

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, Ashford BC Cllr Bell and two members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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 6th February 2018 were agreed and signed

4 Parishioners Questions

There was a discussion about Parishioners comments regarding the planning application at Parsonage Cottage not being published on the website. Cllr Newman and Ashford BC Cllr Bell both commented that they had raised concerns about this with Ashford BC and were awaiting a response

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Newman stated that his report would be encompassed in later items on the agenda

6 Planning

Cllr Taylor noted that there were few planning alerts during February and reported as follows:

16/01561 – 3 Sunflowers, minor amendment to balcony

PERMITTED

18/00212 – Prebbles Hill Cottage, change of use to agricultural dwelling

After a discussion it was agreed that the Council should make comment that the proposed dwelling should have conditions imposed so that it could not be sold as a separate dwelling

Cllr Taylor

18/00160 – Ridge House – convert small stable to an annex, previously refused and appeal dismissed.

As the application was outside of the settlement area it was agreed the Council should object to the application

Cllr Taylor

There was a discussion regarding the installation at Caradon the location of which was a breach of planning and offends the rural view. It was agreed that Ashford BC should be encouraged to take enforcement action and ensure the mobile dwelling is moved to a more appropriate location

Cllr Taylor

7 Ashford BC Report

Ashford BC Cllr Bell reported that Ashford BC had decided not to challenge the Lilloets appeal ruling as it considered that there was a low chance of success. Cllr Bell also spoke about the recent snow and its implications for refuse collections, recent problems with water supply and Ashford BC's current consultation on gypsy and traveller sites

8 Finance

Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501363 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501364 C Hoad, Bus Shelter sweeping	31.00
Cheque No 501365 D Heasman, Street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501366 M Newman, Flowers for C Levitt	20.00
Cheque No 501367 Simcott Projects, Village Hall extension	11628.00 inc £1938 VAT
Cheque No 501368 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	453.04
Cheque No 501369 M Whatman, Laptop	113.96
Cheque No 501370 R Rowan, Donation to pond warden	50.00

Cllr Newman noted that at the end of the year the Council should have reserves of c£20k and mentioned the main projects the Council had been involved with during the year – Village Hall extension and the speed limit reduction

9 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Newman suggested that as Ashford BC had declined to challenge the Lilloets appeal ruling the Parish Council should consider modifying and tightening its Neighbourhood Plan, for which legal advice would be required. It was agreed that this issue should be considered again at the next meeting

10 Traffic and Highways

Cllr Whatman noted that KCC Highways had done a good job keeping roads clear during the recent snowy weather.

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the salt bin on Forge Hill to be replenished

Clerk

Mention was made of the Pluckley Speed Watch Group who would be making fresh applications for grant funding in the new financial year

11 Village Hall

Cllr Whatman reported that the Village Hall extension was in its final stages and it was hoped that it would be completed soon

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

There was nil of note to report

13 Communications

Cllr Newman reported that the installation of high speed broadband south of the station had now been completed and that those homes would have access to it

'Communicate' would be circulated at the end of the month as the Annual Report

14 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he was familiarising himself with his new role and with a Parishioner's help was able to load documents onto the website. He was also preparing to submit the 2017-2018 VAT claim and reviewing the financial records in readiness for producing the Annual Return

15 Correspondence

The correspondence circulated by email was noted – email re Pluckley Tennis Court, Spring Bird Walk, and Ashford BC's consultation of gypsy and traveller sites

It was agreed to donate £50 towards the Pond Warden's expenses

16 Diary: Meetings and Events

It was agreed that the Parish Assembly would take place on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30 pm

17 AOB and items for future consideration

There was a general discussion regarding the disused coal yard and its potential uses possibly for car parking for the nearby station. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor should contact Network Rail regarding the site

Cllr Taylor

18 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm