

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of AGM held at New Forest Post Production Studio on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)  
AW Porter

S Bowles  
JPA Robson

N Curtis  
CS Stacey

#### **27/15 Acceptance of Office**

Members signed their Acceptance of Office forms in the presence of the Proper Officer.

#### **28/15 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded that Cllr K Curtis should be elected as Chairman: this was resolved. Cllr K Curtis signed his Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Proper Officer.

#### **29/15 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that Cllr Stacey should be Vice-Chairman: this was resolved.

#### **30/15 Apologies**

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

*31/15 The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Extra-ordinary meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **32/15 Interests**

Cllrs K Curtis and N Curtis declared an interest in the New Forest Folk Festival.

#### **33/15 Consultations**

- a) TVBC Revised Local Plan, Main Modifications. The proposed modification ref: TVBC/MM/5/12 needs to be more specific, in particular the phrase “lack of availability of alternative accommodation” should be removed or at least qualified by “within Test Valley” otherwise it could be used as a reason by people from anywhere.
- b) At the moment the Parish Council has too little information to form a judgement regarding the possible disaffiliation from NALC. It was proposed by Cllr Robson and seconded by Cllr Stacey that the current view of the Council is “Don’t know yet”.

#### **34/15 Notification of the New Forest Folk Festival**

The Parish Council was informed that the Festival would run from midday on August 26th to the evening of the 30th. On the 26th and the 27th the entertainment/activities would be focussed around the bar area. As part of the licence conditions regular sound level readings are to be recorded at the two nearest dwellings and these will be sent to TVBC, the licensing authority, after the event.

#### **35/15 Finance**

- a) It was agreed that for this Parish Council there was enough expertise within the parish to deal with employment matters.
- b) After considering the figures involved it was agreed that the current level of insurance cover was excessive for this Parish Council. Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that for the coming year the Council would opt for the STS cover provided by Zurich: this was resolved.

- c) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded that the 2014-15 Accounts should be signed off as correct: this was resolved.
- d) Cllr Bowles proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that the Chairman should sign the bank Reconciliation as correct: this was resolved.
- e) Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr Porter seconded that the Chairman should sign Section 1 of the Annual Return: this was resolved.
- f) After considering each item in turn Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that the Chairman should sign Section 2 of the Annual Return: this was resolved.
- g) The Budget Control was received.
- h) Income: £7.18 from J Wright (correction); £1500.00 from TVBC (precept); £42.97 from HMRC (VAT refund) were noted.
- i) Cheques already signed numbered 177 and 178: £33.60 to Getmapping (mapping software); £156.00 to HALC (membership) were approved.
- j) Direct debit of £124.80 to HMRC (PAYE) was noted.
- k) Cheques numbered 179 to 182 were approved: £60.00 to Hamilton Associates (internal audit); £34.71 to J Wright (expenses + reimbursement); £252.81 to J Wright (Clerk's salary).

### **36/15 Planning Application**

Red House Farm, Salisbury Road – 2-storey side and single storey rear extensions (TVBC ref: 15/00929) - was considered. Cllrs N Curtis and K Curtis had discussed the application with the owner who had informed them that the planning authority was insisting that the extension should be clearly an extension rather than being designed to blend with the existing thatched cottage. Some members expressed their disapproval of this view but felt that the Council therefore had no alternative but to respond with “No objection”.

### **37/15 AOB**

- a) Cllr Stacey asked that the current state of the “race track” in Plaitford Common had been left in a poor condition and this should be raised with the National Trust.
- b) Cllr Stacey stated that the boardwalk on the Common opposite The Sanctuary was good except that it didn't extend far enough to clear the boggy section.
- c) It was observed that one of the old fence-panels at The Sanctuary had not been cleared away and this was a potential hazard to people using the A36: Cllr K Curtis offered to have an informal word with the owners.

*Meeting closed at 9.30pm*

### **Date of Next Meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in Plaitford Village Hall.