

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 12th March 2018

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)	N Curtis	AW Porter
CS Stacey	CD Sweetman	
Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)	Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC)	

11/18 Apologies

- a) Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowles and Robson.
- b) Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that Cllr Robson's reason for absence should be approved: this was resolved.

12/18 *The minutes of the 15th January 2018 meeting were agreed and signed.*

13/18 Interests

No interests were declared

14/18 TVBC Councillors' Reports

- a) Cllr Bailey reported that the TVBC element of the Council tax had increased by around £5 per month for a Band D dwelling.
- b) Cllr Adams-King reported that a review of the National Planning Policy Framework was now out for consultation. Although the relationship between average house prices and average wages in the area was to be included in the calculation of housing need preliminary calculations suggested this would have negligible impact in Test Valley.
- c) The actions of some developers to acquire planning consent for a development but then deliver the number of dwellings very slowly (land-banking) is also included in the consultation.

15/18 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that unless instructed further by the Council she had abandoned the task of trying to take part in the HCC Lengthsman Scheme. She then outlined the scheme operated by Wiltshire Council to address the same issues: from her experience as Clerk to Landford Parish Council she was able to confirm that the Wiltshire Council scheme was far superior.

16/18 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Document List had informed the meeting that it was possible to vote in the election of a chairman for the New Forest Consultative Panel even if the Parish Council could not send a representative to the meeting. The Parish Council decided that it did wish to exercise its vote and considered the information provided by the 3 candidates. The candidate preferred by the Parish Council was agreed unanimously and the Clerk was instructed to inform the Secretariat accordingly.

17/18 Members' Reports

- a) Cllr N Curtis reported that he had attended the information day organised by the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project which he had found most interesting. He circulated details of various non-native plants and the relevant legislation relating to invasive non-native plants. The Clerk was asked to print the details of the documentation for other members as the documents were very ink intensive.
- b) Cllr Curtis also offered to send a copy of the Powerpoint presentation which is a very large file to the Clerk.

18/18 General Data Protection Regulations

There is still much uncertainty regarding the actions the Parish Council needs to take but it was agreed that as a first step all Parish Council email communications between councillors and/or the public should cc the Clerk so that there is a single repository for all such emails.

19/18 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Cllr Porter proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that as the turnover for 2017-18 was less than £25k and the anticipated turnover for and 2018-19 was also less than £25k this Council could self-certify that it is an Exempt Authority from the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015: this was resolved.
- c) Cllr Sweetman proposed and Cllr K Cutis seconded that the Council should purchase the 10th Edition of "Local Council Administration" as the 8th edition did not include all current legislation: this was agreed.
- d) A BACS debit of £18 to Unity Trust Bank (standing charge) paid at the end of December 2017 was noted.
- e) Cheques numbered 294 and 295 were approved and signed: £113.30 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses plus reimbursement); £257.77 to J Wright (Clerk's salary).

20/18 Planning Applications

- 5 Purley Way (NFNPA ref: 18/00183) – replacement of flat roof single storey structure by a new single storey rear and side extension to complement that of the adjoining property for which planning consent has already been granted – it was agreed that the Parish Council's recommendation should be the same as for No.6 (the adjoining property) which was to "Recommend permission but willing to accept the decision of the officer". The following comment was included:
- "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."

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of Next Meeting

21st May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (starting at 7.00pm)

21st May 2018 AGM of the Parish Council (to follow contiguously from the Annual Parish Meeting)