



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 12th July 2022 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr Paul Burford, Cllr A Gardiner (Cllr AG), Cllr Paul Stevens, and District Councillor R Banks (Cllr RB).

Absent: Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Z Needham (Cllr ZD) and County Councillor S Osborne (Cllr SO).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

MOP's: 0

The AGENDA is as follows:

412. To accept apologies for absence
- Cllrs Shefras, Brown, Needham tendered their apologies and reason for absence accepted and CC S Osborne also tendered her apologies.
413. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
- Cllr NS declared an interest in item 429 and would leave the meeting after 428.
414. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2022
- Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on 14th June 2022.
415. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
- Clerk reported that the defib training dates had received some interest for the 22nd September and will readvertise again. Bench at the playing field is being dealt with. Area south of the tennis club near Percy's Patch is part of the tennis club lease with Mr Awbery, but it was decided the area was too small for the junior football club. Allotment rents have been issued and reminders to plot holders to take care of their plots as some are not being looked after/overgrown after Cllr JB/RJ had spent time clearing the areas.
416. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

District by Cllr Banks

- Litter picking storage bin is waiting on Cllr JB to confirm if the unit can be fixed to the floor.
- Nolands Farm – deadline for comments to the planning inspectorate is 25th July
- Riddens Lane – comments made on reserve matters followed up with LDC commenting on passing places and surface water drainage.
- Oakfield Lane – all ok, helping tenants with support regarding some of their snagging list.
- Local Plan – new developments on the national policy



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- Cost of Living crisis – more residents using Lewes foodbanks
- Wrote to the Chancellor (at the time) about price cap on heating oil.
- County Council – roadworks on 26th July on Plumpton Lane for carriageway repairs near Old Mill House – good to see repair now happening.

County

- No report received.

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

- None.

418. Planning applications:

LW/22/0364

The Southern Stables, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton BN7 3AP

Residential conversion and extension of redundant former stable blocks to provide a single residential dwelling with ancillary annexe (resubmission of LW/18/0700 & LW/19/0173).

- Decision: No Comment

LW/22/0385

The Ridge, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton BN7 3AP

Two storey side extension with pitched roof, 3 no windows and replacement dormer, replacement side conservatory and extension of existing veranda to form rear balcony with windows and glazed balustrade. Removal, reposition and construction of two storey carport with associated landscaping and other alterations to property including 1no front rooflight, re-cladding and replacement associated windows.

- Decision: No Comment

To ratify:

LW/22/0334

Land adjacent to The Den Station Road Plumpton Green BN7 3BU
Erection of 1no two storey detached dwelling house

Decision: No comment

- Duly ratified.

To note approved applications.

LW/22/0291 Land Adjoining Oakfield House, Station Road

- Noted



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419. To adopt May 2022 Standing Orders

- Unanimously agreed to adopt the May 2022 Standing Orders. **Clerk to update website.**

420. Correspondence

- Cllr PS to action item 4
- Cllr RJ – Moles at the playing field – traps are being pulled up and being tampered with and the mole issue is getting worse. Having spoken to the pest control, moles cannot be caught and relocated as this is an offence under the 1981 wildlife act to relocate any wild mammal mice included. Using the traps is the most humane way of dealing with increasing numbers and to show due care to the users of the field by using traps it stops the spread of soil born diseases such as tetanus, listeria. PPC agreed to reinstruct the pest control and relay the traps.
- Honeybees had asked if they could order a 1100 litre recycling bin. Agreed.

421. Finance Committee

- Cllr PB reported now comments to make on the expenditure apart from a few additional expenditure items to list as follows;

PPC –	Cllr PS for fibre stationery - £80.77
	Cllr NB for zoom subscription - £86.33
VH -	J Allsobrook – VH Green - £200
PF -	Cllr JB – posts etc for defib - £58.00

Combined bank recs PPC adrift by 0.21 however this was down to an update issue.

CIL sitting on just under £38k at present

Unity Bank account for PPC has been set up and will be transferring sufficient funds from Barclays PPC to Unity Bank.

- a. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 14th June 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 therefore unanimously agreed to adopt items a-d.

422. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllr NB reported that himself, Cllr PS and D Cllr RB had a discussion with Leigh Palmer over the development at Riddens Lane and residents raised concern over drainage and access – Cllr NB chasing ESCC Highways for a response.
- Nothing to note on Glebe site

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update



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- Cllr NB reported liaison group has had one meeting and discussions on appeals, one in Wivelsfield for 56 houses another in Ringmer. Cllr from Chailey PC will Chair the next liaison meeting.

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

- Cllr RJ advised nothing to report on RA's. Hogweed has been dealt with. Clerk advised JD to remove from report. Overhanging branches and brambles c/f for council to deal with and will ask Cllr JB to investigate.

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

- Cllr PS reported that Openreach had gone off the radar – not responded to Beresford Lane who have a quote and go ahead. Cllr PS not heard from Openreach directly. South of Plumpton Lane keen to apply and are keen for Cllr PS to take on. Flyers have been printed up and will be distributed to the shop. There have been 60 EOI's to see how they can get signed up. Feedback received is, Plumpton desperately needs better broadband – but cost of living crisis may interfere but it would be good to get stages 1 & 2 arranged. Website administrator cannot do website until October so the flyer will be put onto PPC website stating endorsed by PPC but not a PPC initiative. Leaflet drop will happen in the next couple of weeks.
- It was agreed for Cllr PS to order another 300 flyers and agreed to update website.

425. Committee/Working Group Reports

a. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB reported community speed watch were to meet on 13th. The repeater signs have been replaced and therefore Cllr NB can put together a risk assessment and method statement for ES Highways to approve the use of a Vehicle Activated Sign.
- Road closure on 26th July – advertised on Facebook.
- Network Rail works for 4 days in October 10-14th.

i. Allotments update

- Cllr RJ and JB had decided to trim down the common areas at the allotments and then received complaints that two plot holders crops had been cut down. This was due to the plot holders not staying within their areas and encroaching on common land. Clerk reported the common areas have always been left to the plot holders to look after. Two plots not being looked after. Clerk to contact the plot holder. **Clerk to action.**

ii. Community Orchard Update.

- Cllr NB advised nothing to report.

b. Village Hall

- Cllr NS reported a regular user is leaving.
- Large hall needs revarnishing cost around £500 and has been budgeted for.



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- PAT testing and fire extinguisher testing completed.
- i. Management of pond – vegetation and wild area between pond and footpath.
- Cllr NS advised this will be looked at in September/October.
- c. Playing Field/Pavilion
- Cllr RJ reported grounds maintenance going well. Honeybees hedge has been done one side and the other side and top unable to do.
 - Sharp object removed from skate park fence (old bin)
 - Football shed still not repaired despite numerous requests. One month has now expired. Cllr NS to speak with Dan. Cllr NS to report back.
 - Clerk issuing agenda for the 7th September meeting at the end of July.
 - Defib siting by playpark and Cllr JB to fix.
 - No one is willing to quote on cladding repairs.
 - Guttering needs doing by the fire door exit near honeybees.
 - Repair to the fire door completed
 - J Eastwood to advise on suitable showerheads to stop floor from flooding.
 - Some trees need attention – F Symes to be notified. **Clerk to action.**
- i. To note playpark & skatepark inspection and action where necessary
- Nothing to note or report
- ii. To consider the Honeybees outdoor area and costs involved moving from covenant area.
- Cllr PS updated PPC on the covenant area where Honeybees have their woodland area due to a complaint having been received after the erection of pirate ship.
 - Cllr PS had forwarded a report to PPC on the matter.
 - It has been verbally agreed that anything that's temporary or removable the MoP does not have a problem with. The gazebo if removed is not ideal and the other items removed would be a serious risk to HB. The covenant states no buildings or erections except fences 5ft and under. Recommendation to fence off the south left hand corner of the playpark to accommodate the pirate ship as this area is not used, rewild the extra area of covenant area and reuse the post and rail for the new area. Fencing quotes required. It was noted that the MoP had not responded to the Clerks second letter stating the equipment that will be remaining in the covenant area as this was granted over 12 years ago. It was unanimously agreed to in principle deal with the land swap. **Cllr RJ to report back on fence quotes.**
- iii. To adopt playing field committee minutes of 8th June 2022.
- Unanimously agreed to adopt the playing field committee minutes of 8th June 2022.
- iv. To consider new radiators at pavilion and costs



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- Cost of the radiators at the pavilion were £1190 + VAT (quote from November 2021). Clerk to confirm cost due to price rises. **Clerk to action.**

d. Events Committee

- Cllr AG reported wash up meeting on 19th July and will report back at the September meeting.

426. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Cllr AG nothing to report.

427. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report

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

- Clerk advised finger post had been inspected and the finger has gone missing – awaiting quote to repair finger and letters.

Cllr NS left the meeting 21:25

429. To discuss Nolands Farm Planning Appeal submission

- Cllr NB/PS advised the Nolands development had gone to appeal in order to speak at the hearing PPC need representation in a form of a barrister. LDC are investing £60-£80k on consultants and legal representation. If PPC wish to speak it would cost in the region of £20K of precept. It was unanimously agreed that it was not wise to use a third of the precept and let LDC cover it. LDC wish to use the village hall for the hearing which is set to take place between 11th-14th October – this would mean all regular hirers of the large hall for that week would need to be relocated. LDC would cover the costs of the hire and loss of revenue. It was unanimously agreed to use the VH.
Clerk to discuss with VH manager and action.

Meeting closed: 21:40

Dates of next meetings:

13th September 2022 19:00 PPCFC, 19:45 PPC

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 06/7/2022