



# PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 19:45.**

**Present:** Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP) DCllr D Stewart-Roberts

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

**Absent:** CCllr S Osborne, Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB) and Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS).

### **MOP's: 1**

1. To accept apologies for absence
  - Cllr's PB and NS tendered their apologies and reasons for absent accepted. Cllr S Osborne also tendered her apologies with a short report submitted.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
  - None
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023
  - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
  - See Clerks report
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.

### **District Report – Cllr D Stewart-Roberts**

- Apologies for late nonappearance due to a puncture last month
- Interesting tour round Plumpton College, they are already, in an unstructured way - working with Eton College if land not going to be used for development.
- Riddens Lane and Nolands access issues. James Smith case offer for both trying to come up to speed with the paperwork as just taken over.
- Southern Water – slowly working towards a physical meeting
- Local Plan Consultation – 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb deadline. Encourage residents to put in their responses.
- LDC has won an appeal at the Seaford old peoples home.
- Bus timetables for the 166 now updated and includes the Saturday service. Still getting some complaints about the Flexibus as clashes with the 166 route.
- Hopefully getting a new bin up at the bus stop by the Plough.



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- Cllr NB questioned – is there a preapplication for the Racecourse received (not heard anything – will investigate) and likewise has a pre-application for Devine Homes been submitted – (not heard anything).
- Network Rail regarding rearranged meeting at the signal box – Clerk chasing J Nesbit.

### County Report

SO submitted report – see appendix 1.

6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
  - None
7. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

**SDNP/23/05301/HOUS**

**SDNP/23/0474/LIS**

**The Old Mill House, Plumpton Lane BN7 3AH**

Addition of 2no ground floor windows, subdivision of internal store to form additional bedroom.

Decision: Unanimously agree to file - No comment

To note approved/refused applications from local authority.

None

8. Correspondence

- Contact Martin re gate at Percys Patch.
- PPC to respond to Diane Marks letter

9. Finance Committee

- a. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedules.

Additional expenditure to note: VH - £48.00 – Castle Water

PPC expenditure as per schedule - £6319.72

PF £16,289.79 (inc £15k transfer into deposit acc)

VH £49832.35 (inc £45k transfer into deposit acc..)

- b. To approve year to date accounts.
- c. To approve bank reconciliations against corresponding bank statements
- d. To adopt amended Financial Regulations with change to increase Clerks spend to £1000.



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- Unanimously approved items a-d – Chair signed to that effect.
- e. To confirm Bourne Sport winter pitch prep annual work for 2024 of £8485.00 + VAT (£2070 + VAT increase on 2023). 3 year contract quote requested.
  - Clerk to find out if they can roll as part of the current quote. Speak to Countrywide and others for a quote. Speak to Bourne what can we do interim management this year – is Verti-draining and sanding essential each year. Put on Finance agenda. **Clerk to action**

### 10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

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

- NB/NDS & GP – met Racecourse last month – want to build 9 houses in the car park (if 10 houses, 4 would have to be affordable). Disappointing that it this will probably be a speculative application outside of the Local Plan process. Lots of site surveys done pre application – waiting to see what Cllr DSR can find out. Cllr NB to do a follow up with the Racecourse.

#### (ii) To discuss/approve for AiRS to provide the Housing Needs Assessment at an cost of £5,000 + VAT and to discuss content for preparation of the Housing Needs Survey

- When time comes to renew neighbourhood plan – AiRS will do the Housing Needs Survey in order to make informed decisions and provide PC with in depth information. Unanimously agreed. Use EMR (allocated to Neighbourhood plan) to fund if grant funding not available
- Clerk to find transport consultant. **Clerk to action.**

#### (iii) Orchard planning at the Plumpton Hub.

- Ben Ellis – community area for orchard to lease to PPC –orchard area is 0.86 acres. The adjoining area not part of S106. Community area use is open to discussion
- Cllr NDS commented on the area could be used as allotments and part orchard.
- Arrange to meet Ben Ellis to discuss. **Cllr NB to arrange.** Clerk to send measurements of average allotments.

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

- Nothing to report

### 12. Update on broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.

- Report received from Paul Stevens (see correspondence).

### 13. Committee/Working Group Reports



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

- NB – Nolands access and transport consultant – NB to see if Sarah Osborne can expedite a meeting with ESCC Highways. NB to investigate if a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review from a transport consultant is possible and affordable.

### ii. Allotments update – Nothing to report

### f. Village Hall

#### i. Update from Cllr JB re the footpath action from Westgate to Station Road and flooding behind Kimber Cottages

- Cllr JB met with the resident whose garden is flooding plus tree surgeon as there was concern from the resident that the tree surgeon works was causing problems. It was confirmed by the tree surgeon that this would not have increased flooding in that area but the amount of rainfall has not helped. Has always flooded but worse end of last year.
- After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr JB to landscape where had been cleared and lay path similar to playing field path. First levelling the area and submit quotes for materials.
- Looked at path – used to be a tarmacked path which has disintegrated. UKPN according to residents dug up to do electrical work back in summer and didn't make good and now floods. Needs re- tarmacking. Clerk to speak to UKPN as if laid cables on PPC land a wayleave should have been requested. Clerk to obtain timeline from resident in order to open case. **Clerk to action.**

#### ii. To discuss the repair of the World War I Pediment

- Cllr NB to find out who owns the Pediment and secondly based on the ownership PPC to ask PVS to provide quotes to remove and restore.  
**Clerk to action**
- PPC to decide on its relocation **Report back at the February meeting.**

### g. Playing Field/Pavilion

#### i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.

- Repairs taking place hopefully by the end of January.
- Passing places planters are now installed.

#### ii. To consider Monday Group quote for gate repair between Percys Patch and Eton College land (50% of £180 split with tenant of the land).

- Unanimously agreed to spend 50% (£90.00) to repair gate. **Clerk to action**



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iii. To confirm agenda items for the New Pavilion Project meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

- NB received previous drawings from 2010
- Fundraising ideas
- Surveys
- Architects/Project Manager

### 14. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

### 15. Communications/Website

- Nothing to report

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

- NB attended Chairs forum – wished to note the Civility and Respect pledge.
- Clerk to speak to Trevor re Emergency action plan. **Clerk to action**

**Meeting Closed: 21.48**

### Dates of next meetings:

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Finance Committee 19:00 – PPC 19:45

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 17/1/2024

### Appendix 1

#### County Report January 2024

Temporary Road Closure-

C110 Station Road, Plumpton Green from the junction with the U5917 Station Close to the junction outside the entrance to Plumpton racecourse a distance of approximately 193 Metres. 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 between the hours of 22:30 hours to 05:30 hours

Have your say on new local transport plan

A PUBLIC consultation has been launched asking local residents and businesses as well as the wider community to give their views on the draft Local Transport Plan for East Sussex.

This will be the fourth Local Transport Plan for the county and people

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have until February 25, 2024 to comment on the proposals.

The plan looks ahead until 2050 and sets out how East Sussex will connect people to places around and through the county by walking, wheeling and cycling, using public transport, traveling by car, or by new ways to travel.

Measures in the strategy include aiming to support the transport needs of both rural and urban communities in East Sussex, now and for future generations.

There are a number of ways people can participate in the thirteen-week consultation.

People who would like to take part online can view the consultation via the council's consultation hub

at <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/local-transport-plan-4-2024-2050>. A copy of the consultation can be requested by calling 0345 608 0190 or collected from libraries across East Sussex. Completed surveys can be returned by FREEPOST.