

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 17TH 2010

PRESENT

M Newman – **Chairman**

T Maddrell

A Wickham – **Vice Chairman**

A Symonds

J Allen

M Whatman

D Hocking

G Smith - Clerk

C Housman

Also present – Clair Bell, Ashford BC and one parishioner.

- 1 The first item of business was to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the year May 2010 to May 2011.
M Whatman proposed and J Allen seconded M Newman as Chairman. **All agreed.**
T Maddrell proposed and M Whatman seconded A Wickham as Vice Chairman.
All agreed.
- 2 Apologies for absence – J Moody
- 3 There were no alterations to the members Register of Interests except that J Allen advised she has become a member of Ashford BC Standards Board.
- 4 Declaration of interest on agenda items
J Allen declared an interest, as a neighbour, in planning item 00373 (Stanford Bridge Farm) and A Wickham in 00516 (Pivington Mill). Both left the room at item 9 (Planning) and did not vote on their relevant item. They requested that the cases should be referred to ABC Planning Committee if the Planning Officers were minded to approve them.
- 5 Issues raised by parishioners present
There were none
- 6 Minutes of the meeting held on April 19th 2010
These were approved and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by J Allen, seconded by M Whatman)
- 7 Matters arising from April 19th meeting
The village notice board has been repaired and is now in situ again. C Housman will arrange to give the Clerk a key.
Regarding Managed Housing for the Elderly C Housman is to visit the Smarden development and it was noted that High Halden is seen as a possible “hub” for an area scheme. Initially any actual demand needs to be established by a survey.
Local Needs Housing. Jennifer Shaw (Ashford BC) had spoken at the Annual Assembly. There is still no feedback from ABC on likely sites but again a survey is needed to establish actual demand. It was felt that in any development “Shared Equity” should predominate.
Hog Fair. It was reported that all is in hand. The Village School will provide a choir and this was welcomed.
Annual Assembly. R King (KCC), Clair Bell (ABC) and Jennifer Shaw (ABC) had attended. About 12 parishioners were present. It was good to note that R King agreed to assist with funding Village Hall and other Parish Council projects via his allocated budget.

Village Surgery. A Symonds and M Whatman conducted the last one. No parishioners came to raise issues.

It was agreed that the surgeries should continue on the last Saturday of each month until July when their future would be reassessed.

8 Parish Plan

It was noted the Health Guide had been circulated.

The tender brief for Village Hall improvements is being modified.

The Jacobs review (for KCC) of road and speed issues will be presented shortly and the PC will then be invited to comment.

Recreation Ground. M Whatman explained that an application for funding had been made to Komma (as a result of our proximity to gravel extraction). Some £3 - £20k is available.

The children's play park will be improved after consultation with the school and village as to what equipment is considered most appropriate. The climbing frame is in good condition and can be reused.

The skate park may be temporarily removed and possibly resited.

Increased storage and a parking area will be provided by the proposals. It is thought there are no planning issues to contend with.

A display of the proposals is envisaged on the first Saturday in July (3rd) at the village school.

9 Planning (See attached)

- 10 Finance (See attached) The Clerks search for a new insurance cover was welcomed and **it was agreed** that the policy commencing June should be with Zurich Insurance who offered similar cover at a reduced price.

11 Ashford Borough Councillors report

Clair Bell noted the various planning concerns of the Council and agreed to take items to the Planning Committee as requested.

12 Correspondence (See attached)

- 13 Try Angle Awards Agreed to postpone until next year.

- 14 Clerks report. Nothing specific to report

- 15 Next meeting. June 21st 2010.

To include review of provision of fire extinguishers.

16 Closed session

The Council voted to exclude the press and public from a discussion concerning the award for the "Villager of the Year". Following a ballot of all councillors present Cyril and Joyce Hoad were selected.

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