



**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
MEETING
HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2006, IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
PLUMPTON GREEN**

PRESENT:

Mrs. B. Watson
Mrs C Thompson
Mrs. S. Akers
Mr. K. Speirs
Mrs. S. Angel
Mr. P Ramsay

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. K. Beard, Mr. T Hawthorne.

2. MINUTES:

None to sign

3. APPLICATIONS

LW/06/1059 2 Woodgate Meadow, Plumpton Green. Erection of a rear conservatory for Mr. and Mrs. Duffy. PC supported this application.

LW/06/0978 Southern Stables, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton. Single storey extension to existing outbuilding to form self contained dwelling for Mr. Bredin. PC supported this application. They would like to see the extension tied to the existing building and within the curtilage of the main building with parking also taking place within the curtilage of the main building.

LW/06/1098 Strollings, Station Road, Plumpton Green. Formation of two dormers for Mr. and Mrs. Wride. PC supported this application. They would like to see materials that match existing.

Clerk read out letter from Battle of Lewes Developments regarding street lighting at the Plumpton Green Garage site. Mr Speirs declared an interest and took no part in the discussion (he will sign the book at the PC meeting on 19th September, 2006) Options given were:

1. No formal street lighting
2. An ad hoc scheme to the parish council's standard
3. A fully designed scheme to adopted road standard.

PC voted against having street lighting as there was no other street lighting in the village and this could set a precedent. Clerk to write saying they did not want street lighting, but that this was a question that would be included in the Village Action Plan and if responded in favour by residents in the questionnaire, this would be looked into further. It was thought that there were several dark areas in the village which could possibly benefit from street lighting.

Clerk said that the Enforcement Officer had reported that outbuildings at Beresford Manor Farm were being used by members of the family.

Plumpton Green Garage - Clerk passed round letter from Mr. Box who had written on behalf of his family who live at 6 Station Close, to the Planning Director making a formal complaint regarding the lack of professionalism by the planning officer presenting the application at the committee meeting on 9th August, 2006.

Clerk had acknowledged this letter.

Clerk had received a letter from Stoppard Howes asking for comments for a proposed base station to provide communications to the Plumpton Green area for T Mobile (UK) Ltd at Jenners Farm.

Clerk to reply to say that that this would be acceptable, providing the mast was the same height as those already there.

Clerk had presented each Councillor with a sheet explaining the current situation with regard to, in principle, a lease for Mr. Rothwell to occupy the old Doctor's room at the Hall. This laid out options recommended by a Solicitor, Mr. Brown of Wynne Baxter. Councillors voted unanimously for Option 3, which was Mr. Brown's recommendation. This would be an excluded lease, subject to break clauses in the Council's favour. The term of the lease can be for any length of term, 5, 3 or 2 years. This would include a declaration to exclude the protection of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 Part II.

It was felt that this should be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting on 19th September, 2006, as there were still issues to resolve, and to formally decide if the letting was to go ahead.

Clerk was to ask Mr. Brown if he could prepare a draft lease for the PC to discuss on 19th September, and include the following points:

Door entry system (rules to be applied), hours of opening, a service charge (re-decoration, utility accounts, cleaning of the room) use of toilets by customers, no external advertising on the hall or window of the room, term of the lease etc.

Mr. Rothwell had confirmed in writing that he understood he would be liable for all costs incurred. He had instructed a Solicitor.

Mrs. Watson gave a vote of thanks to the Clerk for all the work that she had undertaken regarding the proposed in principle, letting.

CHAIRMAN