



## PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 19:45.

**Present:** Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr P Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG) and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).

**Absent:** Cllr P Stevens (Cllr PS), County Councillor S Osborne (Cllr SO), Zenna Needham.

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

**MOP's: 0**

261. To accept apologies for absence

- Cllr Stevens tendered his apologies and reasons accepted. It was noted Cllr Sarah Osbornes absence.

262. To co-opt Zenna Needham

- Co-option deferred until December meeting due to Mrs Needham sending apologies.

263. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.

- None

264. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October

- It was noted that item 260 should have stated Cllr NB not Cllr NDS. This was duly noted and the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October was unanimously agreed. Chair signed to that effect.

265. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.

- Clerk advised internal audit report had been received and distributed to members, this is to be accepted at the Dec meeting. Clerk to action.
- PPC PF Committee needs an additional member to sit on the committee after the resignation of Peter Morgan. Cllr Satchell duly obliged.

266. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

- No County report received.

District Report

- Cllr RB arrived at 20:30 to give his report due to attendance at another meeting.
- Still waiting on the results of the Issues and Options stage – timetable has slipped.



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- Fly tipping in East Chiltonton – LDC have cleared.
- Millwood Home/Glebe site Cllr RB has sent his comments in. Access of site still trying to arrange a meeting with Sigma and Millwood in order to discuss.
- Nolands Farm application is expected to go to LDC planning committee next month.
- Fibre Optic Broadband scheme – supporting a resident north of the village on local scheme.
- 11b footpath behind the Fountain Inn is flooding – reported to rights of way.
- Still waiting response on statement of 40mph by Brickworks. LDC is to speak with ESCC officer.
- The Ringmer planning application was due to be discussed at the LDC planning committee meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November but this was postponed due to too many people registering to attend – alternate date is being proposed.
- Cllr RB will be speaking with Cllr SO about changes to bus services 166/67/68 from timetable to on demand response buses as replacement.
- Cllr NB asked when the LAA would be updated – Cllr RB to report back.

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

- None

268. Update from Village Society on Jubilee Celebrations.

- Cllr AG reported first events committee meeting has taken place. Plumpton Village Society (PVS) were nominated as the working party. Plans were presented by PVS in line with the schedule provided to PPC in September with organisations on track. It was agreed that the fundraising PVS had made from their events be transferred to PPC so there was no ambiguity over whose was running the event. Meeting again in January with four meetings arranged in line with key planning stages.

269. To note members attending ESALC AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 1.30pm.

- Cllr RJ and Cllr AG could be available to attend. Clerk to forward papers on receipt.

270. To approve planning minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

- Unanimously agreed and approved.

271. Planning applications

### **LW/21/0780**

#### **Oakfield House, Station Road, Plumpton BN7 3BT**

Erection of 1-bay garage.

- Decision: No comment.

### **SDNP/21/05106/TPO**

#### **The Eugh, Plumpton Lane, BN7 3AJ**

Felling of Sycamores (T1-2, T4-9) due to overcrowding and Holly (T4).

### **SDNP/21/05105/TCA**



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### The Eugh, Plumpton Lane, BN7 3AJ

To fell due to die back Ash (T1). Allow maple (T6) to fill gap  
Ash (T3) fell due to die back allow cherry and hazel to fill gap Cherry (T4) – reduction will be circa 5 m to balance. Large cherry leaning northwards. Reduce weight of north-side branches to reduce risk of toppling.

- It was agreed to arrange a site visit – Cllr NDS to send around dates before 24<sup>th</sup> November once arranged Clerk to speak with landowners.

The following application was received after agenda was published and needed commenting on before the next meeting;

### LW/21/0847

#### The Warren, Plumpton Lane BN7 3AB

Single Storey rear garden studio

Decision: Subject to neighbours response.

**Decisions to note:** Decision notices had been sent to all members and these were noted.

#### 272. Correspondence

- Item 10: Giant hogweed at the playing field – Clerk had sought advice and the hogweed cannot be treated until June by a professional or it can be dug out. Cllr RJ and JB will take a look and report back.
- Cllr NB mentioned the correspondence from Hamsey regarding the Santa's sleigh coming through the village. Council thought it would be a lovely idea – Cllr AG to speak with the Scouts and Plumpton School PTA. **Cllr AG to action**
- Cllr NB will try to broker a meeting with Millwood re the access road. **Cllr NB to action.**

#### 273. Finance Committee

- Cllr PB advised Council the FC had met earlier to discuss the final draft of the budgets. There was one adjustment to the Playing Field budget of an increase of £400 for trees and hedges which in turn increased the funds used from general reserves. In light of the current economic climate and cost of living increasing it was recommended by the FC to limit the increase on precept to 2.76%. Based on a tax band D rating this equated to an increase of £0.21 a month. It was therefore proposed by Cllr PB and the FC to put this request for approval at the PPC December meeting. This was duly noted.
  - a. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021
  - b. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules
  - c. To adopt year to date accounts
  - d. To adopt combined bank balances
- Cllr PB advised there was nothing to flag on items a-d. The only item under c was the VH YTD projected income via the Hallmaster system was showing a slight increase on what was expected and FC were happy with these numbers.



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- Cllr PB therefore requested full council to ratify item a and adopt items b-d. This was unanimously agreed.
  
- e. Potential Community Infrastructure Levy Projects
  - Nothing to report apart from the first tranche of Sigma Homes payment has now been received.
  - There was CIL training being provided by LDC, dates have been distributed to members. Clerk to find out if being recorded. Cllr PS has confirmed his availability for 2<sup>nd</sup> December. **Clerk to action.**

### 274. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported the planning meeting for the Glebe site with Millwood had gone ahead. PPC submitted response and are trying to broker a meeting between Sigma and Millwood about the access.
- Cllr NB reported Sigma are to complete at the end of March.

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

- Cllr RJ reported nothing new to report in relation to the RA's. Duly noted.

### 276. Committee/Working Group Reports

#### a. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB advised SLR meeting taking place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November and will discuss the speed activated sign. Still waiting to hear on the community match funding application.

##### i. Allotments update

- Cllr RJ reported the new plots are still overgrown and will be dealt with in new year. He has received two enquires and will forward to the Clerk.

##### ii. Community Orchard Update.

- Cllr NB attended the playing field meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the potential orchard being sited at the playing field. Sports club users not supportive as problems in the past with the wildlife area not being kept accordingly. Cllr NB is making some other enquiries and will report back.

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

- Clerk advised all in hand just waiting for some information from Cllr PS that the clerk requested from the landlords.

#### b. Village Hall



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- Cllr NS reported:
  - Still no response from Plumpton College
  - Agreed with Cllr JB to remove the dogwood by the bridge and clearance of the undergrowth where the wildflower meadow will go
  - Village Hall Committee decided the Platinum Jubilee tree will be a Liquid amber and will be planted where the dogwood is removed from.
  - Pigeon guards will be put up week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> December.
  - Two of the flower borders now been replaced
  - Quote received for clearing 75% of the bullrushes in the pond
    - i. Management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath. Noted above.
    - ii. Update on feasibility of installing an electric car charging point at the VH.
  - It was agreed at the finance meeting to take off the agenda until spring next year when further information could be available.
- c. Playing Field/Pavilion
- Cllr RJ reported the roof is being repaired this week at the pavilion.
  - Grass contractor has done final light cut. Clerk to look at cuts v number of request to cut this year. **Clerk to report back.**
    - i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary
  - Cllr RJ advised nothing to report on the inspection. Duly noted.
    - ii. Update on path installation
  - Cllr JB reported he will be starting the path on 18<sup>th</sup> November clearing the section by the gate in time for the concrete. He has two very experienced volunteers to help. When that section is completed will start the next section with several other volunteers to help, hopefully should be completed by Christmas. Concrete being delivered on Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at about 8.15am. Cllr JB will be there about 7am and Cllr RJ has advised the junior football club as the lorry will be blocking entrance for no more than 15 mins.
    - iii. To discuss hedge relaying near playpark.
  - Clerk advised the grass contractor recommended the hedge be relayed by the play park as per the hedge by the allotments. Cllr JB and Cllr RJ to have a look.
    - iv. Tennis Track passing place
  - It was agreed to shelve reporting until spring next year. Cllr PB advised this had been put into next years budget. Clerk to remove from the agenda. **Clerk to action.**
    - v. To note Playing Field Committee minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
  - Duly noted.



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### d. Events Committee

#### i. Jubilee Celebrations update.

- Reported under item 268.

#### 277. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Cllr NB visiting the school tomorrow about allotment/orchard.
- Cllr AG agreed to be the new liaison.

#### 278. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report

#### 279. Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and/or to be included in future meetings

- Cllr NB asked for Broadband to be added to the next agenda.
- Clerk to speak with Plumpton College about holding a PPC meeting there next year.
- Clerk advised will speak with Fountain Inn for Christmas drinks after the final meeting of the year. Clerk to report back.

#### 280. Expiry of LDC Local Plan Part 1

##### (i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Cllr NB had sent a consolidated report of the last few weeks. Waiting on the LAA and Issues and Options paper responses. Likely LDC will issue another call for sites so they can demonstrate to the Government planning inspectors that they have tried to meet the target set by the standard method.

281. Confidential item – all members of the public and press to leave.

Meeting Closed 21:00

### Dates of next meetings:

14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Parish Council Finance Committee meeting 19.00

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Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 10/11/2021