



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 14th June 2022 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB) , Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG), Cllr Z Needham (Cllr ZD), Cllr Paul Stevens, and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).

Absent: Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr Paul Burford and County Councillor S Osborne (Cllr SO).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

MOP's: 7

The AGENDA is as follows:

394. To accept apologies for absence
- Cllrs Shefras, Satchell, Burford and County Councillor Osborne tendered their apologies and reasons accepted.
395. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
- Cllr JB declared an interest in planning application LW/22/0332 – this was duly noted.
396. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2022
- Unanimously approved.
397. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
- Defib cabinet would be discussed with Cllr JB and RJ. Nothing else to report.
398. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
- No report received from County.
- District Report
- Cllr RB reported he attended the planning committee meeting at LDC regarding the Glebe development which was approved. Cllr RB asked for a few extra conditions on treatment of boundary and sewage and its capacity. LDC have no power to enforce but can write advisory of problems Construction time of 8am approved rather than 7.30am. Also raised charging points per household which isn't enough – LDC work to a minimum number.
 - Riddens application on reserve matters around scale and style – residents have raised other points and planning officer only allowed to take on reserve matter comments. Basic planning was approved over 3 years ago and this planning is only about style and scale. Cllr RB wished to declare an interest regarding Riddens as owns a property further down. Duly noted.



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- Nolands development – expected to receive an appeal.
- LDC have responded on standard method to Cllr NB.
- Cllr RB wished it noted a huge well done on the Jubilee celebrations.
- Broken drain on South Road – fencing in place and is being dealt with.
- There is a litterpick box available from LDC which is free if PPC would like it, however maintenance is own responsibility.

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

- MoP wished to discuss memorial bench application and advise of reason to deviate from the PPC policy (style has sentimental value to the family concerned, made of sustainable wood and made by a local company). The two listed in the policy are made from recycling material provided by Glasdon. It was therefore unanimously agreed to replace one current benches listed in the policy with the Alexander Rose bench with the option of 2/3 seats. Siting of the bench to be near pavilion but applicant very flexible. Clerk to arrange concrete base installation and liaise with applicant. **Clerk to action.**
- Tina Lambert from Honeybees and parents had received a complaint from a resident regarding the newly installed pirate ship. PPC were unaware of installation and advised that the resident correct that there was a covenant on said area not allowing any structure to be built on covenant apart from a fence no higher than 5ft tall. Apologies given from Honeybees and Cllr's JB & RJ to measure out covenant area and if necessary increase Honeybees fenced off area away from covenant in order for the pirate ship to be installed. Cllr PS to approach resident to seek permission for its temporary home and have the ship moved within weeks rather than months.
- Simon Ward Chair of Junior FC approached council regarding the area between south tennis courts and Percys Patch to see if available to convert into all weather pitch. Clerk advised unsure if part of tennis club lease as PPC approached G. Awbery last year regarding the area and he advised part of tennis club lease. Cllrs RJ & JB to measure the area and Clerk to try and obtain a copy of the lease. **Clerk to action.**

400. Planning applications:

LW/22/0332

Ryhall, South Road, Plumpton Green BN8 4EA

Hip to gable end first floor side extension with installation of 1no side dormer, rear balcony and first floor roof extension to ancillary garage.

Decision: No comment

LW/22/0320

Land at western end of Riddens Lane, Plumpton

Approval of reserved matters application for details of appearance and scale relating to outline approval LW/18/0472 for the erection of 20 dwellings

Decision: No comment – however PPC wished it noted that it was disappointing Parker Dann issued a 79 page document which included many legal references that did not relate to the simple matter in hand of layout and appearance, and had not involve stakeholders.



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SDNP/2202115/HOUS

1 Fairhaven, Plumpton BN7 3AH
Installation of solar panels on roof

Decision: No comment

To note approved applications.

LW/22/0242

9 Chapel Road, Plumpton, East Sussex, BN7 3DD – Duly noted.

401. To adopt May 2022 Standing Orders

- It was agreed to defer to July meeting

402. Correspondence

- Cllr NB advised if anyone wished to comment on the Shoreham Cement works consultation to do so.

403. Finance Committee

- Cllr PS reported no exceptional items to report on and the extra expenditure items were reported on and had been agreed at the FC meeting.

- a. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 10th May 2022
- b. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.
- c. To adopt year to date accounts.
- d. To adopt combined bank reconciliations

- It was unanimously agreed to approve items a-d.

404. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported that he attended the planning consultation for the Glebe at LDC which has been approved and expect to start in October. Millwood open for suggestions regarding naming of the road – all suggestions go via the Parish Council to LDC.

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

- Plumpton Parish Council, together with 10 other local Parish Councils wrote a joint letter to the Leader of Lewes District Council, Cllr Zoe Nicholson and Cllr Stephen Gauntlett, Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure. We asked that LDC collaborate more with neighbouring Local Planning Authorities and campaign more robustly against the current excessive housing target that results from the 'Standard Method' and forms the minimum housing number that has to be the starting point for the new District Plan.
- We received a prompt and sympathetic response from LDC to say they continue to lobby both the Secretary of State and our MP on this issue and have contacted neighbouring district authorities with a view to partnering on future direct approaches to the Ministry.

405. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.



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- Clerk advised local hogweed contractor instructed and is dealing with the hogweed at playing field this month.

406. To discuss broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.

- Cllr PS reported a lot of activity but no progress. A volunteer committee has been formed including Cllr PS. Second group of residents have applied and Cllr PS hoping to hijack their registrations as Openreach not taking new applications. A flyer to be printed for distribution in July along with FAQ to the village. There is no promise Openreach will act, but according to their registration process Openreach need confirmation that a consultation has taken place.
- East Chiltonon now connected – entry level 35 meg costs the same price as paying today and is cheaper if you do not take a landline.

407. To revisit defib and first aid training sessions

- Clerk advised she has new defib dates for September 22nd and 27th in the evening to enable plenty of advertising. Cost of training £150 per session. It was agreed to get a consensus on those evenings if a full day first aid course is of interest to residents. **Clerk to action.**

408. Committee/Working Group Reports

a. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB reported he has had discussions with Highways regarding SID's and needs to write a method statement and risk assessment, still waiting on the two repeater signs to be replaced. SLR has been rearranged as nothing urgent to discuss. No news on the Southdown works. Cllr NB contacted ES Highways (Public Rights of Way) about creating a Cycle path connecting the Station to Plumpton College – first step may be a bridle path, but aware of previous attempts failed due to landowner objections.

i. Allotments update

- Cllr RJ advised Cllr JB has strim and cut the area, but this is the last time this will be done. Several plot holders not looking after their plots. Clerk to remind plot holders of their responsibilities. **Clerk to action.** It was noted the abandoned car has been moved.
- About 20 ash trees at the allotments have ash die back and it has been agreed to fell for £496. Fred Symes has been contracted to do urgently.

ii. Community Orchard Update.

- No update.

b. Village Hall

- No report received. Cllr NS absent.
- Cllr JB had approached 3 contractors regarding the path to the bandstand as needs repair and only received one quote back for £930 to repair. One didn't want to take on someone



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else's work and Cllr JB to chase the other contractor. Cllr PS to speak with another contractor.

- Cllr JB requested for the Clerk to find out the average diameter of a 12-14ft xmas tree base in order to start making arrangements for the fixings. **Clerk to action.**
- i. Management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath.
- Cllr NB reported he had spoken to Robin Akers who has kindly offered to arrange for the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust to take a look.

c. Playing Field/Pavilion

- Cllr RJ reported that the Honeybees path hedge will be cut week commencing 20th June. Field grass cutting going well no complaints. Football shed is to be repaired by 24th June. There will be a tennis club representative at the PF committee meetings going forward. The PF Committee scheduled for October – clubs would like it first week of September. Clerk has forwarded dates to Cllr RJ and will issue the agenda in July. Arranging for James Eastwood to look at shower head direction change as causing issues. Guttering needs attention and the wooden cladding around the base of the pavilion is rotting and needs attention. If quotes obtained this could be done via the national lottery grants.
- i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary
- Duly noted. Nothing to report. Some items still on report. Clerk advised LDC's system are unable to remove.
- ii. To consider memorial bench application
- Discussed under public consultation. Cllr JB happy to set concrete base. Clerk to speak to a couple of contractors too. **Clerk to action and keep resident informed.**

d. Events Committee

- i. Jubilee Celebrations debrief
- Cllr AG reported the Jubilee went ahead successfully and there is a wash up and review meeting on 13th July and the events committee can lay dormant after that. Tremendous effort by the village society and to Dan Thompson and all volunteers. PPC wished to give a vote of thanks to Lee Stevens and the village society committee. Lee is arranging photo records for prosperity.

409. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School



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- Cllr AG reported the school have their trees and are organising an event. It was noted that Kingston school could be becoming part of the Skylark Federation group of schools in 2023 after consultation.

410. Communications/Website

- Cllr PS requested the Fibre Partnership to have a page on the parish council website like the village society. Duly agreed – Cllr PS to speak with website administrator and all emails regarding fibre to be kept away from PPC emails.

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

- Clerk advised the finger post at the Half Moon is still not repaired. Usual contractor has retired and she has contacted another contractor and is still waiting for them to visit the site.
- Cllr NB is to arrange a meeting with the Plumpton and East Chilmington parish magazine editors to discuss the magazines future. Hope to report at the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 21:55

Dates of next meetings:

12th July 19:00 PPCFC, 19:45 PPC

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 20/6/2022