

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 21ST 2010

PRESENT

A Wickham – **Vice Chairman and Chairman of the meeting.**

J Allen

A Symonds

C Housman

M Whatman

T Maddrell

G Smith - Clerk

J Moody

Also present Cllr Mrs C Bell, Ashford Borough Council and two parishioners.

- 1 Apologies for absence received from M Newman (Chairman) and D Hocking.
- 2 There were no alterations to members Register of Interests.
- 3 A Wickham declared an interest in planning item 10/00516 (Pivington Mill) and left the room at the appropriate time and did not comment or vote.
- 4 Parishioners issues.
This is not a formal part of the PC meeting and the minute book is closed.
- 5 The minutes of the meeting held on May 17th 2010 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman. Proposed by T Maddrell, Seconded by C Housman. It was noted, re item7, Village Surgery, that the May surgery did not take place.
- 6 Matters arising from May 17th meeting.
Managed housing for the elderly
C Housman reported that he is to attend an Ashford BC presentation on this issue and will report back.
Local Needs Housing
A meeting is to be held between Pluckley Parish Councils Chairman, Vice Chairman and land owners of the preferred site to explain matters in more detail and answer any questions they may have.
Hog Fair (June 26th)
J Moody updated councillors on the current position. Basically everything was in place and he welcomed offers of additional help.
- 7 Parish Plan
Recreation Ground
Cllrs Whatman and Symonds are meeting Ashford BC this week to discuss options, including funding. Improvements are under consideration for the pavilion building. The proposed car park will take up to 26 vehicles.
Jacobs traffic study
It was noted that this KCC led study is now on hold due to funding pressures.

8 Village Hall modernisation

It was agreed that csdp Ltd and K Cattell be asked to develop Phase 1 of the modernisation proposals. **It was unanimously agreed to fund costs up to £1200.**

Proposed by M Whatman, Seconded by C Housman

9 Fire extinguishers

This item was raised as it was felt our annual maintenance charges are too high. There are 5 extinguishers in the hall and A Symonds agreed to check the number in the pavilion. The matter would be discussed again at the July meeting where the contract information and costs will be provided.

10 Planning matters (See attached)

Apart from straightforward decisions it was agreed that in future a covering letter would be sent to Ashford BC underlining our support or objection to a proposal. It was felt this gave more weight than just the comment on the form.

11 Finance matters (See attached)

The payments listed were approved.

12 Ashford Borough Councillors report

Cllr Mrs Bell said the DPD examination starts at Ashford tomorrow. The Tier 3 examination starts on June 30th. She reported that the Regional Spatial Strategy had been scrapped by the new Government and this should lead to more local decision making. The effects of any budget cuts were unknown at this stage.

13 Correspondence

The Clerk said he circulated the list several times as items arrived and if Councillors saw an item of interest he would forward it to them on request rather than wait for the next meeting.

J Allen reported on her recent KALC meetings and answered councillors questions.

14 Clerks report

Mr Smith explained the current position re the internal audit of the 2009/10 accounts and said some minor points needed clarification by the auditor with the Chairman. A meeting would be arranged.

15 Next meeting

July 19th. There would not be a PC Surgery on June 26th as it is Hog Fair day.

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