

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th February 2018 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Newman (in the Chair), Breach, Taylor, Whatman & Fewsdale

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, Caroline Levett, former Clerk to the Council and eleven members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dracott and Ashford BC Cllr Bell

2 Declarations of Interests in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd January 2018 were agreed and signed

4 Parishioners Questions

Michael Wallis spoke about the 100 years of Remembrance on 11th November 2018 to mark the end of the First World War and suggested an event be held in the Village Hall. It was agreed that volunteers would be sought via a message on 'Next Door' to organise an event, possibly on Saturday 10th November. Michael kindly offered to assist

Martin Chambers spoke about the 'Pluckley Bash' to be held on 28th July 2018 and requested the use of various facilities as last year

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that Caroline Levett would be leaving her role as Clerk to the Parish Council after the meeting. Cllr Newman thanked Caroline for all her hard work and terrific input whilst serving as Clerk. Thanks were also offered to Caroline by the other members of the Council. Cllr Newman presented Caroline with some flowers on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Newman then introduced Geoff Eaton as the new Parish Clerk

6 Planning

Cllr Taylor presented the Planning Report and each application was discussed:

APP/E2205/W/17/3188042 – Land next to Lilloets, Chambers Green Road

The Inspector's report previously circulated was noted

17/01838/AS – Proposal for four houses in grounds of house with associated garages
Parsonage Cottage, Station Road

Application has been withdrawn

18/00055/AS – Proposal to remove conservatory and build two storey extension
1 Sunflowers, Egerton Road

Agreed matching palette and no adverse impact on neighbours

It was unanimously agreed to support the application

18/00072/AS – Proposal for four 'medium priced' semi-detached houses
The Hollies, Munday Bois

Agreed outside of the settlement area of the Neighbourhood Plan with risk of infill leading to ribbon development

It was unanimously agreed to object to the application

18/00061/AS – Replace garage with larger footprint
4 Stone Abbage, Dowle Street

Lawful development certificate granted by Ashford BC

18/00129/AS – Proposal for single storey conservatory in white PVC wood effect frame
Lower Thorne Farm, Smarden Road

A large conservatory but no significant visual or other issue

It was unanimously agreed to support the application

7 Ashford BC Report

No report supplied

8 Finance

Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Cheque No 501356 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501357 C Hoad, Bus Shelter sweeping	31.00
Cheque No 501358 D Heasman, Street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501359 C Levett, Clerk's salary	382.85
Cheque No 501360 R Emberson, fix Pavilion leak and heaters	150.00
Cheque No 501361 South East Water, Cricket Ground	41.12
Cheque No 501362 HMRC, PAYE	287.20

Pluckley Brickworks Nature Reserve

The Report from Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership dated December 2017 regarding the actual and projected costs for the Pluckley Brickworks Nature Reserve was discussed. The projected cost of £6650 for year one was noted and agreed no action was required until the Parish Council acquired ownership of the field

9 Neighbourhood Plan

There were no developments of note - to be considered at the next Meeting

10 Traffic and Highways

It was noted that Pluckley was soon to have a registered Speed Watch Group and had enthusiastic volunteers. A meeting was to be arranged and online training had to be undertaken. It was also noted that funding had been secured from KCC and the Police and it was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £600 towards the £1800 for an interactive sign

11 Village Hall

Cllr Whatman reported that the Village Hall extension was in its final stages and should be completed early next week. The Village Hall Committee would then arrange painting

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

There was a general discussion around the quotes received for grass cutting and maintenance. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote received from Landscape Services who would continue with the contract for another year

13 Communications

Cllr Newman reported that the installation of high speed broadband south of the station was currently taking place and new homes would be able to access high speed broadband

14 Clerk's Report

No report supplied

15 Correspondence

Letter and other documents received from Ashford BC re Great British Spring Clean during 2nd to 4th March, which it was noted was a great success last year. Cllr Whatman expressed concern that Ashford BC may not have enough litter picking equipment if all Parishes held their Community Clean-Ups on the same days and suggested that another weekend might be preferable. It was agreed that Cllr Whatman would discuss this issue with Ashford BC and if they had sufficient equipment the Community Clean-Up should be held on the same week end otherwise another date would be agreed locally

Cllr Whatman

There was a brief discussion about the 'Pluckley Bash' to be held on 28th July. It was agreed to grant permission for the use of the Recreation Ground, Pavilion, hog roast machine, three marquees and car parking on the recreation ground as in previous years

16 Diary: Meetings and Events

Cllr Newman hoped to attend the Ashford BC Planning Committee meeting to be held on 14th February

17 AOB and items for future consideration

It was noted that a Parishioner had kindly offered to decorate the Christmas tree this year. It was agreed that Cllr Newman would contact her to advise that a risk assessment would need to be undertaken to ensure public safety but otherwise the Council was grateful for her offer

Cllr Newman

18 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm