

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held by video/telephone conferencing on 20th July 2020

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
CS Stacey

N Curtis

30/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs JPA Robson, G Bailey (TVBC) and RJ Perry (HCC).

31/20 *The minutes of the 18th May 2020 meeting were agreed and will be signed when possible.*

32/20 Cllr Robson's Reason for Absence

Cllr Porter proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the reason should be approved: this was resolved.

33/20 Interests

No interests were declared.

34/20 Members' Reports

Cllr K Curtis reported that Mr Elrad Matthews had died earlier this month. Elrad moved into Forest View with his parents in 1933 and lived there until his death, making him the longest continuous resident of this parish. He was an active member of the Village Hall Committee from its inception in 1946 until 2012. Owing to the COVID-19 limit on gatherings, no-one from the Parish Council had attended the funeral, which was held in St Peter's Church just over the road from where Elrad had lived for 87 years.

35/20 Consultations

- a) **Test Valley Refined Issues and Options for the next Local Plan:** Whilst acknowledging that the Local Plan concerns development there was concern that too often the incremental impact on farming is overlooked. There is scant recognition that farming is crucial to maintaining the landscape and environment. The Clerk was asked to respond requesting greater emphasis on recognising the importance of farming, and that all proposed developments should give consideration to their impact on the farming community.
- b) **CPRE proposal for a Green Belt around Southampton:** it appeared that the boundary would be between Copythorne and Wellow so no response was required.

36/20 Finance

- a) The Budget Report had been previously circulated.
- b) It was agreed that no donation would be made to Victim Support.
- c) Cllr Bowles proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that CPRE membership should be renewed: this was agreed.
- d) Direct Debit of £18.00 to Unity Trust Bank (bank charges) was noted.
- e) Cheques numbered (335-337): £269.20 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £36.00 to GeoXphere Ltd (mapping software); £36 to CPRE (membership) were approved for signing.

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

21st September 2020. Whether the meeting will be physical or virtual is not yet decided.