

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bell and 22 members of the public

Cllr Newman welcomed Laurel Niven, ABC Community Safety and Resilience Team Leader, to discuss Community Emergency Plans. Laurel outlined the content of these plans and their uses by the local community and ABC. There followed a short question and answer session. Cllr Newman thanked Laurel for attending the meeting and for her interesting presentation

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dracott

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 & Matters arising

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

4 Public discussion and Parishioners Questions

The members of the public wished to discuss the planning application for 7 additional dwellings and an office on the eastern part of the Brickworks site, Station Road

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Newman reported that the Parish Council had submitted comments to ABC on the modifications to the Local Plan supporting the Station and Thorne/Fir Toll areas being subject to development within the settlement area only. A request had also been

made to treat Pluckley Village core in the same way (currently development could take place adjoining to or near to)

Cllr Newman also reported that the Tesco bus service had been removed and that Wealden Wheels were looking at the possibility of providing a replacement service

6 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Newman reported that the four homes at Lambden Oaks should be completed between January – April next year and that work had commenced on the Thorne development of four homes

There was a discussion about the former Coal yard and it was agreed to set up a Working Group (Pluckley Station Working Group) to explore options (including parking) for developing the Coal Yard to benefit the local rural transport network and therefore Pluckley residents. The working party to include Parish Cllrs and interested Parishioners

7 Planning & Enforcement

New applications considered

18/01573 – Extension of garage (revision to the approved garage)
Cherry Trees, Station Road

There were no objections to this application

18/01484 – Prior notification - change of use of a redundant farm building to two dwellings
Jennings Farm, Charing Road

It was agreed to comment only – the two dwellings appeared very cramped and contained no provision for storage or refuse

18/01402 – Erection of seven dwellings and an office with associated parking
Eastern part of Brickworks site, Station Road

After a discussion with the public present it was unanimously agreed to object to the application on the basis of the number of dwellings proposed and their ecological impact. It was noted that a meeting was planned for 26th November with the developer, the Parish Council and ABC Planning Officers to seek a more acceptable solution

18/01438 – Erection of single storey rear extension
The Acorns, Smarden Road

There were no objections to this application

8 Ashford BC Report

Cllr Bell presented her report and outlined ABC's medium term financial plan and the work currently being undertaken on digital transformation within the Council. Cllr Bell also mentioned the various events taking place in the Borough to commemorate the end of WW1 – Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute

9 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501481 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501482 C Hoad, Bus Shelter sweeping	31.00
Cheque No 501483 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501484 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	453.04
Cheque No 501485 M Whatman, goalpost	599.99
Cheque No 501486 ICO, annual subs	40.00
Cheque No 501487 PKF Littlejohn, external audit fee	480.00

It was noted that two cheques had been approved in-between meetings:

Cheque No 501479 Keith Edwards, repair works to cesspit	2325.00
Cheque No 501480 Four Seasons, tennis court maintenance	456.00

Finance Report: April – September 2018

The Clerk circulated the Finance report for the period 1st April – 30th September 2018 and the figures were discussed. The Report was approved

Internal Audit Recommendations

This item was deferred to the December meeting as the final internal audit report was not available

Other Finance Matters

ABC Cllr Bell kindly offered to meet the cost of the junior goal posts from her Members Fund

Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment tool was discussed and a number of areas reviewed:

Annual insurance cover – considered sufficient - Clerk to seek alternative quotes before next renewal was due

Financial Matters – considered satisfactory – Clerk to ensure VAT returns were made on a regular basis and that all payments were accompanied by appropriate paperwork

Administration – it was noted that the Standing Orders and Financial regulations need to be reviewed and the final versions loaded onto the website

Employers/Members responsibilities – agreed all in place

10 Traffic and Highways

Cllr Taylor reported that the first speed watch session had been held and that the new equipment had arrived. New volunteers were still needed

It was agreed that further traffic calming measures were required and Cllr Taylor kindly offered to research permanent and mobile speed signs - to be considered at the January 2019 meeting

Cllr Taylor

11 Village Hall

Cllr Fewsdale reported that all the snagging works at the Village Hall had been satisfactorily completed and that the front doors would be replaced. It was hoped that work on the ramp would commence on Monday 12th November

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the Pavilion would have its inspection shortly and that the contractors would soon finish off the hedge trimming in the field. The new football goal post had been ordered and installation arranged. The tennis court had recently been power washed and will be sealed/white lined in March/April 2019

13 Carols around the Tree

Cllr Newman confirmed that Carols around the Tree would take place on 7th December. It was agreed to fund the minor expenditure associated with the printing of posters advertising the event and for mulled wine which Cllr Newman kindly agreed to organise

Cllr Newman

14 Communications

There was nil of note to report

15 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the 2018 AGAR (Annual accounts) had been given an unqualified opinion by PKF Littlejohn the external auditor. The draft internal audit report had been received from D Buckett – the final report would be circulated to Cllrs as soon as available

16 Correspondence

Letter and various documents received from KALC re 71st AGM to be held on 17th November 2018

Email received re defibrillator on Village Shop wall – agreed Clerk to register with SECAMB

Clerk

Letter received from ABC re Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute re commemoration of the end of WW1

Letter received from ABC re defining Village confines – maps to follow

Email received from Pluckley Village Hall requesting Village Hall sign posts – Cllr Newman kindly agreed to review the existing signposting

Cllr Newman

Email received from PCSO giving a brief report

Email received from Parishioner re removal of Pluckley Village from HOU5 of the Local Plan meaning that his proposed development could not now take place and requesting the Parish Council's support in opposing this modification

17 Diary: Meetings and Events

There was nil of note

18 AOB and items for future consideration

It was agreed that the defibrillator batteries should be checked as they have a limited life

19 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm