

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd October 2018 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council and 2 members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Newman Breach & Fewsdale and ABC 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 4th September 2018 were agreed and signed

4 Parishioners Questions

The members of the public wished only to observe the meeting

5 Chairman's Report

It was noted that Cllr Newman had agreed with the School that the 'Carols around the Tree' event would be held at 5pm on Friday 7th December – to be included on the next meeting agenda

Other matters in the Chairman's report are covered elsewhere in these minutes

6 Planning & Enforcement

New applications considered

18/01276 – Penlan Farm, New House Lane

Redevelopment of farmstead to provide replacement dwelling and one new dwelling, garages and associated landscaping

The Parish Council unanimously objects to this application – no real details of proposed dwellings, site is outside of the settlement area, cannot be considered a wind fall site and would be unsustainable for development being almost two miles from the village centre

18/01209 – Ridge House, Egerton Road

Demolition of existing two storey dwelling and erection of a replacement two storey dwelling

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

18/01269 – Frith Court Farm, The Pinnock

Change of use of existing farmstead for equine activities and erection of stables (retrospective)

The Parish Council agreed to comment only on this application – disappointed that development had taken place without seeking prior permission. The Council is supportive of local agricultural businesses including equitation but has concerns that in future the change to an equine business may be seen as a reason for additional residential accommodation at the site. No details have been provided relating to the scale of the residential accommodation being sought and until these details are available the Parish Council cannot support the application

18/01364 – Gooseberry Field Campsite, Smarden Road

Application for 10 glamping pitches for use as either free standing shepherds huts or bell tents and increase parking from 6 to 10 spaces

The Parish Council objects to this application – content with the increase in the number of pitches from 6 to 10 and would like these to be used for bell tents but has reservations over the shepherds huts. If these were to be permanent structures throughout the year the Council has concerns as they would intrude in the rural landscape

Decided applications**18/01072 – Mill House, Egerton Road**

Demolition of conservatory and replacement with oak frame garden room, two storey extension to front elevation, cat-slide roof and new dormer windows

GRANTED

7 Ashford BC Report

No report was provided

8 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

| | £ |
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| Cheque No 501471 J Johns, recreation Ground tidying | 45.00 |
| Cheque No 501472 C Hoad, bus Shelter sweeping | 31.00 |
| Cheque No 501473 D Heasman, street sweeping | 90.00 |
| Cheque No 501474 G Eaton, clerk's salary & expenses | 453.04 |
| Cheque No 501475 D Newman, distribute Communicate | 50.00 |
| Cheque No 501476 D Breach, distribute Communicate | 50.00 |
| Cheque No 501477 Printing.com, printing Communicate | 85.20 |
| Cheque No 501478 Kent Playing Fields, annual subs | 20.00 |

Internal Audit Recommendations

This item was deferred to the November meeting

Risk Assessment

This item was deferred to the November meeting

9 Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that a meeting was being arranged with Simon Cole, ABC Planning, to discuss a clearer definition of settlement areas. Clerk to circulate the date when available

Clerk

10 Traffic and Highways

Cllr Taylor reported that the new speed watch equipment had recently been delivered. It was noted that there were concerns about lorries and tractors driving too fast – it was agreed that a letter be sent to a local farmer asking that his tractor drivers be aware of their speed and slow down when driving through the Parish

Clerk

11 Village Hall

Cllr Whatman reported that various snagging issues had been resolved although there were still some matters outstanding and that quotes for the ramp were being sought

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the cesspool, the man-hole cover, the broken fence and the tiles on the Pavilion roof had all been repaired. The tennis court would be power washed this week

13 Communications

It was noted that the autumn issue of Communicate had just been distributed

14 Clerk's Report

There was nil of note to report

15 Correspondence

Letter and documents received from ABC - main modifications to the Local Plan 2030

Letter received from KCC - household waste recycling centre consultation on a proposal to implement charging for the disposal of soil rubble and hardcore etc. It was agreed to comment strongly objecting to the proposal as it was felt charging would increase fly tipping

Clerk

Letter received from Royal Mail re scam mail

16 Diary: Meetings and Events

There was nil of note

17 AOB and items for future consideration

It was noted that the Public Footpath that runs through the Thorne Estate was missing a sign. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the KCC Public Rights of Way officer to request that the sign to be replaced

Clerk

After a brief discussion it was agreed to purchase the Parish Christmas tree

Cllr Whatman

18 Date of next Meeting

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm