

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Pluckley Parish Council held on Monday 15th March 2010 at 8pm, in Pluckley Village Hall

Present: Martin Newman (Chairman), Andrew Wickham (Vice-Chairman), Jackie Allen, Chris Housman,

Tim Maddrell, Jeff Moody, Alan Symonds, Mike Whatman, Jackie Grebby.

Also present: Cllr Clair Bell

Minute taking: Sue Whatman

1. **Chairman's opening address:** Martin Newman opened the meeting.
2. **To accept written apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Dave Hocking.
3. **Declaration of Interests on items on the agenda:** There were none.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th February 2010:** These were approved.
Proposed: Chris Housman, Seconded: Jackie Allen.
5. **To receive reports on matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere**
 - i) Alan Symonds reported that a letter had been sent to Mike Cowdry, regarding the water rates, and as yet there had been no reply.
A motion was proposed that the Cricket Club could pay a donation of £50 towards the water rates.
Proposed: Martin Newman, Seconded: Mike Whatman. Motion carried.
 - ii) Letter re: Intrusive Lights – The clerk had been unable to contact the owner of Weald house.
 - iii) Notice Board. Chris Housman agreed to repair shortly.
6. **To answer Questions from Councillors.** There were none.
7. **Planning applications:**

[10/00121/AS](#) Full Planning Permission Healan Wood, Surrenden Road, Pluckley, Ashford, TN27 0PP
First floor extension to provide one additional bedroom and one replacement bedroom each with en-suite bathroom. Replacement ground floor porch and conservatory.

Resolution to support the application. Proposed: Jackie Allen, Seconded: Alan Symonds

Carried. Jackie Allen is to send the necessary correspondence.

8. **Finance: To approve the accounts for payment as presented by the clerk.**
The Parish Council expenses as follows, were approved. Proposed Mike Whatman, Seconded: Tim Maddrell.

Payee		£
Jackie Grebby	Salary + Holiday Pay less tax	1334.57
Jackie Grebby	Expenses @ £2 per week	12.00
Inland Revenue	Clerk's Tax & NIC	460.25
David Heasman	Street Cleaning	80.16
Cyril Hoad	Noticeboard & Bus Shelters	26.72
Jenny Jones	Recreation Ground Tidying	40.08
Pluckley Village Hall	Hall Hire for February Meetings	13.00
Viking Direct	Archive Boxes	42.22
Action in Rural Kent	Subscription	65.00
Jackie Grebby	Petty Cash	<u>118.66</u>
	Total	2192.66
Petty Cash		
Village Hall Heating		8.00
Tiscali	February Broadband & Telephone	36.46
Postage		4.20
Heating	100 hours @ 50p per hour	50.00
Travel & Parking		<u>20.00</u>
	Total	118.66

The chairman reported that he had received the Parish Council's financial reconciliations from the clerk.

9. **To receive a report from Cllr Mrs Clair Bell.** Clair Bell reported on council tax. A tenth was for Ashford Borough Council and the rest for Kent County Council to cover police, fire and precept. There had only been a 4% increase, this being the lowest in Kent and the highest being Shepway, who were paying double the amount that Ashford's residents pay.
10. **Reports from representatives:**
 - a) **Wealden Wheels.** None received. It is understood that Wealden Wheels have applied for a grant from Ashford Borough Council for a larger vehicle because they were missing business. They asked for a letter of support, which was agreed, to be written by Martin Newman. Clair Bell also offered her support
 - b) **Managed Housing for the Elderly.** Chris Housman reported that there was nothing further to report, except that Pluckley had supplied 45 completed questionnaires.
 - c) **Local Needs Housing**
 - i) **ABC Guidance on rented local needs housing schemes.** With regards to the 10 rented units on the Westfields Site, Martin Newman reported that Jackie Allen and himself had met with Jenifer Shaw. We now understand the guidelines for allocating units. The term Local Needs Housing does not refer to Pluckley alone, but it includes the 6 adjoining villages. Sanctuary and ABC have agreed to work closely with us in future.
As regards the new units, a meeting has been fixed for 14th April, with Martin Vink and Jenifer Shaw of ABC, to review the Pluckley sites. It was agreed to publicize the position to the village.

- ii) **No 2 Westfields**
 - 1. **Sanctuary Housing request for verification of eligibility of applicant #1.** It was agreed to support this application on the grounds that the property available met the requirements of the disabled applicant.
 - 2. **Application for support from applicant #2.** The council's decision was to support applicant 1.
 - iii) **Report on meeting held between Martin Newman, Jackie Allen, and Jennifer Shaw of ABC.** As above.
 - iv) **Letter from Capital Holding Ltd.** Letter noted. No comment.
11. **Children's play areas: to receive further updates on the progress of repairs to the children's play area and to consider further requirements.** Mike Whatman reported that there was nothing new to report.
 12. **To receive a report on arrangements for the Hog Fair event during 2010.** Jeff Moody reported that he was short on volunteers and it was suggested that Kevin Hart was asked to put an article in the Kent Messenger and also that the first Hog Fair meeting was to be held on Wednesday 24th March 2010.
 13. **To receive a report on the Village Clean-Up Day held 13 March 2010.** Martin Newman reported that 20 people had turned out to help. Unfortunately, due to the low turn-out they were unable to do Charing Road. In all 60 sacks of rubbish, plus some tyres had been collected and Ashford Borough Council collected these today. Thank you letters had been sent out to the helpers.
 14. **To receive an update on the Parish Plan and to consider any actions submitted by the various working groups.** Jackie Allen reported that Tim Maddrell and herself were going to meet to devise a survey to monitor speeds and to identify suitable places to hold speed checks. They had had a request from Sarah Davis to join the working group and they had accepted
 15. **To receive an up-date on the provision of a plaque listing the Villager of the Year.** Andrew Wickham reported that he had had a quote for £475. Mike Whatman is to obtain a further quote.
 16. **To receive an update on the Parish Council's Annual Report.** Martin Newman reported that he had 10 articles in with seven to come. Due to come were Local Needs Housing, Village Hall, Pluckley Station Action Group, which with its new timetables could be abandoned, Wealden Wheels, Trees, Ponds and Neighbourhood Watch.
 17. **To consider the engagement of a new Parish Clerk.** Martin Newman reported that there had been eight applicants in total. Most had administration skills but three had clerk experience with one living in Dover. The selected committee had interviewed two people, both experienced clerks. Their recommendation was to offer the vacancy to Graham Smith, to commence 6th April 2010. A motion was proposed to accept the recommendation. Proposed: Martin Newman. Seconded: Mike Whatman. The motion was unanimously carried.
 18. **To consider a replacement street cleansing barrow for Mr Heasman**
It was agreed to purchase a new barrow as the old barrow was in a poor state of repair, having lasted for 20 years. Proposed: Mike Whatman, Seconded: Jeff Moody. Also proposed was for Mike Whatman to open an account on behalf of the Parish Council, to enable him to purchase the said replacement. Proposed: Tim Maddrell, Seconded: Martin Newman.
 19. **Correspondence**
 - a) **Planning: Enforcement order Pinnock Bridge Farm.** Resolution to support. Proposed: Jackie Allen, Seconded, Chris Housman. Carried.
 - b) **KALC Area Committee AGM 13 April 2010.** Noted
 - c) **Local bicycle ride Sat 20 March 2010.** It was agreed to display the events on the Pluckley website.
 - d) **Submission of Tenterden & Rural Sites DPD [CD available or available on ABC website].** This has been sent on 22nd February 2010. Nothing has altered since, so there was nothing further to report.
 - e) **Kent Highway Services: speed limit review.** Noted
 - f) **Kent Highway Services: Salt Bins.** This was for information only. Noted.
 - g) **Kent Police Stakeholder newsletter.** Noted
 - h) **Funding bids Surgery.** Noted
 - i) **Parish Council Insurance.** These were not due yet. The council's insurance is due on 1st June 2010 and the Village Hall is due in September 2010. It was decided to acquire a further quote.
 - j) **Ashford & Shepway Try Angle Awards 2010.** This is for young people 11-18 year olds. Alan Symonds to try and find some nominees. To be deferred to the next meeting.
 - k) **KARR Rural Retailer of 2010.** Alan Symonds to organise.
 - l) **Kent Highways: winter damage pothole repairs.** To discuss at the next meeting.
 20. **To approve recent actions taken on behalf of the council by the clerk and to receive a report from the clerk regarding other items needing attention:**
 - a) **Pluckley Ghost Tours.** The clerk reported that a company was proposing to incorporate ghost tours in Pluckley, starting from Canterbury.
 - b) **Freedom of Information Requests.** There had been no further requests.
 21. **Open Morning/PC Surgery Saturday 27th March, 9:30 to 10:30am, in Pluckley Village Hall: to appoint one or two members to attend.** Chris Housman and Tim Maddrell to attend the next open morning.
 22. **Requests for items to be placed on the next or future agendas:**
Villager of the Year plaque, Ashford & Shepway Try Angle Awards 2010, Gypsy Travellers, Replacement of Village Hall notice board, Insurance, Kent Highways
 23. **To resolve that the next meeting shall be held on Monday 19th April 2010 at 8pm, in Pluckley Village Hall.** The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th April 2010, at 8pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 9.46pm