

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th June 2018 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bell and five members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Breach, Dracott and Fewsdale

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 1st May 2018 were agreed and signed

4 Parishioners Questions

The members of the public wished to observe the meeting or to discuss the ramp proposal at the Village Hall

5 Chairman's Report

Lambden Oaks building works - friction with neighbours arose and Cllrs Breach & Dracott intervened to smooth things over, for which they were thanked. The mostly drier weather should mean the majority of activity will take place within the site and the previous problems should dissipate.

The Heritage Centre will open formally on 29 June 2018

The inappropriate green metal fence in Station Rd which had tiny bushes planted in front of it - the bushes are inadequate and something bigger is needed

6 Planning & Enforcement

Cllr Taylor presented his Planning report which was discussed:

18/00702 – 2 storey and first floor extension to side/ detached car port with storage
Roanwood, Lambden Road

It was unanimously agreed to support the application

18/00753 – Extension of garage including conversion of loft space to storage
Cherry Trees, Station Road

It was agreed no comment would be made

18/00778 – Internal alterations to provide additional WC accommodation
Pluckley Church of England School, The Street

It was unanimously agreed to support the application

18/00380 – Erection of temporary fruit crop cover
Sheerland Farm, Swan Lane

It was unanimously agreed to support the application

Other Planning matters

It was noted that 'Lantarna', Smarden Road, had removed their hedge contrary to the planning permission. Owner has promised to replant - agreed a watching brief

7 Ashford BC Report

ABC Cllr Bell spoke about KCC's consultation on public transport in rural areas 'The Big Conversation' which will include various seminars across the county and public consultation events. The vital role of Wealden Wheels played in providing rural transport was discussed and acknowledged

8 Finance

Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501390 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501391 C Hoad, Bus Shelter sweeping	31.00
Cheque No 501392 D Heasman, Street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501393 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	453.04
Cheque No 501394 Dewar Green, website update	24.00
Cheque No 501395 BJ Cesspool Services, empty cesspit	115.00
Cheque No 501396 Inland Revenue, PAYE	306.00

The Clerk reported that the bank statements had finally been received and noted that the bank balance as at 31st March was £22623. The balance as at 30th April was £59394 which included the first installment of the Precept and a VAT reimbursement

It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to make a donation of £500 to Wealden Wheels in appreciation of the excellent work they do

9 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Newman reported that he had been advised that the proposed amendment to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is substantive and to review and reword the NP accordingly. Cllr Newman proposed that Council reviews the NP to establish what changes should be made then employ legal help to draft the relevant new clauses

10 Traffic and Highways

Cllr Newman reported that a number of complaints had been received regarding speeding in the Parish and his recent findings using the speed gun. Although many motorists were still exceeding the 30mph speed limit through Fir Toll and along Smarden Road average speeds had improved slightly on previous years. However, it was clear that more traffic calming was required. Cllr Taylor reported that the speed watch group had undertaken the online training but that they were still waiting for the new equipment to arrive

11 Village Hall

The members of the Village Hall Committee presented their plans for the siting of the outside ramp. The Parish Council agreed with the proposal of the Committee for a single run of ramp and a double step at the front of the Hall

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the Recreation Ground required 12 cuts pa rather than 8 cuts pa. It was agreed that a further £200 pa would be made available for these extra cuts

Cllr Whatman also reported on the sewerage problem at the Pavilion and it was agreed he should seek a quote to fix the leak and a budget of £500 was agreed for this. Cllr Whatman also noted that the RoSPA playground inspection was due in August

13 Communications

Cllr Newman reported that he had provided assistance to two TV companies regarding programmes featuring Pluckley

14 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he was currently finalising the 2017-2018 accounts in readiness for completing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and that a provisional date had been agreed with the Internal Auditor to review the accounts. The Clerk stated that an extraordinary meeting would need to be held for the Council to sign off the AGAR. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate some dates

Clerk

15 Correspondence

A letter received from ABC re Community Emergency Plans and the standard template were discussed. It was agreed to invite an officer from ABC to attend the next meeting to discuss this in more detail and to understand what assistance they could provide

Clerk

16 Diary: Meetings and Events

There was nil of note

17 AOB and items for future consideration

There was nil of note

18 Date of next Meeting

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm