

## PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> 2010

#### PRESENT

M Newman – **Chairman**

A Wickham – **Vice Chairman**

J Allen

C Housman

D Hocking

T Maddrell

J Moody

A Symonds

M Whatman

G Smith – Clerk

Also present – Mrs C Bell, Ashford Borough Councillor and 1 parishioner

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new Clerk, Mr Graham Smith to his first meeting although he had been carrying out Council duties since April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2 There were no apologies for absence
- 3 There were no alterations to members Register of Interests
- 4 Declarations of Interest in agenda items  
Under planning (agenda item 9) Jackie Allen declared an interest, as a neighbour, in 10/00314 Stanford Bridge Farm and A Wickham declared an interest in 10/00419 & 20 as the owner of Pevington Farm. They respectively left the room when these items were discussed and did not vote.
- 5 There were no items raised by parishioners present
- 6 Minutes of the meeting held on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010  
These were approved and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by C Housman, Seconded by M Whatman)
- 7 Matters to report arising from March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting  
The new litter collection trolley had arrived but had not been used yet as Mr Heasman was unwell.  
The village notice board by the School was in need of substantial repair and Mr Housman had this in hand.  
Managed housing for the elderly – there was nothing further to report since the March meeting, however it was not yet clear what the demand for such housing would be. The results of the recent village survey are being analysed.  
( T Maddrell volunteered to attend the English Rural Housing official opening of the Glebe Field development in Rolvenden on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.30pm)  
Local needs housing  
The Chairman and Jackie Allen had met M Vink and Jennifer Shaw of ABC to discuss potential sites that were judged suitable by ABC. Two sites had been ruled out by ABC on planning grounds and the favoured site is at the village end of Station Road. M Whatman proposed and J Allen seconded that the Station Road site be endorsed by the Parish Council to ABC.  
**This was agreed.** (6 for, 2 against, 1 abstain) Before any final decisions are made there would be further local consultation.

Hog Fair

J Moody reported that all the main events are now booked. The Church will run tombola and provide cream teas. 50% of takings will be donated to the Hog Fair.

8 Parish Plan

M Whatman has a progress meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

T Maddrell said the Health Service Guide was complete

T Maddrell would be carrying out some speed checks on the main road

9 Planning items (See attached)

10 Finance (see attached)

11 Ashford Borough Councillors report

Mrs Bell outlined some planning issues and the DPD pre examination hearing on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

M Whatman and J Allen agreed to attend on the 29<sup>th</sup> although Mrs Bell was unsure as to what input they could have at this stage.

12 Correspondence

Details of all correspondence received had been circulated to Councillors and they were encouraged to take any items that interested them – signing a list so that the Clerk could keep track of any important issues. One item of correspondence had been the provision of a new board to record the “Villager of the Year”. The costs quoted were deemed too high but Mr Clements, the parishioner present, offered to make a board free of charge. This offer was accepted with grateful thanks. On the issue of the allocation of the Award there was some confusion as to who made the selection. The Chairman subsequently clarified this was a Council decision.

13 Gypsy Travellers

J Allen read out details of objections, raised by the CPRE, to the proposed new planning guidance and it was agreed that we should support their case and insist that local Councils had an input at an early consultation stage.

14 Try Angle awards

This would be considered at the next meeting.

15 Clerks report

Mr Smith said he was pleased to have been selected for the post and would do all he could for the smooth the running of the Council. He was also happy to help Councillors and parishioners in any way he could.

16 Allocation of Councillors “portfolios”

This was agreed with some minor amendments. (Revised copy to be emailed to Councillors)

17 Next meetings – in the Village Hall

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council “surgery”. M Whatman and A Symonds

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Annual Parish (public) Assembly \*

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Full Council meeting (Annual Statutory Meeting)

\*The Clerk apologised for his absence due to prearranged holiday

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

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