



# PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 19:45.

**Present:** Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS), Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS) and District Cllr D Stewart-Roberts

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

**Absent:** Cllr S Osborne, Cllr J Morecroft (Cllr JM), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB).

### MOP's: 3

1. To accept apologies for absence
  - Cllr JB, Cllr JM, CC SO tendered their apologies and reason for absence acceptance. It was noted that Cllr JM had tendered his resignation from the Council which will be formally accepted at the October meeting.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
  - Cllr NDS – Agenda item 19.
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024
  - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
4. To Approve the minutes of the EGM held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.
  - Unanimously approved. Chair signed to that effect.
5. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
  - Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and published on the website.
  - Clerk to do a supporting paper on Starling Bank now that Unity are charging the Council more for their services.
  - It was duly noted that the pavilion had changed electricity supplier.
6. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
  - Cllr DSR reported - Riddens Lane caravan – been given as lawful development as not a development – legal department at LDC worked hard on it to find any unlawfulness, but this has been passed.



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- Riddens Lane development – sent an email to James Emery on his return and waiting his response. Worth PC writing to developer about not informing residents re update on development works. **Clerk to action**
- Road narrowing Nolands – highways have handed everything over to the developer, change should hopefully happen.
- Local Plan and likely the change in the Gov have put through – had a fairly modest increase by 36 on the standard method. As long as LDC can satisfy the inspectorate that they have exhausted all sites. Expectation that the Eton land won't be included in the Local Plan. Eaton could go direct to the government inspector but only have one shot at the application. Another year in special measures.
- Quarry – shocked by Dodman's response. They have tried to secure the site bit fencing was torn down within a few days. Parking not Dudmans issue. They could arrange to man the site but depends on Dudmans. If a public nuisance issue then the police should be told more reports the more the police may take notice.
- New MP since last meeting – James McCleary – if anything does arrive then to contact him directly.
- Bi-election in Wivelsfield - Green DC has resigned.
- NB – on LDC district plan – not doing second consultation – LDC to approach individual parish councils.

Cllr DSR left the meeting 20:07

Cllr NB recommended that agenda items 15, 21e3 and 12ii be discussed now. Duly accepted.

- Jump to item 15 – Lee Stevens reported that the postcards have been valued – presented a booklet that was produced back in 2011. Over 200 postcards of Plumpton valued on average £11.50 each - £2300 and some East Chiltonton valued at £190 for 40 of those. Families wish is to give a legacy in Kens name but want payment for this – looking for £2350.00. Recommendation to raise funds by crowd funding or parish council to find money within budget. Cards needs to be visible – putting on village society website. Needs to be a parish asset or a village asset dependent on who purchases
- Need a good storage place for them – space in northern cupboard of village hall. Keeping accessible to villagers.
- PB – what happens if PPC isn't prepared to fund and crowd fund doesn't raise all. Then the postcards will be split.  
**Action and resolution by PPC:** LS – to obtain two official valuations and then crowd fund and to discuss storage and how they will be stored. **Clerk to place on next months agenda.**

Agenda item 21e3

- WWI Pediment – Lee Stevens gave an update – tried to engage with some of the ancestors – contacted 5, one enthusiastic about going on the Repair Shop and the others hesitant – one could be interested and an ex-councillor is happy to be involved who has lived in the village all of their life. James Honess happy to put together a 2-3 min video. Apply to the Repair Shop via online application and they will either say yes or no.
- PPC agreed to proceed with the online application and PPC intend to hang the Pediment inside the Village Hall for the benefit of the community. LS to action and report back.
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day?? in May – flag now in case events committee required in the future. Dully noted.



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## Agenda item 12ii – Plumpton Hub

- Ben Ellis gave a brief update – now have section 106 and doing rounds for final signature. Daniel SR got involved to move it along. Once signed then issued outline consent then reserved matters etc. Ben presented the designs to Council, now including vineyard, Greenwall to make use of water that runs of the land. Made the business units smaller as more demand for small businesses to be housed there. Top part of the site – introduced possibility of eco lodges up to 15 but to start with 5, all single bedroom – not residential and to market to holiday rentals (wine tourism), have a small shop selling local produce etc – Bedford to operate them. Ben looking to get PPC approval. Off grid apart from the sewage which will connect to the main. Will go and talk to neighbours – waiting on completion of the whole site and would have to put planning application in for the eco lodges. Not a precursor for residential – would even put a covenant on the land to state the fact.

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

- Nothing received

## 8. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

### **LW/24/0520**

#### **Land to the South of North Barns Lane, Plumpton**

To erect Agricultural storage barn

- East Chiltington parish only – been approved already

### **TW/24/0078/TPO**

#### **Mulberrys, Station Road Plumpton Green**

T1 – Oak – Crown thinning by 30% crown reduction by 30% approx. 3 meters to height (max 3m reduction to the tree all round) to correct imbalance and reduce overhanging

- No comment

### **LW/22/0727**

#### **Site adjoining 4 Strawlands Plumpton**

Erection of 9no dwellings for persons aged 55 or over

- Cllr NB - In the neighbourhood plan was going to be 12 now going to be 9 dwellings. Had to reapply as taken so long – sorted SUD's out now and now reapplying.
- **Vote 3 for, 2 against. Motion carried.**

Cllr NDS wished it noted that the LDC planning site is very poorly designed making it difficult to view the planning applications.

## 9. Correspondence

- Riddens Lane – neighbours were not notified of the letter that the PC had received. Clerk to write to developer to advise.



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### 10. To note the instruction of a self-employed handyman

- Duly noted – Paul has got going with tidying up the village hall green and car park plus the allotments. £15 per hour. Works Friday mornings 8-12 unless raining.

### 11. Finance Committee

Cllr PB – noted CIL payments are spending large sums through architect and surveys on the new pavilion and so far noted £27,626. Noted also that still can't understand why the pavilion and VH electricity is so high. Clerk to look again at the reason why. Now out of contract with Opus and with British Gas Lite for the pavilion. **Clerk to action.** VH overspent on maintenance – have gone through before – Clerk to provide breakdown to NS. **Clerk to action.**

- a. To adopt expenditure as itemised on the schedules.
- b. To adopt year to date accounts.

- Unanimously approved to adopted a & b.

Total expenditure adopted

PPC	£13,585.23
VH	£3377.08 plus £43 window cleaning
PF	£6935.21 plus £45 window cleaning

- c. To adopt bank reconciliations and corresponding bank statements

- Unanimously approved to adopt

- d. To note the external auditors report and notice of conclusion of audit.

- Clerk explained the reasons for the external audit comment. As Barclays had transferred the remaining sum from the PF and VH into the PPC account when they closed the accounts. This then in turn under payments and receipts has to be processed as income and then immediate expenditure from PPC to VH/PF. PKF believed this to be an internal transfer – but this was not the case as figures provided to PKF are just for PPC only. Clerk cannot challenge and will have to submit a restated figure next year. Duly noted.

### 12. Neighbourhood Plan Update

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

- Planning on responding to the NPPF consultation. Clerk advised that she sat on the engagement and communication steering group today and will ask for the slides to be sent from that meeting to all. **Clerk to chase.**
- NB in touch with Westmeston for a joint letter to the new MP.
- Original group of parishes now have different MP's.



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- (ii) Plumpton Hub – update from Bedford Park re lease recommendation from PPC.
- See above.
13. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.
- Nothing to note.
14. To adopt the 2024 Financial Regulations
- Changes noted by Cllr PB after the finance committee recommended to adopt the new NALC financial regulations, which included a couple of changes (bank recs, remove 7.7 to do with how payments are authorised too onerous and keep our existing system and Mulberry do not have any issues with current system. Unanimously agreed to adopt. **Clerk to action.**
  - Clerks hours – in view of increased hours since Ron's left at the playing field and the pavilion increasing hours from 17 to 20. Duly noted and Clerk to put on Oct agenda. **Clerk to action.**
15. To discuss/consider the valuation/purchase of the late Ken Beards postcard collection of Plumpton.
- Discussed above
16. To note the registration of the Scout Hut as a community asset by LDC
- Duly noted and has been listed onto asset list to note expiration dates.
17. To consider bench request
- Clerk advised that a family had come forward for a bench near Lentridge and to change the bench already there – advised bench still in good condition and to consider the playing field. Clerk sent details over to the family and is waiting to hear back on whether they need a site meeting.
18. To discuss correspondence regarding anti-social behaviour at Dudman Quarry
- Noted above with Cllr DSR report. Invite PCSO again to the next PC meeting. **Clerk to action.**
  - Trespass is a civil matter and up to Dudmans. PC have written to Dudmans advising them and noted to Cllr DSR who has contacted LDC about the issue.
19. To receive Pocket Park proposal from Cllr Shefras
- Presentation received which has been published onto the council website under supporting papers.



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- Clerk would have to obtain advice on leasing/renting PPC land.
- Cllr GP PPC own the land and it is a shame that it is in the state that it is. It would be beneficial for Plumpton if it were to be cared for. Nice to have a community space.
- Cllr NB wildlife group –Wildlife Group would like to go in and manage it.
- As PPC own the land they wouldn't open it up even if a developer approached them.
- Agreed to go away and investigate either lease the land or rent the land from the PC all the while they reside there. Clerk to put on the agenda for Oct and speak to Surrey Hills/ESALC. Access via Riddens more secure. If Wildlife want to go in to maintain the woodland. NDS meet Wildlife before next Oct meeting. **Clerk to action.**

### 20. Allotments – Update on plots

- Two plots given up recently and one wishes to half. Paul and Clerk to meet and go through the plan etc. Waiting list have been contacted and will take on when Paul has straightened out these plots.

### 21. Committee/Working Group Reports

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

- Nothing to report

#### ii. Update regarding the National Nature Recovery Strategy.

- Agreed to pay half the fee of £3200 and the other half granted – SDNP grant application is in – awaiting a response.

#### iii. To consider ES Highways request to nominate a wildlife verge

- Corner of St Helena Lane – where there is a daisy stating do not mow.
- Can't think of anywhere else to nominate.

#### e. Village Hall

- Fire doors – from main hall – received quote for £4000.

#### i. Update on path reinstatement from UKPN

- Shore up has been completed and JB to inspect. Next meeting with UKPN will be in the spring next year to see how the path has held up over the winter.

#### ii. To discuss drainage work options/costings behind Kimber Cottages

- Costings agreed at last meeting and JB to hopefully start work in October. Resident has been advised.



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- iii. War Memorial Pediment restoration update
  - See above
  
- iv. To receive the report regarding the meeting with South East Water.
  - Cllr NB reported a non event – agreed that water doesn't go up hill – Cllr JB and NB met and SEW and all in agreement.
  
- f. Playing Field/Pavilion
  - i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
    - Couple of items now in hand with Paul.
  - ii. Pavilion working group update and to ratify the agreed instruction of the transport consultant for additional car parking spaces £1750 (CIL).
    - Duly ratified.
  - iii. To confirm stage 4 instruction for George Pottinger at £12,150.00
    - Cllr PB reported that George Pottinger is recommending to put on hold until Quantity Surveyor is on board and has an idea what it will cost. Planning in with LDC waiting to be validated.
  - iv. To discuss Quantity Surveyor quotes from George Pottinger (GP).
    - GP estimated this will be in the region of about £2k
  - v. Update from playing field committee meeting
    - Users still unhappy with the grass cutting.
    - Honeybees – Kelvin is now Chair, they will be having a therapy dog from Sept.
  - vi. To discuss recommendation from finance committee regarding grass cutting tenders and options regarding current contractor
    - Finance Committee recommended to full council to terminate the current contract with Countrywide due to the amount of complaints received from the users over the last year or so. Agreed to instruct Barcombe Landscapes who will commence work week ending 18<sup>th</sup> October. Annual fee £3080 + VAT. **Clerk to action.**
  - vii. To discuss investigations regarding passing places on the track
    - There is room to pass and reverse – council considers there is enough room and will be getting reflectors to improve visibility in the darker evenings. **Clerk to action.**



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viii. To discuss resident of Acorns request to replant a tree after felling of condemned Oak Tree.

- Wait until new pavilion built and then discuss. **Clerk to action.**

ix. To sign and witness the amended Tennis Club lease.

- Cllr NB and PB duly signed and Clerk witnessed. **Clerk to action.**

x. To note drainage works at the playing field provided by Bourne Sports

- Clerk advised quote passed onto junior football. Nothing received back from them yet. Bourne want to do in the Spring. Cricket Club want it done no later than March. Awaiting instructions from junior football.

xi. To consider request of electric use by coffee pod on weekends.

- PPC discussed and considered. PPC wish for the generator not to be used unless a battery generator can be used and do not consent to using the pavilion electrics.
- Cllr NS reported that he was at the playing field and the car park needs signs as there seemed to be a lot of cars and no one on the playing field. **Clerk to arrange signs.**

22. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report.

23. Communications/Website

i. New website update

- Cllr NDS and GP had not responded to LS's email. Cllr GP to respond regarding the photo competition for the new website. Cllr GP to email Louise to ask her to arrange

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

- Nothing to report/add

Closed: 22.26

### Dates of next meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> October – Playing Field Committee – 19:30 (Pavilion)

8<sup>th</sup> October – Finance Committee – 19:00, Full Council 19:45 (Committee Room, VH).

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 12/09/2024





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