

# PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 2011

### PRESENT

M Newman – Chairman  
Debbie Breach  
Tony Evans  
David Hocking

Chris Housman  
Tim Maddrell  
Helen Missing  
Mike Whatman

Also present, Clair Bell, Ashford Borough Council and 1 parishioner.

- 1 Apology for absence received from A Wickham, Vice Chairman.
- 2 There were no alterations to members Register of Interests.
- 3 There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
- 4 The minutes of the meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup> were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 5 The parishioner present had no items to raise.
- 6 Publication of Parish Council minutes.  
Kevin Hart (the local newspaper correspondent) had raised the issue of the fact that PC minutes were always published a month after the meeting to which they referred eg April minutes would be published in May. This is because they are not approved until the next PC meeting. The Council considered the publication of “Draft” minutes to be fraught with problems and agreed to maintain the status quo whereby the Chairman updates the correspondent informally. It was mentioned that when the Hall has its intended “hearing loop” in the next few weeks any problem with accurately hearing discussion would be solved and the correspondent could readily attend meetings if he wished.
- 7 Local Needs Housing.  
English Rural Housing is proceeding with an application to Ashford BC for planning permission for the Westfields scheme for 4 homes. A parishioner had said the proposal was not sufficiently supported by the community but the Chairman pointed out that the need for local housing for village people was supported by the Parish Plan and by the subsequent specific survey of residents.
- 8 Village Hall refurbishment.  
It was observed that the painting is nearly finished. All that will then remain is for the pelmets and the “hearing loop” to be fitted. Phase 1 of the Hall improvements will then be complete apart from new curtains for which quotes will be sought. It was noted the refurbishment has been achieved on budget with no demand on the precept. As regards Phase 2 the drawings are to hand and ABC had granted planning permission. Quotes for the work would now be sought.
- 9 Recreation Ground refurbishment.  
In view of a recent complaint concerning excess litter an additional litter bin would be ordered from ABC. The future use of the Skatepark was awaiting a decision from Headcorn PC who had expressed an interest. It was noted that to remove the old swings etc. for reuse at the Thorne Estate would be more expensive than installing new equipment.

Tennis Club.

It was evident that the Club was having difficulty in maintaining the courts to the standard required by the lease from the PC who were the land owners. It was agreed that Helen Missing would seek a discussion with Jackie Grebby to find a way forward.

10 Sports Pavilion.

ABC has approved the plans. A revised internal layout has been drawn up. ABC has confirmed that £6k of funding is available and £2.9k will probably be forthcoming from KCC grants. The Chairman said that two other grant applications may be possible.

11 Traffic report.

The Joint Transportation Board meets in December and will consider our speed review which is consistent with ABC's stated aim.

12 Queens Diamond Jubilee.

This would be discussed further at the November meeting but the possibility of a Hog Fair and a dinner in the Village Hall were mooted. Also the possibility of a beacon was considered.

13 Advertising and "A" boards.

There was a problem in visitors being unaware of some village locations and also provision of some unauthorised signage. This would be considered further at the November meeting.

14 Halloween.

It was noted that the Black Horse would be staging events on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> but nothing on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

15 Planning. (See attached)

16 Finance. (See attached) The payments were approved.

17 Ashford Borough Councillors report.

Clair Bell spoke about the need to review Ashford's planning policy as regards housing development. The original policy favoured large scale development but she was uncertain as to whether this was still appropriate, for example the proposed Chilmington Green scheme was for 7000 homes ie. twice the size of Tenterden. Councillors supported Clair's view that a review of the original proposals would be appropriate.

18 Clerk's report.

Mr Smith reported that following an enquiry to SE Trains it was not South Eastern's policy to reduce the already limited opening hours of Pluckley ticket office. The Council agreed that Mr Smith should attend the KALC annual conference for the Council.

19 Correspondence.

The box was available for Councillors perusal.

20 Next meeting.

November 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

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### THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING PLANNING MATTERS AT ITS MEETING ON OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 2011

#### APPLICATIONS

11/01203 Saracens Paddock, Pluckley Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with single storey dwelling and detached double garage.  
(Letter received from Developers agent requesting meeting with PC) **Support**

#### DECISIONS

11/00891 Shepherds Hey, Forge Hill. Extensions, loft conversion etc. **Permit**

#### OTHER ISSUES

11/00946 & 7 Sheerland Farm. To leave crop covers in situ during winter months.  
Copy of letter to ABC received from resident who objects. PC "Supported" this

Proposed Roundhouse in Frith Wood. With Enforcement Officer, ABC. No results to date

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THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS AT ITS MEETING ON  
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£395.20*	Clerks salary
£10.00*	Clerks Broadband
£8.64*	Stamps
£17.60*	Attending Clerks area meeting
£296.40	Clerks tax for August, September, October
£480.00	Audit Commission fee for 2010/11 Annual accounts
£200.00	BTCV. Annual subscription for Tree and Pond Wardens
£23.99	M Newman. Renewal of PC Web address
£84.00	D Heasman, Street sweeping
£42.00	J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying
£28.00	C Hoad, Bus shelter cleaning
£95.00	Headley Bros. Printing "Communicate"

As at 17.10.11 the PC Current account stands at £24284, the Deposit a/c at £23873

\*One cheque

THERE IS NO VILLAGE HALL MEETING THIS MONTH BUT THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS NEED  
APPROVAL

£45.39	Initial Washroom Solutions. Hygiene equipment
£46.39	E-on. Village Hall electricity bill, 3 months to 6 <sup>th</sup> October
£106.88	S Exell, Keyholders wages
£49.40	G Smith, Admin. of Hall bookings

As at October 1<sup>st</sup> the VH account stands at £4069