

## PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2011

#### PRESENT

M Newman – **Chairman**  
A Wickham – **Vice Chairman**  
J Allen  
A Evans  
D Hocking

C Housman  
T Maddrell  
A Symonds  
M Whatman

Also present Mrs C Bell, Ashford BC and 14 parishioners.

- 1 There were no apologies for absence. All councillors were present.
- 2 There were no alterations to members Register of Interests.
- 3 Declarations of Interest on agenda items.  
J Allen mentioned she was concerned about the proposed Biogas facility (10/01491) at Westwell Leacon as some of the traffic generated would pass near her home. The Chairman said that as this was not a Pluckley planning application she was no more influenced than any other parishioners.
- 4 Issues raised by parishioners present.  
There was discussion concerning planning application 11/00254, Pinnock Paddock.
- 5 The minutes of the meeting held on February 21<sup>st</sup> were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 6 Local Needs Housing.  
Plans were still awaited from English Rural Housing.
- 7 Village Hall refurbishment.  
This was covered at the earlier Village Hall Trustee meeting. Suffice to say the current ceiling, heating and lighting work should be completed by March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 Recreation Ground refurbishment.  
Work should start on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a possibility that the existing play equipment could be relocated to the grassed area at the end of Thorne Estate.
- 9 Possible dog show. (July 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
This was a possibility instead of the cancelled Hog Fair. C Housman would make a final recommendation to the PC at the April meeting.
- 10 Traffic matters.  
T Maddrell reported that speed recordings had been completed and that he was preparing his report to KCC recommending parish speed limits.  
The Chairman said that he had attended a meeting with Smarden PC as they were concerned about large lorries passing through their width restricted High Street. It was agreed that signage would be improved to direct lorries via the Dering Wood road.  
The Vice Chairman reported that KCC would be enforcing (with appropriate signs) a 7.5 ton weight limit on minor roads.  
The Chairman said that KCC were considering whether they could tarmac a short length of pavement on Forge Hill that had been widened. He agreed to follow up.
- 11 Village Clean Up day. (March 26<sup>th</sup>)  
A Wickham said everything was ready.
- 12 "A" Boards  
Ashford BC have a policy restricting the numbers to one per business. It was not seen as a problem for Pluckley and as such we support the ABC policy.

- 13 Grants for enhanced Broadband.  
A Evans was investigating this and would report to the April meeting. Some sample speed readings would help our case.
- 14 Village sculpture.  
No details of the proposal were yet available.
- 15 Royal Wedding.  
The PC would not be organising a function but the Clerk reported that if any street parties were proposed by residents a helpful pamphlet was available from Ashford BC.
- 16 Planning. See attached  
Ref. 11/00254 Pinnock Paddock. M Whatman proposed and A Wickham seconded that the PC object to the application. All agreed.  
If the Council officers were minded to approve the application the PC would ask it goes to Planning Committee. (Mrs Bell would also request this.)  
J Allen, M Whatman and A Wickham agreed to prepare the PC statement of objection.
- 17 Finance – See attached.  
The payments were approved.
- 18 Ashford Borough Councillors report.  
Mrs Bell had contributed to the discussions concerning Pinnock Paddock.
- 19 Clerks report.  
Nothing specific apart from 15 above.
- 20 Correspondence.  
The box was available to councillors.  
The Chairman advised that he had written or received all articles but two for the Annual Report. It would be circulated to members this week.
- 21 Next meetings.  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Assembly in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Normal PC meeting.

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