

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 26th July 2021

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
CS Stacey

N Curtis (for part of meeting)

Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC)
3 members of the Public (for
part of the meeting)

32/21 *The Clerk asked that if anyone tests positive for COVID soon after the meeting that they let her know so that she can inform others at the meeting and the Village Hall Management.*

33/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor G Bailey (TVBC).

34/21 *The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council minutes of the 4th May 2021 meeting were agreed and signed.*

35/21 Interests

No interests were declared.

36/21 Matters Arising

Although not Parish Council business the Clerk informed the meeting that the future of Plaitford Church was looking more secure now that parishioners had become aware of the situation.

37/21 Member's Report by Cllr Adams-King

- a) The broadband top-up scheme has been approved and he will chase the production of a formal statement for Openreach.
- b) September is the target date for borough councillors to receive a list of where TVBC Planning Dept believes there are gypsy sites. TVBC is also working towards a new Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment Needs but this is likely to take to the end of the year at the earliest.
- c) HWRCs are keeping the booking system but the one visit per week limit is expected to be lifted in August.

38/21 Planning Application

Old Oaks Farm, Purley Way (NFNPA ref: 21/00667) – field to the east of Purley Way - replacement of agricultural building. The main concern of the Parish Council was that farm vehicles towing a trailer would not be clear of the A36 when they stopped to open the gate. Following discussion with the applicant it was agreed that this could be resolved by the entrance being set back into the field. It was agreed that the response should be “Recommend permission but accept the officer’s decision” subject to a request that the entrance is set back. The Parish Council understands that the following is a standard condition but it has requested it for the avoidance of doubt: that a new planning application shall be required for any change of use in the future, for example if the barn becomes redundant.

39/21 Cllr N Curtis and two members of the public then left.

40/21 Consultations

- a) HCC is consulting on proposed travel improvements. The Clerk offered to forward the email to anyone who wished to respond.
- b) Southern Water is consulting in its Drought Plan. The Clerk offered to forward the link to anyone who wished to respond.

41/21 Finance

- a) The RFO reported that the AGAR documents had been displayed on the noticeboards for the requisite time. The Certificate of Exemption has been sent and its receipt confirmed.
- b) The Budget Control Report was received.
- c) Income of £33.93 (VAT refund) was noted.
- d) Direct debits: £18.00 to Unity Trust (bank charges); £69.00 to HMRC (PAYE) were noted.
- e) Cheque 348 already signed: £218.96 to Zurich Insurance (insurance) was approved
- f) It was proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by Cllr K Curtis to continue the membership of CPRE: this was agreed. Cheque no. 352 for £36.00 was approved.
- g) It was agreed that a replacement cheque (no. 350) for £202.42 favour of HALC (membership) should be issued.
- h) Cheques nos. 349 and 351 were approved and signed: £276.70 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £36.00 to GeoXsphere Ltd (mapping software).

42/21 AOB & Urgent Items

- a) Cllr Stacey asked what progress had been made towards getting a tree plaque for the commemorative red oak. This matter had been over-looked. Cllr Stacey agreed to provide a photograph of the required sign; the Clerk and Cllr Bowles agreed to then work together to create the plaque and post.
- b) Cllr K Curtis observed that vehicles were ignoring the sign at Botley's Ford and getting stuck. He offered to produce the artwork for a more imposing sign.
- c) The Clerk reminded members that next year was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and it was agreed that the Parish Council would follow the lead of the Village Hall Committee.

43/21 Co-option

Mrs PJ Cross had indicated an interest in joining Parish Council and it was agreed that she should be co-opted. This did not require a motion requesting members of the public to leave as none were still present.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of Next Meeting

20th September 2021 at 7.30pm in Plaitford Village Hall