

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 16th September 2013

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
JPA Robson

N Curtis
CS Stacey

31/13 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Trimmer.

32/13 *The minutes of the July 2013 meeting were agreed and signed.*

33/13 Interests

No interests were declared.

34/13 Co-option of New Member

Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that Mrs J Robson should be op-opted onto the Council: this was resolved. The Responsible Officer witnessed Mrs Robson signing her Acceptance of Office.

35/13 PC Vernon Gook

- a) He reported that there had been a series of dwellings burglaries in the Ampfield area.
- b) This is the time of year when oil thieves become active and the police would be speaking with oil companies to draw their attention to the fact that the thieves seem to know when a delivery has been made. Oil theft is the main concern in the winter.

36/13 Clerk's Report

The Clerk observed that the Co-op Bank, which owns 30% of the Council's bank, is in financial difficulties.

37/13 Members' Reports

The Folk Festival which was held at Powell's Farm had been a success and had generated no complaints.

37/13 Consultations

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had just become aware of the consultation by DCLG entitled "Greater Flexibilities for Change of Use". She was asked to draft a response.

38/13 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Cheques numbered 149 and 150 were approved and signed: £244.74 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) and £122.40 to Post Office Ltd (PAYE).
- c) The Direct Debit to the Information Commissioner's Office of £35.00 was noted.
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Porter and seconded by Cllr Curtis that the nationally agreed pay increase of 1% should be awarded to the Clerk: this was resolved.
- e) It was noted that the Annual Return (external audit) had been approved.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 18th November 2013

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