13.3 Playing Field/New Pavilion

- Cllr NS reported he had now painted the entrance hall to the pavilion.
- The water temperature is not right and is dangerous. Allen Upton has been called to come and sort asap. Cllr PS wished it be noted that the Clerk has the powers to approve required emergency works and no need to wait until a PPC meeting and to remind the VH manager of this power.
- The away dressing room lock had now been changed after the key went missing after a match. Due to safe guarding the locked needed changing.

13.3.1 To discuss extra security at Pavilion.

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

13.3.2 To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.

- Cllr PM reported he had received 3 quotes for the repairs at the playpark to repair the bank by the slide and replace the tunnel ends, quotes as follows
£1100 – Cosmos Construction
£2500 – Playsafe
£1650 John Foster
- **341: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to proceed with Cosmos at £1100 and to spend from budget line 4400 3-5 year maintenance.**

13.3.3 To discuss annual playpark inspection costs

- Clerk advised the annual playpark costs via LDC were increasing by £10 due to LDC outsourcing to a different company. It would be in the region of £75 per annum. This is a more in depth inspection to the visual monthly inspections that take place.
- **342: It was RESOLVED and AGREED to agree to new cost of £75 per annum.**



13.4 Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

Cllr PM

- Cllr PM nothing to report but will forward the crisp packet recycling scheme to the school.

14. Communications/Website

- Cllr NB reported East Chiltington had been very helpful with information but believes Plumpton Green does not have the same problem and therefore the PC will not be leading any similar scheme in Plumpton Parish Cllr NB wished it noted that if anyone wants any information on what East Chiltington are doing then to contact him directly.

15. Questions from Parish Councillors

- Cllr PS wished to advise that Reg Stone who was a long-standing Parish Councillor and former Chairman sadly passed away. The Parish Council wished to pass on their condolences.
- Cllr PS noted that the auditor stated the FC regs only had £100 for the clerk to spend (which was noted last month), the previous FC regs were set at £500 and was not picked up at the time of review. Clerk to amend regs and get approved next meeting. **Clerk to action.**
- Cllr NS advised members he will not be able to attend February's meeting.

Meeting Closed 20.50

Dates of next meetings:

11th February 2020 – Finance Committee - 19:00 - Parish Council - 19:45.

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 15th January 2020