

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 17th September 2012

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

JA Bowles
CS Stacey

N Curtis

50/12 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Bowles.

51/12 The minutes of the July 2012 meeting were agreed and signed.

52/12 Interests

No interests were declared.

53/12 PC V Gook

PC Gook stated that he was not aware of many problems in this area at the moment. Cllr Porter complained that there was brick debris on the A27 where vehicles turned into the waste processing site.

54/12 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that she was still chasing the Highways Agency regarding trimming the verges along the A36.

55/12 Members' Reports

- a) Cllr Stacey reported back from the NPA NE Quadrant meeting regarding the Lengthsman Scheme. The Parish Council agreed that it would maintain its interest in this.
- b) Cllr K Curtis reported that he had received a request for a plaque to commemorate the planting of the chestnut tree at The Pound: the Council had no objection to this.

56/12 Village Hall Update – Mr A Proctor & Mrs S Pearce

Following the resignation of the Chairman a group of three have formed to try to find funding sources. The new Chairman and Treasurer are to attend a training session on “Getting funding”.

57/12 Consultations

The Council had no comment to make on the HCC Flooding Strategy beyond noting that much of flooding is due to ditches and other water courses never being cleaned out.

58/12 Acceptance of Revised Standing Orders

Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the Revised Standing Orders previously circulated should be accepted: this was resolved.

59/12 Finance

- a) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that the registration fee to the Information Commissioner's Office should be paid in future by direct debit: this was resolved.
- b) The Budget Control Report was received.

- c) Cheque number 224 already signed for £418.20 to Chris Aston Ceramics (Jubilee mugs, LGA 1972 s.137) was approved.
- d) Cheques numbered 126 to 128 were approved and signed: £238.63 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £119.20 to Post Office (PAYE); £11.70 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses).

60/12 Planning Applications

Heatherlands, Salisbury Road

- i) The Parish Council is aware of Policy DP11 and the normally permitted limit on the increase in floor area. However, in this instance the matter is complicated by the permission already granted to Planning Application 09/94737 which remains valid until February 2013. This latter application also gave an increase in floor area above the currently policy level and the figures stated in this current application do not exceed the floor area which already has consent.
- ii) Application 09/94737 was compared with the current application and the Parish Council is of the opinion that artistically and architecturally the proposed dwelling is far superior to that which gained consent in 2009. It therefore fully satisfies DP1.
- iii) The Parish Council has also discussed the underlying rationale for Policy DP11 but is strongly of the view that the location and grounds of Heatherlands would always ensure that it was never at the "lower end of the market" therefore DP1 should take precedence over DP11.
- iv) Within the National Park there are so few dwellings in Plaitford that it can hardly qualify as even a "rural settlement" and thus the Parish Council is of the view that the appropriateness of a building to its location and its overall aesthetic should be the primary consideration.

61/12 AOB

- a) Cllr Porter reported that the footpath through Boldre Wood is blocked and needs attention.
- b) Cllr J Bowles reported numerous pot-holes in Sherfield English Lane, especially by Wingates, and also in Spouts Lane.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

19th November 2012