

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 2nd January 2018, Pluckley Village Hall, 7:30pm**

Present	Cllrs Breach, Dracott, Newman (Chair), Taylor	
In Attendance	Cllr Bell; Caroline Levett – Clerk; 11 parishioners	
Item		Action Responsibility
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fewsdale and Whatman	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS & ALTERATIONS TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS	There were no declarations of interest.	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	<p>The Parish Council minutes from the meeting held on 5th December 2017 were unanimously approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a. Clerk Replacement</p> <p>At the closing date four applications had been received for the position of Parish Clerk, two from qualified Clerks. It was agreed that the 2 qualified clerks will be interviewed initially.</p>	
4. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS	<p>Rupert Loftie shared his and neighbours' objections to planning application 17/01838 Parsonage Cottage.</p> <p>Mr Webb separately raised concerns and objections to this application.</p>	
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CLLR NEWMAN	<p style="text-align: center;">a. War Memorial</p> <p>The stonemason has been instructed. Marc Taylor's family are now in direct contact with him. A reply from the PCC regarding insurance is still awaited</p>	
6. PLANNING CLLR TAYLOR	<p>17/01838 Parsonage Cottage Station Rd TN27 0QZ Proposal for 4 new 4bedroom houses in grounds to SE of house with garages, parking 10 additional vehicles. A number of objections had been raised from parishioners. These included access issues; the number of houses too great for the site and the wrong requirement for the village; it is outside the development area of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Newman clarified some detail which was not correct. Pluckley Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application.</p> <p>17/01505 Hinton, The Grove, TN27 0RS Proposal for a garden Cabin, in back garden 2.4m high, 3.4X4.4m floor plan. No neighbour comments. Pluckley Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.</p> <p>17/01788 Rushbrook Bungalow Rushbrook, TN27 0SD To demolish existing Colt bungalow and replace with Artichouse chalet style 2 storey dwelling. Pluckley Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.</p> <p>17/01826 & 17/01827 Saracens Cottage Saracens, TN27 0SA Listed lodge house extended in 1980s. Propose open new main door in place of existing window and surround by glazed porch. Close existing door to extension replace with window. Replace internal staircase, extend hard standing and bury gas tank. Minimal impact on exterior/heritage given existing extension. Pluckley Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application.</p> <p>17/01750 Thorne Cottage, TN27 0SP To extend to rear and side 2 storey. Remove cat slide at rear to enable this. Gables to keep roof height the same. Brick and timber palette. Balcony would create risk of overlooking neighbour. Pluckley Parish Council unanimously agreed to support this application but would support any neighbour objection to the balcony.</p> <p>Land adjacent to The Hollies, Mundy Bois Road</p> <p>The owner has sought pre-application advice from ABC to develop the old stable yard and</p>	

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These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting, but a summary of discussion and decisions taken at the meeting.

	build four starter homes. ABC advised that this is not agricultural land and is brownfield and suggested the applicant approaches the Parish Council. Whilst this is the sort of development the parish needs and is brownfield, it is not allocated in the NHP and is away from settlement areas. ABC advised that the applicant would need to prove that amenities can be accessed without a car. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that it would not be able to support this application.																															
7. ASHFORD BC REPORT CLLR BELL	<p>a. Local Plan – This was approved in December and submitted to the government. ABC believes that it satisfies the government’s five year housing supply and should put the borough in a safer position.</p> <p>b. Recycling – For the third year in a row Ashford has achieved the highest recycling rate in Kent. 55% of waste is recycled, a 2 % increase on last year. Only 2% of waste goes to landfill, well below the government figure of 10%.</p> <p>c. Draft Budget – The consultation can be viewed online and is open until 7th February. ABC’s increase is 2.27%, increasing the Band D equivalent from £154 to £157.50 for the year. The figure remains the lowest in Kent.</p> <p>d. Lorry Clamping – The trial scheme to clamp lorries has been successful, with over 700 clamped, and no reports of any knock on effects in the villages.</p>																															
8. FINANCE	<p>a. Finance Report</p> <p>The finance report for November had been circulated and the Parish Council ratified and approved the January 2018 payments list :</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>501345</td> <td>C Hoad – Bus Shelter Sweeping</td> <td>31.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501346</td> <td>J Johns – Recreation Ground Tidying</td> <td>45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501347</td> <td>D Heasman – Street Sweeping</td> <td>90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501348</td> <td>C Levett – Clerk’s Wages</td> <td>382.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501349</td> <td>C Levett - Postage and Paper</td> <td>11.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501350</td> <td>Roff Media Ltd - Communicate</td> <td>156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501351</td> <td>Commercial Services - Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>1146.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501352</td> <td>M Newman - Thermal Cups</td> <td>7.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501353</td> <td>M Newman - Communicate Devlivery</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>501354</td> <td>D Breach - Communicate Devlivery</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>TOTAL 1970.02</p> <p>b. The Clerk confirmed that the Precept and Grant Claim Forms have been submitted to ABC.</p> <p>c. Parish Council Computer</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Whatman should investigate the purchase of a computer for the Parish Council of up to £500.</p>	501345	C Hoad – Bus Shelter Sweeping	31.00	501346	J Johns – Recreation Ground Tidying	45.00	501347	D Heasman – Street Sweeping	90.00	501348	C Levett – Clerk’s Wages	382.65	501349	C Levett - Postage and Paper	11.72	501350	Roff Media Ltd - Communicate	156.00	501351	Commercial Services - Grounds Maintenance	1146.60	501352	M Newman - Thermal Cups	7.05	501353	M Newman - Communicate Devlivery	50.00	501354	D Breach - Communicate Devlivery	50.00	
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9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CLLR NEWMAN	<p>The Parish Council’s solicitor is still struggling to make any progress with Riverwood’s solicitor.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor had met with the Kentish Stour Partnership representative and had walked the Brickworks site. Further information regarding ownership of Field 3 had been obtained.</p>																															
10. TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS/SPEED LIMIT REVIEW	<p>Correspondence regarding the removal of white lines had been received and Cllr Newman had responded and explained Highways reasons for this.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor advised that he has made contact with the officer at Kent regarding SpeedWatch.</p> <p>Cllr Breach advised that she had received a number of complaints regarding the amount of signage in the village.</p>																															

11. VILLAGE HALL CLLR NEWMAN	The Parish Council unanimously agreed to meet the next builder's invoice, estimated at £32,500 plus VAT.	
12. RECREATION GROUND, PAVILION, TENNIS COURTS CLLR WHATMAN	Nothing to report.	
13. COMMUNICATION CLLR NEWMAN	<p>a. The Winter issue of Communicate has been delivered around the parish.</p> <p>b. Letter from Harlequin Group circulated - Vodafone and Telefónica consultation Proposed Base Station Upgrade Installation At (113331) & Standford Bridge Farm; Pluckley Station. The Parish Council is delighted that action to improve the service is improved but feels the location is lacking and would suggest alternative locations instead, and more central to the whole parish. The Clerk to respond.</p>	CL
14. CLERK'S REPORT	The Clerk requested the completion of the new DPI Forms from those who have not yet done so.	
15. CORRESPONDENCE	<p>a. Wealden Wheels</p> <p>KCC is inviting grant applications for Community Transport activities, Wealden Wheels is suffering from the unreliability of its oldest (14 years) and most popular self-drive vehicle and would like some grant money to part fund a second hand replacement vehicle. This grant is ring-fenced for Parish Councils and Wealden Wheels requests that the Parish Council applies. This was unanimously supported by the Parish Council.</p>	
16. DIARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th January – Christmas Tree to be taken down. A drum will be organised for storing the lights. The tree will be removed through the Pilgrims Hospice Scheme. Cllr Taylor to organise. • Parish Council meeting : Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7:30pm, Pluckley Village Hall 	MT
17. AOB	None	
	The meeting closed at 8:45pm	

Caroline Levett, Clerk to Pluckley Parish Council
3rd January 2018