

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 16th March 2020 and by various means afterwards

Present

CS Stacey (Chairman) N Curtis
Two members of the public

11/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs RJ Perry (HCC), G Bailey (TVBC), N Adams-King (TVBC), K Curtis, JPA Robson and AW Porter.

12/20 Community FTTP

Mr and Mrs R Kellett-Clarke gave an update of their communications with OpenReach. OpenReach had used computer modelling to produce an estimate of £138k for 97 properties. This demonstrated “garbage in = garbage-out” since 21 of the addresses didn’t exist or were not part of the proposed scheme, whereas one address which was not included “because it was the other side of the yellow line”. It was not possible to change the data the computer was working with. Mr Kellett-Clarke is intending to ask for a quotation in the hope of receiving more sensible information.

13/20 16th March 2020 meeting was then declared inquorate

- a) Before a replacement meeting was convened the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the prohibition of all meetings.
- b) Cllrs K Curtis, N Curtis and CS Stacey held telephone conversations to complete the essential items of business. Cheques were signed by being posted through letterboxes.

14/20 *The minutes of the 20th January 2020 meeting had been circulated in January and no comments had been received it was therefore assumed that all Councillors agreed with the Minutes, which were signed by Cllr K Curtis (Chairman).*

15/20 Interests

No interests were declared.

16/20 Clerk’s Report

- a) Hugo Fox (the website provider) has stated that the website will be fully compliant regarding accessibility by the deadline in September.
- b) Confirmation of re-declaration of compliance has been received from the Pension Regulator.

17/20 Members’ Reports

Cllr N Curtis reported that the arrangements for the New Forest Folk Festival were currently progressing as planned.

18/20 Cllr Robson’s Reason for Absence

The reason, which cannot be publicly recorded due to GDPR, had already been promulgated to all other members. Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that Cllr Robson’s absence should be approved: this was resolved.

19/20 Possible Arrangements for the AGM in May

This was deferred awaiting advice.

20/20 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was circulated either as a hard copy or by email to all members. This included all known expenses at the time of production (mid-March) and also a provisional report for the full financial year.
- b) Cheques numbered 327-330: £40.23 to J Wright (reimbursement + expenses); £269.40 to J Wright (salary); £6.30 to CS Stacey (expenses); £6.30 to CS Stacey (expenses) were approved and signed.

21/20 Planning Applications

Sagres, Flowers Lane (TVBC ref: 20/00282/CLES) - Application for a lawful development certificate for existing occupation of property without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition. The response of "No comment" was made by the Clerk under delegated powers.

Date of Next Meeting

Provisionally set at 18th May 2020 in Plaitford Village Hall