

# PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2015

### Present

Cllr Chris Housman – Chairman

Cllr Martin Newman – Vice Chairman

Cllr Sue Beattie

Also present 1 parishioner

Cllr Tim O'Connor

Cllr Paul Ellard

Cllr Paul Smith

- 1 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Clair Bell (Ashford BC) & Cllr Carol Washer.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3 There were no alterations to members Register of Interests or Declarations of Pecuniary Interests.
- 4 Public Session  
The parishioner present drew attention to the footway on Forge Hill which is badly overgrown. He also drew attention to the leak on Forge Hill. Martin Newman explained that one French Drain had been installed and another was awaited. He agreed to press KCC Highways for action on the second drain.
- 5 Planning  
The only application received (1 The Grove) was supported by the Parish Council.
- 6 Ashford BC report In the absence of Clair Bell there was no report.
- 7 Chairman's report  
The Chairman said he attended the recent Parish Forum when the main topic of discussion had been the NHS.  
The next KALC (Ashford Area) would be in March and he would like a "volunteer" to attend.  
He also reported he had suggested David Clements for a 2015 Community Award.
- 8 Neighbourhood Plan  
The following points were noted. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for objections to the Plan Process. The Steering Group has had its first meeting. If need be the whole process can be stopped at any time. The current Village Design Statement is a useful tool. It seems no further residents questionnaires are necessary, but workshops would be. Most skills to complete the Plan are available within the village
- 9 Village Hall  
The Architect has redrawn the south side extension plans, hopefully to reduce the costs. The Chairman reported that he hoped to simplify the switching system between the floor

heaters and the ceiling heaters.

10 Clerks report The Clerk had nothing to report.

11 Village Activities Paul Ellard reported that this was a quiet time but he hoped to start Petanque again when the weather improved. He agreed to establish why the table tennis club now seems to be defunct.

12 Website and Communications

In the absence of Carol Washer there was no report but as far as the Chairman was aware the website was up to date.

13 Finance

The cheques were approved and signed.

14 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion and Tennis Courts

Chris Warricker reported that a new notice board was required at the entrance to the Sports Field. David Clements to be asked if he could do this work. Chris also reported that a new Padlock has been fitted to the gate. It was agreed that the tennis court could be resurfaced as soon as funds allow.

15 Safety and Security

Tim O Connor reported that recorded crime is very low and that Neighbourhood Watch under Martin Chambers was very successful.

15 Next meeting – **March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

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