

Pluckley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Pluckley Parish Council held on Monday 15 February 2010, at 8pm, in Pluckley Village Hall

Present: Martin Newman (in the Chair), Jackie Allen, David Hocking, Chris Housman, Tim Maddrell, Mike Whatman, Andrew Wickham

- 1 Chairman's opening remarks: The chairman opened the meeting.
- 2 Written apologies for absence: Apologies from Messrs Moody and Symonds were approved and an apology from Cllr Mrs Clair Bell was accepted.
- 3 Declaration of Interests on items on the agenda: None
- 4 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 January 2010. These were approved, proposed M Whatman, seconded C Housman.
- 5 Reports on matters arising from the minutes: none.
- 6 Questions from Councillors: none
- 7 Planning applications:
[09/01295/AMND/AS](#) :Non material change to Permission: **Eggscentricity Ranch, Pluckley Road, Smarden, Ashford, Kent, TN27 8RH** Revision to: Addition of second window & 1 velux window NW elevation and 2 velux windows on SE elevation on planning permission 09/01295/AS for replacement of temporary mobile home with permanent agricultural dwelling. It was noted that permission had already been given by Ashford Borough Council
- 8 Finance:
 - a) Accounts for payment. It was resolved that the following payments be approved Proposed M Whatman, seconded J Allen

Chq no	Accounts for payment February 2009		
288	Mrs J Grebby	Salary less tax	£746.78
288	Mrs J Grebby	agreed expenses £2 per week	£8.00
289	Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax & CII NIC	£119.65
290	David Heasman	Street Sweeping	£80.16
291	Cyril Hoad	Noticeboard & Bus shelter	£26.72
292	Jenny Johns	Recreation Ground tidying	£40.08
293	Pluckley Village Hall	Hire of hall for Parish Plan Mtg	£12.00
293	Pluckley Village Hall	Hire of Hall for January meetings	£9.00
294	South East Water	Rec	£133.78
295	South East Water	Pavilion	£16.93
296	Headley Brothers	Parish Plan	£569.00
297	Martin Newman	Parish Plan expenses	£15.32
298	Mrs J Grebby	Petty cash adjustment	£173.72
			£1,951.14
Petty cash	Printer Toner		£41.59
	Stationery		£21.98
	Travel		£25.00
	Office Heating	53 hours @ 50p per hour	£26.50
	Postage		£2.19
	Tiscali	February broadband & telephone	£36.46
	Village Hall Heating	November to January	£20.00
			£173.72

- b) Budget for the next financial year April 2010 to March 2011. The precept, having already been set in December, the budget figures as recommended by Messrs Newman and Housman were considered and approved. Proposed T Maddrell, seconded A Wickham
- 9 ABC member's report. Cllr Mrs Clair Bell was unable to attend due to a prior appointment.
- 10 Reports from representatives:
 - a) Wealden Wheels: none received. It was suggested that the parish council should endeavour to make residents more aware of this service. It was also understood that the project was awaiting a new vehicle.
 - b) Managed Housing for the elderly. Chris Housman reported that although the questionnaire had been distributed there was nothing further to report.

- 11 Children's play areas: Mr Whatman reported that the 'frog springer' was undergoing repair.
- 12 Hog Fair event 26 June 2010. In Mr Moody's absence there was nothing to report. The clerk would be passing parish hog fair archives to him on his return from holiday.
- 13 The date for the Village Clean-Up Day was set for Saturday 13 March 2010. Posters would be produced at the earliest opportunity.
- 14 Parish Plan:
 - a) Mrs Allen said there was nothing further to report from the Highways working group.
 - b) Mr Newman reported the receipt of a letter from KCC Councillor Richard King congratulating the parish on an excellent parish plan and commending Miss Ann Murray and her team on their hard work.
 - c) Mr Newman would be meeting with ACRK who were providing a website on parish plans.
 - d) Mr Symonds would be taking over the management of the Leisure & Health Facilities working group, and Mr Newman was producing a Health Services Guide for residents.
- 15 Local Needs Housing. The latest shortlist drawn up by the parish council had been sent to Jennifer Shaw, but there was a need to discuss how the distribution of local needs housing was carried out for the benefit of residents.
- 16 Provision of a plaque listing the Villager of the Year. It was agreed that this was a good idea and such should be provided. Proposed M Newman, seconded C Housman. Mr Wickham was tasked with contacting Jeremy Towner in the first instance for prices.
- 17 Parish Council Annual Report. It was noted that this should be distributed at least two weeks before the date of the Annual Parish Assembly.
- 18 Date for the Annual Parish Assembly: it was agreed that this should be held on Wednesday 12 May 2010
- 19 Correspondence
 - a) Planning decisions:
 - i. 05/00234/AS Malmain Manor Barn: Notice of Consent received as required by conditions: noted
 - b) ABC Parish Forum meeting: Wed 17 February, 7pm
 - c) Community Orchards (emailed to members 25/1/10) Noted
 - d) Kent County Playing Fields Assoc newsletter (emailed to members 25/1/10) Noted
 - e) KALC Executive meeting notes (emailed to members 8/2/10) Noted
 - f) Intrusive lights: complaint from resident Noted. It was agreed that in the first instance a telephone call should be made to the resident.
 - g) Local FWAG Newsletter. Noted
 - h) SE Water: increased consumption on Recreation Ground. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the cricket club asking for a contribution towards the cost.
 - i) KCC Community Safety Unit Newsletter. Noted
 - j) Letter to chairman from Cllr Richard King. See item 14 b above
 - k) Licence from KCC Highways to plant screening hedge at Pluckley Thorne. Mr Newman was delegated to meet with Smurfits and to coordinate workers.
 - l) Kent & Medway Funding Fair, Sevenoaks 30 March & Ramsgate 2 June. This had been passed to Mr Whatman
 - m) ACRC Rural News issue 94. This had been passed to Mr Whatman
- 20 Actions taken on behalf of the council by the clerk and to receive a report from the clerk regarding other items needing attention:
 - a) Sports pavilion: electric meters. This would be sorted out as a matter of urgency by Messrs Whatman and Symonds. It was also noted that the pavilion gutters needed repair.
 - b) Freedom of information requests. The clerk reported that she had received two FOI requests regarding Fredsland Field. These had been dealt with.
 - c) Notice boards. It was proving difficult to open the notice board outside the school as the doors had swollen from damp. The backing was also similarly suffering. Mr Housman would take it away for repair as soon as possible. Members were also reminded of the need for a weatherproof covering to that portion of the village hall notice board reserved for parish council notices. It was understood that Mr Symonds had this in hand.
 - d) The clerk then gave notice of her intention to resign, stating personal, family reasons and asked members to accept her one month's notice as of 15 February 2010.
- 21 Open Morning/PC Surgery Saturday 27 February, 9:30 to 10:30am, in Pluckley Village Hall: Mr Hocking (if he was not working) and Mr Wickham would attend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:46pm