

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)

AW Porter

Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)

S Bowles

JPA Robson

N Curtis

CS Stacey

#### **64/15 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr RJ Perry (HCC).

**65/15** *The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **66/15 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **67/15 Members' Reports**

a) Cllr Bailey had attended the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting last week.

b) The Project Manager from the National Grid had spoken about putting power lines underground:

- the cables are buried up to 4m below ground
- to cope with the heating effect the cables are very large and need to be spaced well apart
- if they cross oil pipelines they need to be 2m away.

c) This makes the work very expensive. The section at Hale Purlieu is 4km and will remove 11 pylons at a cost of £50m. Although Plaitford Common was high on the priority list the additional cost associated with crossing the oil and water mains resulted in its not being selected.

#### **68/15 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that she had had no response from St Edward's School regarding the erection of a Parish Council noticeboard by the lake in Melchet Park. It was suggested that she should approach the owners of Greenvale Farm at the other side of the track.

#### **69/15 Consultations**

It was agreed that responses to the Draft Strategy for the Future of Hampshire Library Service and the Draft Hampshire Walking Strategy should be made individually if anyone was interested.

#### **70/15 Queen's Birthday Party**

Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that the Parish Council would contribute £200.00 to the entertainments: this was resolved.

#### **71/15 Finance**

a) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that the Revised Financial Regulations should be adopted: this was resolved.

b) The Financial Risk assessment was reviewed and approved.

c) The Draft Budget for 2016-17 was considered. It was agreed that the s.137 item should be increased to £300 to allow for possible additional expenses relating to the Queen's Birthday Party. It was noted that the Draft Budget proposed setting the precept at £3000. Cllr N Curtis proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that the revised Draft Budget, with the precept remaining at £3000, should be approved: this was resolved.

- d) The Budget Control was received.
- e) D/D of £126.40 to HMRC (PAYE payment) was noted.
- f) Cheque number 252 to J Wright for £252.61 (Clerk's salary) was approved and signed.

### **72/15 Planning**

It was noted that the shop and post office at Sherfield English was moving to a location in Branches Lane.

### **73/15 AOB**

Concern was expressed at the amount of mud on the road between the exit from New Forest Leafy Salads fields and the ford. It was also noted that the road surface in this area was disintegrating.

*Meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

### **Date of Next Meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

*Date sent*

*Councillors 19-11-2015*

*Everyone else*

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