



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 8th October 2024 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr G Peacock (Cllr GP), , Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Absent: Cllr S Osborne, District Cllr D Stewart-Roberts, Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB) and Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS).

MOP's: 1

The AGENDA is as follows:

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Cllrs NDS and PB tendered their apologies and reason for absence accepted it was also noted that apologies were received from DCllr D Stewart-Roberts and County Cllr Sarah Osborne.
2. To accept the resignation of Cllr Joe Morecroft
 - Duly accepted
3. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
4. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2024
 - It was noted to remove the first line of agenda item 23. Duly noted and unanimously approved.
5. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Duly noted.
6. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
 - Nothing received.
7. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total.
 - No questions



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

SDNP/24/03697/CND

Plumpton Place Ditchling Road, Plumpton BN7 3AF

Variation of condition 2 (plans) related to Planning approval 00089 to include existing slates and battens lifted and re-laid new sarking boards and various other amendments.

- Decision: No comment.
- To consider telecoms pre application consultation from Plumpton College.
- Private 5G antenna on the Agri college – response from College who were not happy with the location and plan that had been proposed. Consultation needs updating PPC wont comment until updated.

9. Correspondence

- Hiring hall on Easter Sunday – happy to go ahead with the hire and add £250 deposit and amend the terms and conditions. Unanimously agreed.
- Graffiti on the skatepark – agreed to remove and see if any return. **Clerk to action.**

10. Finance Committee

a. To approve expenditure as itemised on the schedules.

- Clerk advised of the additional expenditure items as follows;

PPC – Data Protection Fee -	£40
Morley Apple press dep return -	£75
Treaty Services (website)	£150
SLCC – Clerk Conference Feb	£626
Clerk expenses	£94.75
Paul Antrobus (Handyman)	£225
VH – Stringer Hall Dep return	£100
Castle Water	£25.11

Total expenditure to release therefore;

PPC - £6056.26

VH - £1467.35

PF - £1813.37

- Unanimously approved



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b. To approve year to date accounts.

- Unanimously approved

c. To approve combined bank reconciliations

- Unanimously approved.

d. 2025/26 budget update

- Clerk has prepared the PPC and PF draft budget and NS the VH budget. Cllrs PB, NB and NS will be meeting with the Clerk before the next council meeting.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Cllrs NDS and NB met James Smith from LDC to show the Riddens works so far. They have now started by putting in kerbs etc and showed the access – extra clauses in the management plan on how they enter the site etc. Took him down to the Bevern to show how high the stream was. Clerk had advised LDC of this re CIL – LDC were already aware.
- Nolands not heard anymore from Highways regarding the change in direction at the pinch point.

(i) Planning Liaison Working Group update

(ii) NPPF Consultation response – Cllr NB reported the Planning Liaison Working Group did respond to the consultation and response is on the website. Thanks to the working group for doing that.

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

- Nothing urgent to report.

13. To adopt the LGPS Discretions Policy

- Unanimously adopted.

14. To agree to lease/rent part of the pocket park for community use.

- After a discussion and advice from PPC solicitors Clerk to go back and ask if the lease can be based on the tennis club lease and also to obtain more information on how a licence would work. Cost for formally raising the paperwork with the Solicitor to act on behalf of PPC is £1200-£1500 + VAT. Cllr GP asked if these costs could be paid for by the applicant. Cllr JB concerned at the potential length of a 66 year lease and for it to be shorter. Duly noted. **Clerk to report back.**



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15. To discuss/consider the valuation/purchase of the late Ken Beards postcard collection of Plumpton (subject to written quotation received from PVS).

- Defer to November.

16. To discuss a way forward to recruit more parish councillors.

- Promote on social media and week by week explain what a PC does. Clerk to ask clerks networking see what can be promoted. **Clerk to action.**

17. Allotments – Update on plots

- Report given on the work the handyman (Paul) has done – looking much clearer.

18. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- Cllr NB reported of a meeting he attended at Police Commissioners Office – Police inspector in charge of PCSO's. It seems the PCSO for the Plumpton area is not in post anymore. Clerk to find out who the replacement is. **Clerk to action.**
- SLR dates – **Clerk to chase up.**
- Signal box needs redecorating – one resident would like to put a light in there. Clerk to see when the repainting will take place – **Clerk to action**

ii. Update regarding the National Nature Recovery Strategy.

- Grant approved by SDNP. Clerk to return paperwork and ask Carole Nicholson to be involved in the project reporting that SDNP have asked about. **Clerk to action.**

e. Village Hall

i. Update on path reinstatement from UKPN

- Completed the shore up and to keep an eye on it every six months or when it heavily rains.

ii. War Memorial Pediment restoration update

- Cllr GP reported he has a meeting on Thursday – Lee has found relatives some are and some are not interested to be on camera.



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- iii. To consider quotes received for replacement/repair of the large hall fire exit doors
- Aftercare produced a £1688 to repair the fire doors and replace the handle on the fire door at the pavilion – unanimously approved. Other quotes received for replacing the doors were in the region of £11k.

f. Playing Field/Pavilion

- Cllr JB has completed some repairs at the pavilion (sink in outside loo, retiled the broken tiles in the showers etc)
 - Barcombe are starting week commencing 14th October.
 - Nothing from junior football regarding what they wish to do about the drainage
 - Pavilion meeting on 15th October and meeting bid writers to establish a route. Quantity Surveyors not forthcoming in order to get a ball park figure in order to be able to fundraise – put on Facebook. **Clerk to action**
- i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary.
- Handyman dealing with flagged items
- ii. To discuss Quantity Surveyor quotes from George Pottinger.
- Nothing received from George Pottinger.
- iii. To agree next playing field committee meeting date
- Agreed 22nd October at the pavilion commencing 19:30.

19. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- Nothing to report

20. Communications/Website

i. New website update

- It has been built and looking for feedback – lacking in images for it – Cllr NB has permission from most camera club members to use their images. Next working group meeting 18th November to hopefully finalise the site.

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

- ESALC AGM at the Amex and 4th November – PB, NS and NB and AE to attend.
- Xmas Tree – Balcombe Saw Mill has contacted again to supply. Cllr JB to obtain quote.



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- Cllr JB reported that he will start digging the trench across on the green to elevate the flooding – dig a rough trench and put a temporary bridge over. Have a big tidy up and cut down the logs and create some bug hotels. Duly noted.

Meeting Closed: 21.35

Dates of next meetings:

15th October 2024 – Pavilion Working Group Meeting 7pm

4th December 2024 – Village Hall Committee Meeting – 7pm

12th November 2024 – Finance Committee – 19:00, Full Council 19:45 (Committee Room, VH).

18th November 2024 – Website Working Group 9.30am

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 10/10/2024