

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 31st July 2017

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
JPA Robson

N Curtis
CS Stacey

AW Porter
CD Sweetman

43/17 Apologies

No apologies were received.

44/17 The minutes of the 26th June 2017 meeting were agreed and signed.

45/17 Interests

Cllr Robson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 52/17 since she had responded in a personal capacity as a neighbour. She took no part in the discussion of this item.

46/17 Matters Arising

The belated apologies from Cllr Bailey (TVBC) were noted.

47/17 Clerk's Report

Information regarding HCC's Draft Fly-tipping Strategy had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, but too late for the Agenda. It was agreed that this item should be discussed under Urgent Items.

48/17 Members' Reports

Cllr K Curtis reported that he had noted some parishes had a public noticeboard in a prominent location where forthcoming events (non-commercial and non-ongoing) could be advertised. It was agreed that the possibility of such a noticeboard for the Village Hall should be raised with the Village Hall Committee.

49/17 Consultations

It was agreed that factual element of the survey could be completed but the questions relating to contributing to a "Sounding Board" should be ignored.

50/17 Parish Lengthsman Scheme

No information had been received at this point in time.

51/17 Finance

- a) The bid for funding from the Transparency Fund was approved.
- b) The Budget Control Report was received.
- c) D/D of £64.40 to HMRC (PAYE) and £18.00 to Unity Trust Bank (standing charge) were noted.
- d) Cheques numbered 283 and 284: £257.77 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £57.69 to J Wright (reimbursement for external hard drive and expenses).

52/17 Planning Application

Bowles Farm, Sherfield English Lane (TVBC ref: 17/01430) – outline application to replace a pole barn with an annexe. It was agreed that the response should be: Support in principle.

53/17 Urgent Items

The Parish Council was disappointed that the Draft Fly-tipping Strategy made no effort to address the primary drivers of fly-tipping which had been established by the National Fly-tipping Prevention Group. It was suggested that greater use should be made of the power to crush offenders' vehicles. It was noted that fly-tipping in France is not an issue and that waste disposal sites are easily accessible and are free.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Date of Next Meeting

18th September 2017