

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 16th March 2015

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)

AW Porter

Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)

1 member of the public

S Bowles

JPA Robson

Councillor RJ Perry (HCC)

N Curtis

CS Stacey

10/15 Apologies

11/15 *The minutes of the 19th January 2015 meeting were agreed and signed.*

12/15 Interests

No interests were declared.

13/15 Matters Arising

- a) Dimming of street lights at The Shoe Public House. The Highways Agency had responded that this was not deemed appropriate at the present: the lights are considered to be part of the traffic calming measures which local people have asked for at the site.
- b) Signs left behind by Contractors etc. If their location is reported to HCC they will be removed. There seems to be no system in place for collecting the signs after the work is complete.

14/15 Clerk's Report

By 1st April 2017 the Parish Council must have a pension scheme in place, despite it probably having no members. It was agreed that the Clerk would be the contact person for The Pension Regulator.

15/15 Public Open Space Provision

It was agreed that the response should be that we currently had no projects.

16/15 Consultations

The Parish Council had no comments to make on either the Draft Hampshire Countryside Access Plan or the TVBC Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

17/15 Delivery of Summonses by Email

It was agreed that this Council would continue to use paper delivered to the members' home addresses.

18/15 Use of Recording, Photography and Social Media at Meetings

- a) Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded the Standing Order 28.3 should be amended to conform with the current legislation: this was resolved.
- b) Cllr Bowles proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the proposed Protocol for the above should be adopted as an Annex to the Standing Orders: this was resolved.
- c) Concern regarding the above was expressed in that there was no way that the use of the recording could be controlled and that its spread to social media could result in Members, and or their property, being targeted by individuals opposed to the Member's views.

19/15 Transparency Code and Website

It was agreed that there was a need for the Council to have an easy to use website. Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that the Hugo Fox offering should be accepted: this was resolved.

20/15 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Cheques numbered 174 to 176 were approved and signed: £72 to HALC (Clerks' Conference); £25.65 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses); £252.81 to J Wright (Clerk's salary).

21/15 Planning Applications

- a) Garden walls at Manor Farm, Church Lane (TVBC ref: 15/00346 – 00349). It was agreed that these applications should all be "Supported"; the only visible walls from a public right of way would be an improvement over the dilapidated wood fence.
- b) The Drove, Sherfield English Road (TVBC ref: 15/00340/CLPS). It was agreed that the Parish Council had "No objection".

22/15 Urgent items

HALC is trying to put together a case for those areas so far left out of high speed broadband provision to be considered. The Clerk suggested that members measured their broadband speed and asked their neighbours to do the same and she would collate the results.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of Next Meeting

18th May 2015