



## PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 19:45.

**Present:** Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr P Stevens (Cllr PS), Cllr P Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB) and County Councillor S Osborne (Cllr SO).

**Absent:** Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG).

**Also present, Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).**

#### MOP's: 3

225. To accept apologies for absence
- Cllrs Gardiner and Satchell tendered their apologies and reasons accepted.
226. To accept the resignation of Cllr Peter Morgan and to note casual vacancy.
- Unanimously agreed to accept the resignation of Peter Morgan. PPC wished to note that they were sorry to see Peter leave and would like to thank him for all his work on behalf of PPC. Casual vacancy was duly noted.
227. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
- None
228. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Cllr NB signed the minutes to that effect.
229. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
- Nothing – items were on agenda.
230. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

#### County

- At the meeting of the County Council on the 15th October 2019, East Sussex County Council declared a Climate Emergency and set a target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. However Lib Dem councillors at the recent council meeting proposed that in light of increased evidence of the impact of global warming and the urgency required in order to address this, East Sussex County Council should revise that target to 2030 and with immediate effect establish a plan of actions in order to deliver on this target.



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Unfortunately, all the Conservative councillors rejected our proposal and so our motion was defeated.

- ESCC have apologised regarding the Special Educational Needs home to school transport problems that have occurred over the tender.
- Waiting to see details on adult social care.
- Has worked on helping Cllr NB with the feasibility study on Station Road. Cllr NB thanked Cllr SO.

### District

- Cllr RB reported there was no decision on Nolands yet. Arranging a follow up meeting to obtain definitive decision. Clerk advised LDC have decided not to send decision notices to parish councils going forward, you now have to search for them on LDC website on a daily basis.
- There was in the region of 2500 responses to the Issues and Options consultation, many generated by concerns on the Eton site.
- Bus consultation has been responded to in order to improve local bus service.
- Waste and recycling service – if there are any comments to let Cllr RB know. Cllr RB still working on the dual recycling at the playing field car park.
- Cllr PS asked Cllr RB if he is tracking the traveller site applications. Cllr RB has not seen anything. Cllr PS pointed out the equestrian centre application that is currently pending.
- Regarding the Nolands site, there is a planning meeting at LDC on 6<sup>th</sup> October and Nolands Farm should be discussed then. The outcome should therefore be known by the next PPC meeting. Cllr RB stated that no decision had formally been announced or communicated to him by planning officers so he would check.

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

- Mr Speirs wished it noted that following his appearance a couple of meetings ago he is moving forward and working with Cllr Jury (chair of playing field committee) and wished to relay his thanks to him. This was duly noted. Mr Speirs wished to speak to Council about the Community Orchard proposal at the playing field. He wished it noted that all the playing field users (sports clubs) were against it and why is it now a favourite site? Cllr NB advised he was unaware of the clubs being so anti but having looked at the village green and allotment area this was the most suitable place. After a lengthy discussion Cllr NB will attend the next playing field committee meeting. **Clerk to arrange date and make an agenda item.**

232. To approve the formation of PPC Events Committee (4 Members) and elect a chair and content of terms of reference to be discussed.

- It was unanimously agreed to form PPC Events Committee mainly for the Jubilee celebrations 2022 consisting of the following members;
  - i) Cllr Paul Burford
  - ii) Cllr Alison Gardiner
  - iii) Cllr Nick Beaumont
  - iv) Cllr Jim Brown
  - v) Cllr Paul Stevens was happy to be deputy to Cllr Burford if and when required.
- It was agreed that the election of the Chair would be the first business at the inaugural PPEC meeting. Clerk to arrange Terms of Reference and discuss over email the



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content and designation of authority to spend with Council. Clerk to arrange meeting and terms of reference. **Clerk to action.**

233. Update from Village Society on Jubilee Celebrations.

- Lee Stevens Chair of the Village Society updated PPC on current Jubilee plans specifically circulating prior to the meeting a draft budget of potential spend. It was agreed in principle to proceed with option 3 with a draft budget of £1500. Clerk to include in PPC budget prep next month. **Clerk to action.**

234. Planning applications

- Cllr NB requested that item 243 be bought forward. Duly agreed.

### **LW/21/0386**

#### **Providence, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton**

Proposed internal alterations alongside the conversion of the existing integral garage, addition of a first floor balcony to the proposed hallway, removal of an existing box dormer to be replaced with a gable and as well as the introduction of a new pool house and swimming pool.

- Unanimously agreed to submit a no comment response. **Clerk to action.**

### **Decisions to note:**

- None

243. Expiry of LDC Local Plan Part 1

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

(ii) To ratify the Issues and Options document submitted to LDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

- Cllr PS advised that the updated report will be circulated shortly, but a brief update was provided to PPC: The main activity had been the response to the consultation on Issues and Options, which was submitted on time. Cllr NB had been in touch with the inter parish council group and had received copies of some parishes responses.
- It was unanimously agreed to ratify (ii) above.

235. Correspondence

- Item 12. Glyn Wells – Clerk advised Glyn had some comments regarding the hedge that run along the playpark and he suggested it be re-laid as per the allotment hedge using volunteers etc. Cllr NB asked for a copy of the email and to put on next months agenda. **Clerk to action.**



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- Cllr PB asked about item 2. Clerk advised LDC asked if PPC had a parish flag so that they could fly the flag in Lewes along with other parishes every so often. Clerk advised PPC did not have a flag.

### 236. Finance Committee

- To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021
  - To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules
  - To adopt year to date accounts
  - To adopt combined bank balances
  - Community Infrastructure Levy Update
- Cllr PB reported there were a few late additions to the expenditure but other than that nothing more to report. Cllr PB updated PPC on the Sigma Homes CIL and advised PPC will receive a total of £59,166.15 over the course of the next year. There being no further questions, Cllr PB asked PPC to ratify 236 (i) and to adopt 236 (ii to iv).
  - It was unanimously agreed to ratify 236 (i) and adopt 236 (ii-iv).

### 237. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr PS reported the Sigma build was having delays due to material supplies.
  - Planning documentation had been received from Millwood Homes for their planning application at the Glebe site it was noted this had not been received from LDC yet.
  - Cllr NB reported nothing further on Riddens Lane it has outline planning with reserves matters. Nothing further on Strawlands.
- To decide on PPC's membership cost of £36 p.a. to CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England).
- It was unanimously agreed to join CPRE at £36 p.a. Clerk and Cllr NB signed the direct debit mandate.

### 238. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.

- Nothing to note or action.

### 239. Committee/Working Group Reports

- Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing
  - Cllr NB reported on the safety around Southdowns and Station Road near the school. ES Highways have conducted a feasibility study and two items on the report were to repaint 'SLOW' improve signage and change the crossing point. The cost would be in the region of £8,000. However PPC need to go through Community Match Funding in order to part fund, deadline is the end of October. Cllr NB putting consultation on the website and asked Cllr RB to send consultation to the school. Clerk to put onto next months agenda. **Clerk to action.**



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- Cllr NB reported on the Speed Activation Sign. A ball park figure for the sign is £2,200 which is moveable and price includes 2 solar panels. Cllr NDS asked about whether a license is needed and what the installation costs would be. Clerk to put on next months agenda. **Clerk to action.**

### i) Allotments update

- Cllr RJ reported that the new plots that had been formed are now overgrowing. Clerk advised no one on the wait list and one gentleman wanted a plot but she had not heard further from him. It was recommended to advertise in the parish magazine once the plots had been turned over again. Cllr JB would turn them over in Oct/November and then readvertise. Clerk to advertise on Facebook page. **Clerk to action.**

### ii) Update on the Community Woodland/Orchard

- Cllr NB advised there is support from residents for the creation of a Community Orchard and is confident a working party to arrange supply, planting and managing an Orchard would be successful. Cllr NB cited the Station Partnership group as an example of the community coming together to look after the planting at the Station. This group has been running successfully for the last 13 years. Cllr NB to attend the next PF committee meeting to discuss with users.

### iii) Update on the registering of the Fountain Inn as a community asset.

- Clerk advised this has been posted to LDC and will report back once she hears anything.

### iv) Update on feasibility of installing an electric car charging point at the VH.

- Agreed to defer. Clerk advised at the Clerks forum charging points were discussed. She advised PPC to look at the Kent County Council module as all responsibility for the unit etc would come under KCC. ESCC have yet to start such an initiative. Cllr RB to obtain contacts at ESCC.

### b) Village Hall

- Cllr NS sent the following report to the Clerk in his absence;
  - Gutter repairs underway
  - Painting of outside windows underway
  - Fencing completed
  - New taps in the ladies & gents toilets completed
- Had a fixed asset/budget session with Alison and Paul Burford today, all progressing nicely.
- Cllr RJ advised the VH Manager had reported grass and garden waste being dumped on the path by VH. This was noted by Council.

### i) Management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath.



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- Cllr NB advised no communication from Plumpton College.

### ii) Solar panels

- Cllr RJ reported on behalf of Cllr NS that the pigeon mess was causing issues and problems. Cllr PB advised he is aware of the need to spend and he has asked Cllr NS for the projected income for the VH for the second half of the year. To discuss next month. **Clerk to keep on agenda.**

### c) Playing Field/Pavilion

- i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary
- Duly noted and nothing to report.
  - ii. Grant of easement and substation at tennis courts update and possessory title.
- Clerk advised HM Land registry advised the boundary lines on the 2012 map search was correct. Could PPC prove that the area has been maintained by PPC? After a short discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to contact UKPN to see if they still want to put the substation on the unregistered land. Clerk advised that the Tennis Club lease had been executed but not completed because the two transactions needed to be done at the same time with UKPN. In order to grant the new lease to the tennis club wording would need changing to allow easement with UKPN for utilities. **Clerk to action and speak with UKPN.**
  - iii. To discuss return of senior football and pitch allocation.
- Cllr RJ reported both junior and senior football met and discussed allocation between them. The fees would be split as follows; Junior £2100 per season and Senior £400 per season. Cllr RJ had written a note on the meeting and asked the Clerk to distribute to Council. **Clerk to action.**
  - iv. Update on the child safety recommendation within playing field car park
- Cllr JB advised Council prior to the meeting the path recommendation which was the safest option for parent and child. Cost to install the path etc for materials only would be £3800 labour donated by Cllr JB and parent helpers. There was an argument that if the new pavilion project were to happen in 2-3 years then could this possibly be a waste of resources initially as the redesign would incorporate a new path. A cheaper option using a type 1 surface could be put down as a temporary measure but it would not last long, a full concrete path costs £3774. It was agreed that it was a project that would benefit from the CIL money currently sat in EMR. It was agreed to put the cost and approval request on next months agenda. **Clerk to action.**
  - v. Fields in Trust update on tennis track passing place.
- Clerk advised Fields in Trust do not have an issue with concrete passing places being put in on the track. Cllr JB will advise PPC of quotes as existing one was



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from February. Cllr JB to action. **Clerk to leave as agenda item in order to budget.**

vi. To discuss quotes regarding repairs to pavilion roof.

- Cllr RJ advised three quotes had been received, first quote did not have the correct detail. Other two quotes were Goldsmith for £1200 and Soan £1640 + VAT. It was agreed in principle to use Soan and take from the PF 3-5 year maintenance budget line and for Cllr RJ to schedule a date with contractor. Clerk to put on next months agenda for lawful approval. **Clerk to action.**

vii. To discuss work at Percy's Patch

- Clerk advised Fred Symes had visited Percy's Patch and although a little maintenance was required the area was in good health. Clerk advised if PPC wanted to meet with Fred to discuss options for the area. **Clerk to arrange.**
- Cllr RJ also wished to note that the football club reported some large divots in the field which were cosmetic. He had also received a quote from Bourne Sport for sanding the public football area. It was agreed that this should be part of the spring maintenance.

d) Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report. It was noted that Peter Morgan liaised with the school and there wasn't a Cllr who had children at the school. To be discussed next month.

e) Communications/Website

- Feasibility study and Issues and Options statement had been uploaded. Clerk to speak to website administrator about putting a poll on website regarding feasibility study. **Clerk to action.**

f) Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and/or to be included in future meetings.

- Cllr PS requested New Pavilion Project to be on next months agenda. Clerk to action.
- Clerk advised she had received two quotes for the defib at the shop. St Johns Ambulance £1007 (inc 5% discount) and London Hearts at £795 + VAT. In light of the urgency to get it replaced it was agreed to go ahead with London Hearts and ratify at the next meeting. Funds to be taken from VAP EMR. This was duly agreed. **Clerk to action.**

Meeting Closed: 22:20

### Dates of next meetings:

12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Parish Council Finance Committee meeting 19.00

12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Parish Council Meeting 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 15/09/2021



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