

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 16th September 2019

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
JPA Robson

N Curtis
CS Stacey

44/19 Apologies

No apologies were received.

45/19 *The minutes of the 5th August 2019 EOM were agreed and signed.*

46/19 Interests

No interests were declared.

47/19 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that she had raised the matter of parking a container on the verge with TVBC and established that it did not fall within their remit. Hampshire Highways are to be approached.

48/19 Members' Reports

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Bowles and the Clerk had attended the funeral of Barry Bennett who had been chairman of Landford Parish Council for many years.

49/19 Alternative Grievance Procedure

The Clerk had obtained a simpler model document and with the changes required to make it fit this Parish Council Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that this was more appropriate than the one discussed at the July meeting and should be adopted instead: this was resolved.

50/19 Alternative Disciplinary Procedure

The Clerk had obtained a simpler model document and with the changes required to make it fit this Parish Council Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that this was more appropriate than the one discussed at the July meeting and should be adopted instead: this was resolved.

50/19 Consultations

The consultation regarding relaxing the planning requirements for mobile network masts was discussed. Concern was expressed that connectivity for many rural areas was appalling and this handicapped businesses and deprived private individuals of facilities which most of the population took for granted. It was agreed that this Council was supportive of facilitating planning for mobile masts.

51/19 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Cheque no 320 for £36.00 to GeoXphere (mapping software) and already signed was approved.
- c) D/D of £35.00 to the Information Commissioner's Office (data protection) was noted.
- d) Cheque no 321 for £269.40 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) was approved and signed.

52/19 Planning Applications

Land to the south of Hazel Wood Farm, Flowers Lane 19/01765/FULLS (revised) - Change of use of land to a single gypsy plot. The Parish Council reviewed its response to this application following further information regarding the disposal of sewage being provided. The Council agreed that its original comments still stood since the additional information did not address the underlying problem of the site being on clay where soakaways are problematic and there being no all-year water course available.

53/19 Highways

- a) Despite the warning notice vehicles are still attempting to cross Botley's Ford and getting stuck. Cllr Stacey offered to investigate the acquisition of a sign stating that the ford was very deep and showing a half-submerged vehicle.
- b) Cllr Porter asked that the Clerk should establish who was responsible for the overhanging branches in Church Lane between Manor Farm and the ford over the Blackwater. The view was that there was probably not the required clearance.

54/19 AOB

The death of Adrian McConnel was noted. It was agreed that a condolence card should be sent to the family via the under-takers and a short piece placed in Horizon recognising the length of time he had farmed at Manor Farm and his long service as a parish councillor.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of Next Meeting

18th November 2019. In response to a query by the Chairman the Clerk stated that the budget for 2020-21 would be discussed at this meeting.