

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)  
AW Porter

S Bowles  
JPA Robson

N Curtis  
CS Stacey

#### **62/17 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr CD Sweetman.

**63/17** *The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **64/17 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **65/17 Matters Arising**

- a) The Clerk had made enquiries regarding the Lengthsman Scheme and the difficulty in finding a lead parish council within a reasonable distance. HCC had responded with one option which was for this Parish Council to be a lone council but willing to accept others if further funds became available.
- b) This was thought to be a possible option but it would be necessary to identify a possible contractor. The Clerk was asked to explore this option further.

#### **66/17 Finance**

- a) The Risk Assessment was reviewed. Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that the Assessment was reasonable: this was resolved.
- b) The Budget Control Report has been circulated previously.
- c) Cheque no. 286 for £28.00 to Getmapping Plc (mapping software) which had already been signed was approved.
- d) Cheques nos. 287-289: £48.00 to HALC (seminar on new Audit Regime); £257.77 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £31.05 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses plus stationery reimbursement) were approved and signed.
- e) The 2017-18 budget was considered: the only point of discussion was the grant to the Village Hall. It was agreed that the grant should cover the cost of the floor varnish (~£150) since one of the S.137 budget items was not likely to be fully required.
- f) Cllr Bowles proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the draft budget, with the inclusion of a potential grant to the Village Hall of £100, should be approved: this was resolved.
- g) Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that the precept should be held at £3200 for 2018-19: this was resolved.
- h) Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr Porter seconded that the staffing element of the Transparency Fund grant should be paid to the Clerk to cover her work in creating and maintaining the website: this was resolved.

#### **67/17 Planning Applications**

- a) Bowles Farm, Sherfield English Lane (TVBC ref: 17/02680/RES) – erection of detached annexe. It was agreed that the response should be "Support".
- b) 6 Purley Way (NFNPA ref:17/00897) – single storey rear and side extension; render (demolition of existing side extension). It was agreed that the response should be "Recommend permission but happy to leave it to the officer" with the following comments:  
"The proposed changes will provide better living accommodation and the result will be more appropriate to the house. As far as can be judged by the Parish Council there will be no impact on anyone."

**68/17 AOB**

- a) The red oak on the A36 near the Village Hall was discussed. As it was planted as a commemoration tree the view of the meeting was that a plaque to that effect should be provided. It was agreed that the plaque should take the form of those provided at the Village Hall for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with the same words as on the plaque by the tree on Plaitford Common.
- b) It was noted that the mud on Giles Lane at either side of the ford had been cleaned away and it was suggested that an email of thanks should be sent to New Forest Leafy Salads.
- c) It was noted that the hedge bounding the field opposite the churchyard had again been trimmed back and it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the owner.

*Meeting closed at 8.30pm*

**Date of Next Meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2018