

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 20th July 2015

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)

S Bowles

N Curtis

AW Porter

JPA Robson

CS Stacey

Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)

Two members of the public for part of the meeting

38/15 Apologies

No apologies were received.

39/15 *The minutes of the 18th May 2015 meeting were agreed and signed.*

40/15 Interests

No interests were declared.

41/15 Members' Reports

Cllr Porter observed that the footpath from Compton's Drive into Boulder Wood was becoming over-grown on the section through the grounds of Gunsfield Lodge. It was suggested that HCC should be asked to clear it.

42/15 Consultations

The Council agreed that as this parish is on the very edge of Hampshire it should remain in the existing ward.

43/15 Vacancy on the Council

It was agreed that this matter should be deferred.

44/15 Finance

- a) Cllr N Curtis proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the Parish Council should continue to support CPRE: this was resolved.
- b) The Budget Control Report was received.
- c) Cheques numbered 182–184 which had been signed earlier were approved: £195.04 to Zurich Insurance (insurance); £24.10 to TVBC (election re-charge); £100.00 to Plaitford Village Hall (donation).
- d) D/D to HMRC for £63.00 (PAYE) was noted.
- e) Cheques numbered 185-187 were approved and signed: £252.61 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £36.00 to CPRE (subscription); £41.15 to J Wright (reimbursement + expenses).

45/15 Planning Application

Land at Old Oaks, 2 Purley Way (NPA ref: 15/00406) – manege. The Parish Council recommends "Permission but happy to leave it to the officer" with the following comments.

"This is making good use of land which is not ideal for much else and for this reason the application has the support in principle of the Parish Council. However, the application does not address the issue of drainage/watercourses.

On the form it is stated that there is no watercourse within 100m of the site, whereas on the plans there are many drains/ditches clearly marked. This is to be expected since some of the water from the mire on Plaitford Common finds its way through the various ditches on to this site.

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In the Design & Access Statement (Landscaping) it states that “There is a ditch running between the hedge line and the proposed arena, and there will be 3m between the hedge and the proposed arena.” So from this it would appear that the ditch is within the 3m gap between the hedge and the arena. The Environment Agency includes ditches under the general heading of watercourses. Whilst the ditches may be dry at the moment in a wet year they run most of the year. The Parish Council suggests that the Environment Agency’s view should be sought.”

46/15 AOB

- a) It had been suggested by Mrs S Cuell that the parish should hold a party to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday. The Parish Council was supportive of this suggestion but advised that it should not seem similar to the Annual Fête nor be too close to the Fête in time.
- b) Mr G Cuell informed the Council that the Post Office at Sherfield English had been sold but that it would remain as a shop-cum-post-office.
- c) Mr G Cuell asked why the vegetation either side of the footpaths to the bridge at the ford in Giles Lane/Church Lane had not been cut.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of Next Meeting

21st September 2015