

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 20th January 2020

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
JPA Robson

N Curtis
CS Stacey

01/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Bailey (TVBC), Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC) and Mr R Kellett-Clarke.

02/20 *The minutes of the November 2019 meeting were agreed and signed.*

03/20 Interests

No interests were declared.

04/20 Matters Arising

- a) The Shipping container left in Church Lane has now been removed.
- b) The precept request has been submitted.

05/20 Clerk's Report

The Clerk read an email from Mr Kellett-Clarke regarding the poor response to his proposal for a community-based bid for funding to get FTTP (fibre to the premises). He is intending to chase non-respondents but an alternative approach may be required (e.g. group microwave) for those who are interested.

06/20 Members' Reports

The Chairman expressed his concern at the new road layout in the centre of Romsey. Other councillors agreed that it was very confusing and appeared to be only time before there was a mishap.

07/20 Consultations

Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments – was discussed at length and responses were agreed.

08/20 Emergency Plan

The approach which Cllr Robson had taken was supported for a small parish such as this. It was far from clear where the published part of the plan would be lodged when it was complete but the confidential part would be issued to all councillors.

09/20 Finance

- a) The budget Control Report was received.
- b) D/Dd: £67.40 to HMRC (PAYE); £18 to Unity Trust Bank (standing charge) were noted.
- c) Cheques numbered 324-326: £269.20 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £104.00 to Downton Signs (warning signs for Botley's Ford); £80.00 to Plaitford Village Hall (hire of hall) were approved and signed.

10/20 Litter and Potholes

- a) Cllr Robson reported that she had collected 7 bags of litter plus several items which were too big for waste bags from Sherfield English Lane. She asked that notices should be placed on noticeboards making people more aware that littering and fly-tipping could prove expensive if the offender was caught: Cllr K Curtis offered to modify the draft notices prior to publication. Cllr Robson also made a plea for others to deal with the litter dropped on the boundary of their properties.
- b) It was agreed that leaving the reporting of potholes to “somebody” resulting in their being reported by “nobody”. The Clerk emphasised that her reporting of a pothole carried no more weight than anyone else’s. Cllr K Curtis offered to produce a notice to encourage others to also do the reporting of potholes.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

16th March 2020