

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 19th May 2014

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter
BW Trimmer

S Bowles
JPA Robson

N Curtis
CS Stacey

21/14 Election of Chairman

Cllr N Curtis proposed and Cllr Porter seconded that Cllr K Curtis should be elected Chairman: this was resolved. His signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

22/14 Election of Vice-chairman

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that Cllr Trimmer should be elected Vice-chairman: this was resolved.

23/14 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr S Paige and Mrs J Paige.

24/14 The minutes of the March 2014 meeting were agreed and signed.

25/14 Interests

No interests were declared.

26/14 Matters Arising

- a) The disintegrating pavement by Wellow Van Sales has been renewed by the Highways Agency.
- b) The A36 is to be resurfaced within the next few weeks.
- c) Wellow Parish Council has written to Wellow Van sales to protest at the parking by the staff in a residential development and about the damage which has been done to the pavement by the vehicle transporters.

27/14 Clerk's Report

The clerk drew the Council's attention to the fact that membership of CPRE will increase to £36.00 next year.

28/14 Members' Reports

- a) The Chairman had attended a meeting of Wellow Paris Council and had agreed that Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council should pursue the matter of vehicle transporters parking on the pavement, blocking the pavement, destroying the surface and also obstructing traffic on the A36. It was suggested that every time such behaviour was noted it should be reported to the Police using 101 and the Clerk would also keep a log.
- b) It was suggested that the matter should also be raised more strongly with TVBC Enforcement team since it was a condition of planning consent that unloading of deliveries should take place entirely on site.

29/14 Highways

The Clerk had received the data from the traffic speed survey done in January. Displaying the data as series on 3-D bar charts showed that when the A36 was very busy during the day there were hardly any incidences of traffic above 46 mph (the 85percentile was around 42mph), whereas during the night there was a clear shift upwards in speed (the 85percentile was in the region of 56mph), although the actual numbers of vehicles involved were very small. This confirms what residents had stated that during the night the traffic is much faster and combined with the disintegrating road-surface results in serious noise and vibration problems.

30/14 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Income of £1500.00 from TVBC was noted (precept).
- c) Cheques numbered 160 and 161 had already been signed: £152.00 to HALC (affiliation fees) and £33.60 to Getmapping plc (mapping software).
- d) Cheques numbered 162 to 164 were approved and signed: £60.00 to Hamilton Associates (internal audit); £281.14 to Broker Network Ltd (insurance) and £247.20 to J Wright (Clerk's salary).
- e) It was proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by CllrK Curtis that the 2013-14 Accounts should be signed as correct: this was resolved.
- f) It was proposed by Cllr Trimmer and seconded by Cllr N Curtis that the Bank Reconciliation Statement should be signed as correct: this was resolved.
- g) The year on year variances were noted.
- h) It was proposed by Cllr Bowles and seconded by Cllr Porter that Section 1 of the Annual Return should be signed as correct: this was resolved.
- i) Each item on Section 2 of the Annual Return was considered in turn and it was proposed by Cllr Robson and seconded by Cllr Trimmer that the responses should be signed as correct: this was resolved.
- j) It was proposed by Cllr K Curtis and seconded by Cllr Trimmer that the Council should pay HMRC the PAYE bill by Direct Debit: this was resolved.
- k) It was proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by Cllr Porter that the Responsible Financial Officer should be authorised to set up the direct debit in favour of HMRC: this was resolved.

31/14 Planning Application

Melchet Court (TVBC ref: 14/01100/LBWS) – re-roofing the Education Block – it was agreed that the response to this application should be “Support”.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

7th July 2014