

# PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2011

### PRESENT

M Newman – Chairman  
Debbie Breach  
Tony Evans

Chris Housman  
Tim Maddrell  
Mike Whatman

Also present, Clair Bell, Ashford BC.  
There were no parishioners present.

- 1 Apologies for absence received from D Hocking, H Missing and A Wickham.
- 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 October 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 5 There were no parishioners items to raise but PCSO Paul Moorey reported on the Halloween evening.  
He said that some 75-100 vehicles had been turned away from Dering Wood by a police presence at the entrance. The only other incidents were a minor traffic accident and slight vandal damage to a car.
- 6 Local Needs Housing.  
There was no progress to report as details were still awaited from English Rural Housing.
- 7 Village hall refurbishment.  
The only outstanding work was the fixing of the pelmets and the hearing loop. It was noted that the shrubs along the lawn boundary had been planted.  
It was agreed that the stage curtains should be replaced by dark green ones at a cost of £1600 (+ reclaimable VAT). The other east facing windows would be fitted with “oatmeal” coloured curtains and the south facing windows would be fitted with “oatmeal” coloured blinds.  
Phase 2 proposals.  
The Chairman said the estimated cost was in the region of £120k. The detailed specification was anticipated this week and up to 4 quotes would be sought.  
The Chairman was seeking grants from appropriate bodies including the “Big Lottery” fund.  
It was noted that the Senior Citizens club and the Pantomime group had very generously offered contributions. These were much appreciated.
- 8 Recreation Ground.  
It was noted that Headcorn PC may purchase the old skate park and swings for about £3.5k – subject to agreement by the full Headcorn PC and raising of funds.
- 9 Traffic report.  
The Speed Review was being considered by KCC Highways and the police. In the event they do not agree it, it will be considered by the Joint Transportation Board. The implementation cost will not block the proposals as we had secured the agreement of Richard King (KCC) to “go halves” on the cost.  
It was mentioned that the closure of the Black Horse car park was triggered by vandalism problems in the pub gardens.  
The possibility of a school “Lollipop” lady would be discussed with the Head teacher.  
It was noted that the new Parish Council salt bin was in situ at the top of Forge Hill.

- 10 Tennis Club.  
It was noted that whilst both courts belong to the Parish Council one was leased to the Tennis Club. This one was in need of maintenance (tidying around the edges) and it was agreed a Working party would attend to the matter.
- 11 Dog fouling.  
It was agreed to purchase two “warning” signs.
- 12 Sports pavilion.  
It was noted that following a meeting the Cricket Club is happy with the refurbishment proposals. Quotes are now being obtained and grant funding possibilities are being pursued. It is hoped that KCC would add to the £6k promised by Ashford BC. (An initial £3k has been already received from KCC)  
The Chairman agreed to follow up the designation of the sports field as a “QE 2” field. This is a designation associated with the Queens Diamond Jubilee and is a legally binding Trust protecting the ground for recreational activity in perpetuity.  
Diamond Jubilee  
As regards the Jubilee itself in June 2012 various suggestions were put forward eg a street party, a Hog Fair, a (gas) brazier on the church tower or a beacon on the field behind Westfields or a celebratory meal in the village hall.  
The Chairman and Chris Housman would meet with the school and the church to plan a the way forward.
- 13 Advertising signs.  
It was agreed to take no further action at this time but the Council disapproved of the multitude of unauthorised signs and would raise it in “Communicate”.
- 14 Halloween report.  
Already covered in 5 above.
- 15 Planning. (See attached)
- 16 Finance (See attached) The payments were all approved.
- 17 Ashford Borough Councillors report.  
Clair Bell explained that the Localism Bill had been passed by Parliament this week and suggested that the Summary Guide be downloaded from the Communities website.
- 18 Clerks report .  
Mr Smith reported on the recent KALC AGM at Ditton and outlined the Kent Policing and Fire & Rescue strategies that had been tabled and discussed. As regards policing there would be more “front line” officers and as regards Fire there would be strengthened presence at Ashford.
- 19 Correspondence.  
The box was tabled for councillors.
- 20 Next meeting.  
December 12<sup>th</sup> including a Village Hall Trustee meeting immediately following.

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THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS AT ITS MEETING ON  
NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2011

£395.20	Clerks salary*	500533
£10.00	Clerks Broadband*	500533
£13.42	Stamps*	500533
£22.00	KALC Annual Conference attendance fee (£10) + mileage to Ditton (30x .40p)*533	
£164.33	Glasdon Manufacturing, Salt bin for Parish Council <b>(Already paid)</b>	500528
£129.03	M Whatman. V Hall vacuum & paint <b>(Already paid)</b>	500529
£264.00	Recreation Ground & Tennis Courts. Mowing 9 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept & 6 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 541	
£192.00	LD Landscaping.Groundwork & topsoil for playground <b>(Already paid)</b>	500530
£49.48	M Whatman. Christmas lights & PC stencil <b>(Already paid)</b>	500532
£35.00	Information Commissioner, Annual fee	500534
£234.00	Scribe, Parish Council accounts system. Annual registration fee	500535
£45.06	Staples, Stationery	500536
£84.00	D Heasman, Street sweeping	500537
£28.00	C Hoad, Bus shelter cleaning	500538
£42.00	J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	500539

\*One cheque                      At 31<sup>st</sup> October the PC Current a/c was £22,469 & the Deposit a/c £23,873

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

£45.39	Initial Washroom solutions. Hygiene equipment	500282
£106.88	S Exell, Keyholders wages	500283
£49.40	G Smith, Admin of Hall bookings	500284
£184.00	Village Hall mowing, 9 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. & 6 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October	500285
£310.75	Madrona Nursery. Shrubs for VH garden	500286
£1200.00	VH Internal painting by C Durham (Cheque to R Stephens)	500287

At 31<sup>st</sup> October the VH a/c was £3,628