

# **PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall**

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

**In attendance** : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bell and 20 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 were agreed and signed

### **4 Parishioners Questions**

The members of the public wished to comment on and listen to the Parish Council's deliberations on the various planning applications before them. Three members of the public wished to speak initially. A Parishioner spoke opposing the planning application at Parsonage Cottage – application contrary to the ABC Local Plan and the Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan, poor access and insufficient sight lines. Two Parishioners then objected to the retrospective planning application at Caradon – adverse visual and amenity impact, inadequate access and contrary to local planning policies and the Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan

## **5 Chairman's Report**

This would be covered elsewhere on the agenda

## **6 Planning & Enforcement**

Cllr Taylor presented his Planning Report which was fully discussed:

**18/00961** – Change of use of building from light industrial to use as a single dwelling  
**Jennings Farm, Charing Road**

It was agreed to request that ABC asks Highways to comment on the sight lines

**18/01089** – Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement dwelling  
**Rushbrook Bungalow, Rushbrook**

It was unanimously agreed to support this application

**18/01075** – Retrospective application for the siting of a log cabin mobile home annex and its ancillary use as staff accommodation in association with Caradon  
**Caradon, Mill Lane**

It was unanimously agreed to object to the application on various grounds – in an area of 'high sensitivity' the structure is very prominent and jars within this setting, not in sympathy with the landscape or main dwelling, not a 'windfall' site as outside the settlement area, serious concerns around traffic and access and in breach of various national and local planning policies and the Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to ask that the structure be speedily removed

**18/01059** – Construction of 2 No three bed chalet style dwellings with integral garaging, amenity garden, access and landscaping  
**Parsonage Cottage, Station Road**

It was unanimously agreed to object to the application on various grounds – not a 'windfall' site, outside of the settlement area, inadequate sight lines and in breach of various national and local planning policies and the Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan

**18/01072** – Demolition of conservatory and replacement with oak frame garden room, two storey extension to front elevation, new dormer and roof lights, demolition of garage and erection of new two bay garage and store  
**Mill House, Egerton Road**

It was unanimously agreed to support this application

**18/01194 & 18/01177**– Single storey extension (listed building)  
**Giles Farm Oast, The Pinnock**

It was unanimously agreed to support this application

**18/01211** – Lawful development certificate, proposed construction of detached outbuilding  
**Cherry Trees, Station Road**

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council was supportive but to request a condition that the existing garage is not converted to another purpose

**18/01218 & 18/01202** – Single storey sunroom  
**Y Felin, Dowle Street Road**

It was unanimously agreed to support this application

**18/01199** – Replacement single storey rear extension  
**5 Fir Toll, Station Road**

It was agreed to arrange a site visit to better assess the application and then to make comment to ABC

**7 Ashford BC Report**

ABC Cllr Bell described various developments taking place in Ashford and the current public consultation on the future of Ashford Town Centre

**8 Finance**

Accounts for Payment

A. The following accounts were approved for payment:

|   | <b>£</b> |
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| Cheque No 501464 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying     | 45.00    |
| Cheque No 501465 C Hoad, Bus Shelter sweeping           | 31.00    |
| Cheque No 501466 D Heasman, Street sweeping             | 90.00    |
| Cheque No 501467 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses     | 453.04   |
| Cheque No 501468 BJ Cesspool Service, cesspool emptying | 340.00   |
| Cheque No 501469 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax            | 306.00   |
| Cheque No 501470 PlaySafety, playground inspection      | 100.80   |

It was noted that the following cheques had been approved and sent during August:

|  | <b>£</b> |
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| Cheque No 501461 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying          | 45.00    |
| Cheque No 501460 C Hoad, Bus Shelter sweeping                | 31.00    |
| Cheque No 501459 D Heasman, Street sweeping                  | 90.00    |
| Cheque No 501458 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses          | 453.04   |
| Cheque No 501462 BJ Cesspool Service cesspool emptying       | 340.00   |
| Cheque No 501463 Cleverley & Spencer, war memorial engraving | 869.70   |

### B. Finance Report April – June 2018

The Clerk presented the Finance Report for the period April – June 2018 and the figures were discussed. The Report was approved

### **9 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**

Cllr Newman reported that he and Cllrs Taylor & Whatman were reviewing the NP and ABC's Local Plan to determine what amendments should be made to tighten it. They had identified three crucial areas to be considered: Defining the settlement area (village envelop), the active use of land and annexes. It was unanimously agreed that the NP should be tightened and these 3 areas addressed. It was agreed to await details on an imminent ABC request that Parishes provide details of their settlement areas before agreeing a time frame for making revisions to the NP

### **10 Traffic and Highways**

Cllr Taylor reported that there were now 8 trained speed watch volunteers undertaking speed watch sessions using equipment borrowed from Charing Parish Council whilst they awaited delivery of their own equipment

### **11 Village Hall**

Cllr Whatman reported that there were still a number of snagging issues to be addressed and that there had been no developments of note regarding the ramp

### **12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts**

Cllr Whatman reported that the recent RoSPA report was very good and only some minor issues had to be addressed. Cllr Whatman kindly agreed to obtain new quotes for grounds maintenance, to address the issues in the Pavilion, to install a new goalpost and for the repairs to the playground

**Cllr Whatman**

### **13 Pluckley Bash**

Cllr Newman reported that, given that the Parish Council had provided free access to the Recreation Ground & Pavilion and the hog roast equipment, he had enquired what money had been raised at the 'Pluckley Bash'. It appeared a number of clubs had made money but they had not disclosed how much. It was agreed for transparency's sake that the Parish Council obtains a clear view of what sums were raised and how they were to be used sum before agreeing to future support. It was agreed that Cllr Newman would write to the various clubs involved

**Cllr Newman**

### **14 Communications**

There was nil of note to report

### **15 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk gave a short report and spoke briefly about the possible implications of the General Data Protection Regulations which appeared to have little impact on the Parish Council

### **16 Correspondence**

ABC Year book 2018/2019

ABC Leaders Briefings and email re consultation on improving Ashford Town Centre

Management Plan for Dering Wood

ABC Town Centre consultation

Community Emergency Plan update

Letter of thanks from Wealden Wheels for recent donation

### **17 Diary: Meetings and Events**

There was nil of note

### **18 AOB and items for future consideration**

It was noted that the cheque sent to the British Legion to fund the singer for the WW1 commemorations to be held in November had been returned to the Parish Council as the Legion no longer wished to be involved in the organisation of the events

**19 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm