

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19TH 2011

PRESENT

M Newman – **Chairman**
A Wickham – **Vice Chairman**
Debbie Breach
Tony Evans
David Hocking

Chris Housman
Tim Maddrell
Helen Missing
Mike Whatman

Also present 3 parishioners

- 1 There were no apologies from Councillors who were all present but Clair Bell, Ashford BC, sent her apologies.
- 2 There were no alterations to members Register of Interests.
- 3 Tim Maddrell declared a non prejudicial interest in the Shepherds Hey planning item.
- 4 Items raised by parishioners present.
The three parishioners (owners of Shepherds Hey) clarified some points concerning the planning application (see appendix attached)
Minutes of July 18th meeting .
These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 5 Local Housing needs.
The Chairman referred to the August 13th presentation of the ERH proposals to parishioners. There was general support for the scheme but two objections from neighbours were noted.
M Whatman proposed and T Evans seconded that ERH be asked to proceed with the scheme. All agreed.
- 6 Village Hall refurbishment.
It was noted that the walls had been insulated and the new pelmets were waiting to be fixed. The hearing loop should be installed shortly.
Painting was scheduled for the week of October 3rd.
The proposed planting scheme for the east side perimeter fence was approved. A price of £340 for rotavating and planting was agreed by all.
It was noted that the Phase 2 proposals for the west side of the Hall had received planning permission.
- 7 Recreation Ground and sports pavilion.
The proposed extension and alterations have received planning permission. The initial estimates have proved too expensive and the work will be broken down into specific items.
It was noted the new Play Area is proving popular.
Park Leisure (the supplier) has agreed to install the old equipment to a new site at Thorne Estate.
Park Leisure will deal with concerns raised by the recent RoSPA playground inspection.
Skate Park.
It was noted that Headcorn PC might be interested in buying or borrowing the Skate Park equipment . The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Headcorn.
Meeting shelter.
It was noted that the village teenagers would value a “Meeting Point” (shelter) and it was agreed this should be a priority as soon as funds allow.

Car parking.

It was noted that there have been problems with school parking since the public house closed its car park. This makes the proposed Recreation Ground car park more urgent and a meeting with the school would be arranged.

8 Sports pavilion.

Covered above.

9 Traffic report.

The village report has been presented to R King (KCC). It was noted that A Corcoran is the KCC contact officer.

It was noted that ABC might adopt a Borough wide 30mph village limit. Danny Shepherd is the ABC contact officer.

10 Dering Wood.

Tony Evans had a meeting with the Woodland Trust and Smarden PC. It was noted that there is evidence of camps being established and unsightly graffiti. All agreed there is little that can be done except that if people see unlawful activities they should inform the police who will attend if possible. A suitable message will be in the next edition of "Communicate".

11 Planning – see attached

12 Finance – see attached. The cheques were all approved.

13 As Clair Bell was absent there was no Ashford BC report.

14 Clerks report.

The Clerk reported that the 2010-11 Annual Return had been approved by the Audit Commission.

15 It was agreed that the **December meeting** should be on the **12th** and not the 19th.

16 Correspondence.

The list had already been circulated and councillors had noted some items.

The Chairman referred to a letter received about "Sewage smells" as a result of farmers spreading sewage. It was thought this effluent originated from Thames Water. It was felt that there is nothing illegal taking place but Helen Missing agreed to establish the facts and speak to Aldington PC who had solved a similar problem.

A letter had been received about the possible closure of the Senior Citizens club due to lack of a leader and whilst the Council thought this would be regrettable it did not feel it was its responsibility to run it.

Halloween.

The Council would not be organising an event. Consultation would be held with the school as to the best date for the "Carols around the Tree".

Next meeting.

October 17th at 7.30pm

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