

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 17th September 2023

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
CS Stacey

PJ Cross

41/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Curtis, G Bailey (TVBC) and N Adams-King (TVBC, HCC)

42/23 *The minutes of the 7th August 2023 meeting were agreed and signed.*

43/23 Interests

No interests were declared.

43/23 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

44/23 Planning Applications

- a) **Land At, Bowers Farm, Pound Lane** (TVBC ref: 23/02114/FULLS) - Demolish outbuildings, convert barn to garage and erect 3 single storey bungalows. The Council were agreed that the response should simply be “No objection”.
- b) **The Paddock Wellow Wood Road** (TVBC ref: 23/01752/FULLS) - Extension of gypsy/traveller site, requiring change of use of land to facilitate the creation of 2 gypsy/traveller pitches comprising 1 mobile home and 1 touring caravan, and one dayroom per pitch, alongside formation of permeable hardstanding. The response to this should be “Object” due to the number of gypsy pitches already in the area relative to the settled community.

45/23 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reported that the Community Fibre Project was finally complete: she was instructed to write to Mr and Mrs Kellett-Clarke thanking them for their effort and persistence in achieving this.

46/24 Members’ Reports

- a) Cllr Stacey reported that the footpath on the Common side of Botley’s Ford was gradually falling into the stream and the National Trust needs to be informed.
- b) Cllr Cross reported that the NFNPA session she and Cllr Porter had attended had discussed the National Permitted Development Rights. Concern had been expressed that unlike existing PDRs the new proposals would also apply within national parks and would enable uncontrolled development which was likely be to the detriment of the special characteristics of the area which the national park classification was intended to protect. The various national parks were collaborating in their response to the consultation.

47/23 Consultations

The proposed changes to the National Permitted Development Rights were of concern since they would permit too much development with no control and no opportunity for the views of local residents and the parish council to be taken into consideration.

48/23 Parish Council's Website

After some consideration of the various options it was agreed that HugoFox should still be used as the provider.

49/23 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) It was noted that the second instalment of the precept had not yet been received.
- c) D/D and BACS already paid: £35.00 to Information Commissioner's Office (data protection); £18.00 to Unity Trust (bank charges) collected 30 June 2023; £76.20 to HMRC (PAYE) for the first quarter of 2023-24, collected 24 July 2023 were noted and approved.
- d) BACS payment for authorisation: £305.50 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) was approved.
- e) Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Bowls seconded that Cllr K Curtis should be removed from the banking signatory list: this was resolved.
- f) Cllr Cross proposed and Cllr Porter seconded that all other councillors shall remain banking signatories: this was resolved.
- g) Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded that the banking authorisation shall be changed to three signatories: this was resolved.
- h) Cllr Porter proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the Clerk shall be a signatory: this was resolved.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

20th November 2023 at 7.30 pm in the New Forest Post Production Studio. (This was later changed to Plaitford Village Hall.)