



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pavilion on 16th April 2024 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr J Morecroft (Cllr JM) and DCllr D Stewart-Roberts

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Absent: CCllr S Osborne

MOP's: 1 (Cllr Adrian Ross – candidate for SDNP)

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - County Cllr Osborne tendered her apologies
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 12th March 2024
 - Cllr NDS wished it noted from the previous meeting that *Cllr NDS informed that residents had been asking her about potential works starting in a couple of months on Riddens. LDC has not responded to specific questions that have been asked over concerns on the conditions to be discharged. Clerk to amend.*
 - Unanimously approved subject to agreed change.
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Report published and duly noted by PPC.
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
 - Cllr DSR reported he had been dealing with planning type issues – caravan for residential use on Riddens Lane – LDC informed and enforcement officers to be visiting site imminently.
 - James Smith – Riddens and Nolands access on site. – Cllr NDS had a few questions that planning have not responded on. Cllr NB – advised that PPC does not have any power to influence. Cllr NDS asked for a meeting with Highways to see if Riddens and Nolands access together to show the problems. DSR recommended to perhaps meet with Bedford Development and his consultant. DSR to arrange.
 - Swale at the bottom of Riddens – can PPC speak to LDC about it.



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- NR signal box hopefully may have this repaired soon.
 - Local Plan next stages – involve parish councils and stakeholders earlier than previously.
 - Bin rollout – report going out in parish magazine
 - Quite a few fly tips – which have been on private land – council have taken some away but financially not viable. Report to Nicky Salterman if more seen.
 - National Park engagement ideas – potential ideas from PPC.
 - Cllr NB – asked about the bin by the Plough – Nicky Salterman received a holding response – waiting for a decision.
6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
- None
7. To receive canvass from Cllr Adrian Ross for SDNP East Sussex Parishes seat.
- Canvass report received from Cllr Ross to PPC.
- Cllr Ross left the meeting at 20:20
- After a short discussion PPC unanimously agreed to vote for Cllr Ross. **Clerk to submit ballot paper.**
8. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

LW/24/0196

Bluebell Cottage, Green Lane Plumpton BN7 3FB

Single storey rear extension, demolition of existing outdoor swimming pool and changing rooms, addition of chimney, extension to existing driveway, alterations and additions to fenestration at all elevations, and removal of 11no trees and 2no shrubs.

- PPC unanimously agreed to submit a no comment response.

LW/24/0243

Land at North Barnes Lane, Plumpton Green BN7 3DX

Demolition of existing structures and erection of 4 bedroom detached two storey dwelling.

- Cllr NB advised this is in East Chiltington not Plumpton– they have a planning meeting on May 6th and wants two representatives to attend.
- PPC not the consultee check with LDC and support ECPC.

To note approved/refused applications from local authority.

- None to note. It was noted that two lawful development applications had been submitted but PPC were not aware of these applications.
- To discuss consultee response to ES Highways S106 works in association with development of western end of Riddens Lane as per planning permission LW/18/0472.
- Do they know about Southdowns junction work that is due to start late 2024?
- Would this clash with Nolands start date? **Clerk to action.**



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9. Correspondence

- Nothing to note.

10. Finance Committee

Cllr PB went through expenditure items nothing jumped out to discuss – went through YTD balances – couple minor things. To note VH met income budget, bank statements and recs agreed. Only thing we haven't had is statement from Cambridge BS for the deposit. Clerk is arranging.

Additional expenditure items as follows;

PF

LDC - playpark inspection £18

J&B Window cleaning £45

Cllr J Brown - £7.92

VH

J&B Window cleaning £43.00

ECM Platt cleaning cover - £22.88

S Milton - hall deposit return - £100

Cllr J Brown - £9.00

- To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules to 31st March and April 2024.
- To adopt year to date accounts to 31st March.
- To adopt combined bank reconciliations to 31st March
 - Unanimously adopted.
- To note earmarked reserves and finance committee recommended year end movements
 - Movements for the year was moving unspecified reserves to EMR for the VH. Cllr PB reported general reserves for all three are within the recommend limits of 25-50% annual spend. Duly noted.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr NB – not met with planning liaison group. Agreed to meet with ES Highways and also meet with Ben Ellis (Bedford Park Developments) and Highways contractor. Last heard from Ben Ellis ten days ago – waiting to get S106 signed as he hasn't bought the land yet. Waiting on LDC.

- Cllr GP – Next Stage of Local Plan available within 6-8 weeks time. Estimate to be in place late 2025 early 2026.
- Cllr NB reported that the housing needs survey had a 32% response rate. AiRS say this is a good rate of response for surveys of this type.



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- (i) Planning Liaison Working Group update
 - (ii) Orchard planning at the Plumpton Hub.
Nothing to note – waiting on legalities as noted above
12. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.
- Mr Timmins of Kimber Cottages – PPC acknowledge problem he has with garden – PPC asks for him to provide suggestions and what he thinks would work. PPC to work on plans at a later date.
13. Update on broadband fibre optic community scheme and actions.
- Voucher scheme doesn't go anywhere. Openreach changed contractor – nothing until 2029. Unless a push by residents – agreed to remove from agenda. **Clerk to action.**
14. To adopt the Community Emergency Plan
- Defer to May. Clerk to finish formatting.
15. Confirm agenda for Annual Parish Meeting.
- APM on 21st May – presentation from Racecourse, ask Ben Ellis to present and ask PCSO to attend for a short while to introduce himself.
 - **Clerk to action**
16. To agree to nominate the Scout Hut as a Community Asset
- Cllr NB – request from Scout Hut – unanimously agreed. **Clerk to action**
17. Committee/Working Group Reports
- i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing
 - Cllr NB sent pictures of a crash in Beresford Lane – PPC can apply for a feasibility study for that lane. Cllr GP advised that Highways have to action within 2 weeks if a Section 56 of the highways act is filed – have to act immediately otherwise highways are fined. It was noted that the edge of the land is falling away which makes cars drive in the middle of the lane and with vehicles going too fast unable to react quickly.
 - Cllr NB to investigate feasibility study.
 - ii. Allotments update – note damage fence and obtain repair costs.



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- Clerk to ask VH Manager to obtain quotes and meet contractors on site.
Clerk to action.

e. Village Hall Report

Cllr NS reported;

- Gutters have been cleaned and one damaged joint replaced.
- Repairs to fire doors have been inspected and scheduled for later this month.
- 2 Children's loo steps have been purchased and installed.
- A collection of the best wedding set-up photos have been accumulated and sent to Louise, we can only put limited photos on the current website but more will be added once a new website is created.
- Due the ongoing wet conditions, it has not been possible to cut the grass on the village green, as soon as it is possible cutting will commence.
- Life buoy will be ordered
- Quotes have been sought to reline the car park. The cheaper one was done without inspection (via Google Maps).
- 2 new lapel mics have been installed.

i. Update on path reinstatement from UKPN

- Clerk received notification from UKPN on 25th March advising it had been passed to the relevant department. Clerk chased 16th April. PPC agreed to leave on agenda to discuss next month. Tarmac is required and too costly for PPC to fund and it should be UKPN – Clerk to keep chasing

ii. To approve village hall fees increase of 3%.

- Unanimously approved. Frustrated on PRS not getting back to Cllr NS despite chasing and PRS stating they will email with documents.

iii. To consider quotes for village hall parking lines

- Cheaper one – was quoted from looking at on google maps
- Expensive one – needs car park to be clean and dry.
- Cllr JB – needs to be weeded well etc.
- Revisit next month

iv. To agree a cherry tree to be planted by the family of Ken Beard on VH green.

- Cllr JB and NS to meet on the green to find a location.
- Cllr NB – agenda when meeting college – clothes from jumble sale to college to sell on, planters, any plans for village green pond.
- Cllr NDS has been invited to the college to listen to a presentation.



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- f. Playing Field/Pavilion Report
- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
 - Duly noted nothing to report
 - ii. Pavilion Working Group update
 - Provided in the clerks reports. Met online with two organisations – an architect and Elite systems a company in Lancashire who would provide a turnkey solution plus an architect from one of the sports clubs to be contacted. Numbers being quoted by companies are in the £m. Might be knocking down a pavilion that may have a useful life in it. Working Group recommend to structural survey the building. Feel more comfortable if we had someone who could review the internal cladding and floors etc. Speak to Paul Manville to see what if he can provide a structural report i.e. take off and replace.
 - Send to Paul B surveys etc from Newick.
 - iii. To approve structural survey spend on existing pavilion (CIL spend)
 - Speak to P Manville and it was agreed to engage G Pottinger for stage 1 (includes an intrusive survey into the current building).
 - iv. To discuss quality of grass cutting and discuss any actions
 - Cllr NB spoke with Countrywide and they didn't want to cut the pitches with smaller mowers as would take too long and not financially viable to them under their current contract with PPC. PPC noted that the weather has been against all contractors for grass cutting PPC advised it has been the wettest winter in history.

18. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- None

19. Communications/Website

- Waiting on Louise to come back with a proposal.
- Simon Cooper – Westgate. Clerk to make contact for a quote for rebuild.

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

- Tina and Sam from Honeybees did South Downs Way walk – congratulations to both of them on completing. PPC agreed to donate £100 towards the event.



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21. Confidential item: All press and public to be excluded from the meeting in accordance with schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

a. To receive a nomination request from Cllr Beaumont for Freedom of the Parish.

- Nomination received – clerk to purchase scroll. Present at annual parish meeting.
Clerk to action

Meeting closed: 22:15

Dates of next meetings:

22nd April – Pavilion working group meeting – 5pm at the Pavilion POSTPONED

7th May VH Committee – 19:00

14th May PPC Annual Meeting 19:45 followed by full council (inc finance) meeting

21st May Annual Parish Meeting – 19:30

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 20/4/2024