

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 14th March 2016

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)	N Curtis	AW Porter
JPA Robson	CS Stacey	
Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)	Cllr S Arnold	

Two “strangers” attended for part or all of the meeting.

14/16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Bowles.

15/16 *The minutes of the 18th January 2016 meeting were agreed and signed.*

16/16 Interests

No interests were declared.

17/16 Members’ Reports

- a) Cllr Bailey informed the meeting that the site opposite the village hall had been suggested as a possibility for housing development by the land-owner. The Parish Council would need to see details of any proposals before forming a judgement but it was not opposed in principle.
- b) Cllr Arnold, the parish councils’ representative for the NE Quadrant at the NPA, introduced herself and gave a report of the NPA for 2015-16. The following items had not been already reported to the Parish Council: the NPA is a full signatory to the Hampshire & IOW devolution bid: there is Shipwrights’ School at Bucklers Hard which provides training in ancient woodworking techniques for ship-building; the planning pages on the web have been modified to facilitate viewing from tablets or mobile phones; 7 of the 10 appeals determined have been dismissed. The detailed report can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or viewed on the Parish Council’s website (www.plaitford.org.uk).
- c) Cllr Porter reported that he had had discussions regarding the vacancy.

18/16 Queen’s Birthday Party

Mrs Cuell reported that plans were underway but that the planning group was seeking a volunteer from the Parish Council to help: Cllr Stacey observed that since his wife was already a member of the group he would be involved anyway; Cllr Robson then volunteered to help.

19/16 Matters Arising

Cllr Robson reported that although some people had cleaned and litter-picked their agreed sections well (Church Lane, including the ford, and Sherfield English Lane) others had conveniently “forgotten” or been “too busy” to do their sections. TVBC were to be congratulated on the speed with which they had collected the large items left on the verge, and in some cases, still in the ditch: their staff had been particularly helpful and accommodating.

20/16 Clerk’s Report

- a) The Clerk has registered herself (again) as the main contact for the auto-enrolment pension scheme.
- b) The Clerk drew Members’ attentions to the planning training sessions being offered by the NPA.
- c) Some progress has been made towards getting some of the pot-holes in the parish filled.

21/16 Consultations

The consultation regarding Bell Street in Romsey was noted.

22/16 Finance

- a) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr Porter seconded that: Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council is an exempt authority from the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 because neither its gross receipts nor its gross payments exceed £25k: this was resolved.
- b) The Budget Control Report was received.
- c) Income of £1.63 from Unity Trust Bank (interest) was noted.
- d) Cheques numbered 256-257: £11.08 to J Wright (re-imbursement + expenses): £252.81 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) were approved and signed.

23/16 AOB

Cllr N Curtis formally notified the Parish Council of the forthcoming Folk Festival at Powells Farm.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 16th May 2016 starting at 7.00 pm.

The Parish Council meeting (and AGM) will follow on from this.