

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th AUGUST 2015

PRESENT

Chris Housman – Chairman

Sue Beattie

Martin Newman – Vice Chairman

Mike Whatman

Carol Washer

Paul Smith

Tim O'Connor

Graham Smith (Clerk)

Also present was one resident (Ben Fewsdale) and two members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clair Bell (Ashford BC).
2. The minutes of the meeting held on July 20th 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3. There were no alterations to members Register of Interests or Declarations of Pecuniary Interests. It was noted that the completed DPI forms are now available to view on the ABC website.
4. Public Session
The new owners of the land beside the former Blacksmiths Arms wished to speak in support of their planning application for a detached house. However, this had originally been declared an Invalid Application by ABC, and was therefore not on the PC's agenda for discussion. It was therefore decided to request an extension from ABC so that the PC could consider the application at its September meeting.
5. Chairman's Report
The Chairman had nothing to report on this occasion.
6. Planning
Applications were discussed and decisions noted as per the attached schedule. The 'Belmont' application was supported.

Martin reported that an additional barn was being erected at Frith Farm. There were already two breaches of planning rules at this site (residential occupation and change of use to equestrian). Paul therefore agreed to raise this issue with ABC's Enforcement Officer.
7. Ashford BC report.
In the absence of Clair Bell there was no report.
8. Neighbourhood Plan
Martin reported that five residents' workshops have now been held and a total of 96 completed questionnaires returned.

The next stage is to consult with the owners who had put possible development sites forward to discuss their proposals in outline. This process should be complete by the end of August. The first such meeting is with the Agent for the Brickworks site on Wednesday 19th August, and Ben Fewsdale, a resident with professional expertise in building development and costing, provided some valuable input to the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan working group (Martin, Sue and Tim) would attend the meeting.

9. Traffic and Highways

Sue Beattie updated the meeting on the Forge Hill drainage issue. ABC stated that this has been rectified, but she will continue to pursue this as it does not seem to be the case.

Martin stated that he was exploring the possibility that on-street parking in the station area could be reserved for Resident Permit Holders only. He would report back on this as soon as possible.

It was agreed Sue and Tim would jointly cover Highway issues, with Tim specifically taking forward speed limits/signs.

10. Village Hall

Martin reported that Building Regulation drawings for the extension have now been completed, and that bids would now be sought from builders.

Mike has identified a potential grant of £10,000 from ABC towards this work, and Martin is now completing the required application.

11. Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion and Tennis Courts

Mike Whatman reported that the Tennis Court refurbishment was imminent, and that a grant of £1,000 from ABC towards this was almost certain. However, ABC required the PC to adopt a 'Safeguarding Policy' for children and vulnerable adults. A draft policy was discussed and agreed after some minor changes. Tim O'Connor agreed to be the nominated Safeguarding Officer for the PC.

Mike also reported that the pedestrian gate in the car park had now been relocated as agreed.

12. Safety and Security

Nothing to report.

13. Environment

It was noted that the paper and card recycling skip at the Thorne was to be removed due to misuse, and the fact that most recycling was now done direct from houses.

14. Website and Communications

Carol Washer reported that a resident, Adam Finch, has agreed to design a new website for the PC and this would soon be under way.

Carol had also received the repainted/refurbished Village Sign from Emily Hocking, and the PC was delighted with the result. ABC has offered to re-erect it for £250, and the PC agreed to go ahead with this.

15. Finance

The expenditure (see attached) was approved, and cheques duly signed.

16. Correspondence

It was noted ABC has supported the PC's proposed minor Parish boundary change, and the proposal to reduce the PC to seven councillors rather than the nine presently constituted. These changes have been published for final consultation, but were expected to be agreed.

17. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 21st September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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**THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING PLANNING MATTERS AT ITS
MEETING ON AUGUST 17TH 2015**

DECISIONS

15/00705 - Land adjoining Lambs Lea. Erection of two 'eco-friendly' residential dwellings
REFUSED

13/00675 - 3 Sunflowers Egerton Road. Amended plans (Revision to rooflight style etc) **APPROVED**

14/00807 - 1 Chambers Green Cottage. Discharge of conditions 2 & 4a **AGREED**

APPLICATIONS

15/00354 - Belmont, Smarden Road. Conversion of existing integral garage to kitchen and erection of new timber framed garage with accommodation over.
SUPPORTED BY PC

15/01008 - Land adjacent to the Blacksmiths Arms, The Pinnock.
ABC declared this to be an invalid application, but this has now been corrected. PC would consider at September meeting.

**THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS AT ITS MEETING ON
AUGUST 17TH 2015**

PC payments

£105.14	Headley Bros. Summer edition of "Communicate"	50129
£529.49	KCC Commercial Services. First half yearly gang mowing (VAT to be claimed)30	
£50	Hire of Village Hall for Local Development Plan workshops	50131
£12.96	GE Smith. Second class stamps (2 books)	50132
£84.20	Clerks tax to HMRC	50133
£618.72	Taylor Roberts. Building Regulation drawings for VH extension	50134
£250.00	Emily Hocking (for Village Sign artwork)	50135

As at 30th July the PC account stood at £44,568.98, the Reserve a/c at £8,908.67

Village Hall payments

£27.51	Initial Hygiene. Hygiene equipment	50534
£52.23	Southern Water. 'dirty' water	50535
£8	Sue Exell. Pay rise arrears from May 18 th	50536

As at 30 July the VH account stood at £966.38