

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Newman (in the Chair), Dracott, Taylor, Whatman & Mills

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bell and three members of the public

Cllr Newman opened the Meeting by reporting the death of Mr. Cyril Hoad, who had cleaned the Pluckley bus shelter for many years

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Breach

2 Declarations of Interests in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2019 were agreed and signed

4 Public discussion and Parishioners Questions

There was a discussion with Pluckley School Head, Mrs. Smith and Parent Governor Vicki Carmichael regarding the appointment of an Appointed (other) Governor for Pluckley Primary School. Cllr Newman stated that this would be fully discussed and that he would get back to them soon. Cllr Newman thanked them both for attending the meeting

The other member of the public asked about the demolished 30mph sign on Station Road. The Clerk stated that this had been reported to KCC Highways previously but that he would chase this up

Clerk

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Newman noted that his report was covered elsewhere on the agenda

6 Planning & Enforcement

Planning applications

19/00169 & 19/00177 – Demolition of former agricultural Atcost building used as vehicle repair workshop and erection of new detached dwelling. Temporary mobile home for personal occupation for three years to enable construction of new workshop

Alex Autos, Chambers Green Farm, Dowle Street Road

It was agreed that the Parish Council would comment on this application – present evolution of the Neighbourhood Plan is such that the Council is currently unable to support the proposal. However, it was noted that the scale and design of the proposed dwelling was reasonable and would be preferable to the conversion of the existing Atcost building. It was unclear if the proposed dwelling was tied to the motor repair business on the same site

19/00061 – Installation of dropped kerb to allow vehicle access across footpath
27 Thorne Estate

It was agreed to support the application provided the hedge along the frontage to the right of the property was retained

19/00213 & 19/00215 – Proposed alterations to north elevation of kitchen to incorporate sliding door; erection of close board fence alongside bridleway

Saracens Cottage, Surrenden Road

It was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the proposal to erect close board fencing as shown on the plan. The Council would be content with fencing that is visually appropriate to the rural setting such as picket fencing or post and rail fencing. The Council supports the planting of a native species hedge

19/00212 – Conversion of stable block into hobby room and studio with gym shower and kitchenette

Saracens Cottage, Surrenden Road

It was agreed that the Parish Council unanimously objects to this application – the development has aspects of a dwelling which would not be approved under either the Local Plan or the Neighbourhood Plan. It places habitable development into a small field where such development would be inappropriate

19/00235 – Replacement of fire damaged buildings and reconfiguration of livestock buildings
Stanford Bridge Farm, Station Road

It was agreed that the Parish Council should comment on this application – the application does not give any detail about any planned expansion of the business. A primary concern would be any increase in heavy farm traffic. For example, if the farm is expanding and intensifying its livestock activity will that entail increased slurry disposal or increase inward traffic of fodder and if so how much

7 Ashford BC Report

Cllr Bell presented her monthly report – ABC's Local Plan 2030 had been adopted. Clair also pledged money from her Ward Member Grant towards a new gate for the Recreation Ground for which she was thanked.

8 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501517 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501519 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501520 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	453.04
Cheque No 501521 British Legion, wreath	18.50
Cheque No 501522 KCC, site visits/ meetings re Brickwork's nature reserve	600.00
Cheque No 501523 Commercial Services, grounds maintenance	1564.01
Cheque No 501524, SE Water Choice, water bill	25.94

Risk Assessment

The annual Risk Assessment Tool previously circulated by the Clerk was fully discussed. It was agreed that in future the Clerk should back up all documents onto two memory sticks. A change was also agreed relating to the safety checks of the children's play area. The Risk Assessment Tool was approved. The Clerk was asked to load this document onto the Parish website

Clerk

9 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Cllr Newman reported that it would be possible to review elements of the NP rather than the entire NP. It was agreed that a review should be commenced within the next 12-18 months

10 Traffic and Highways including Speed Watch

Cllr Newman reported on the meeting held on 13th Feb with Kent Highways regarding Village Gateways – it was hoped that these would further discourage speeding motorists. There was a discussion about where these Village Gateways might be best located and KCC undertook to survey the proposed locations. It was expected the total cost would be approx. £3000

11 Village Hall

Cllr Whatman reported that the door had been fixed and only the ramp was outstanding

Cllr Newman suggested that the Village Hall would benefit from the introduction of Wi-Fi in the lounge area/meeting room bringing many benefits including a home workers hub. Cllr Newman proposed that the Council pays for the installation of the Wi-Fi for the initial

contract period (probably 18 months). It was agreed that this should be raised with the Village Hall Committee

Cllr Newman

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman circulated figures comparing the grounds maintenance quotes received from Commercial Services and Aspire. It was unanimously agreed to accept the Aspire quote as they were offering the best mix of cuts at the cheapest price. Cllr Whatman was given authorisation to sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllr Whatman

13 Communications

Cllr Newman stated that the next edition of Communicate would be published by the end of March and would be the Annual Report

14 Pluckley School Governing Body

There was a further discussion regarding the School Governor vacancy and interest was expressed by two Cllrs. It was agreed that this should be considered again at the next Meeting

15 Clerk's Report

There was nil of note to report

16 Correspondence

Monthly crime report received from PCSO

Letter from Rosamond Rowan (pond warden) re tree safety checks – it was agreed that the Clerk should scan the letter and presentation to the Cllrs for review

Clerk

Email from ABC re Local Council elections on 2nd May

Notice from ABC - Local Plan 2030 has been adopted

17 To approve the General Privacy Notice and GDPR Consent Form

There was a full discussion of the previously circulated General Privacy Notice and the GDPR Consent form. Various amendments were agreed to the Privacy Notice and both documents approved. The Clerk was asked to load these onto the Parish website

Clerk

18 Replacement Christmas Tree lights

Cllr Whatman undertook to bring quotes to the April Meeting

Cllr Whatman

19 Diary: Meetings and Events

There was nil of note

20 AOB and items for future consideration

Cllrs Taylor & Dracott reported on a recent meeting with Southeastern/ Network Rail regarding their plans for the Old Coal Yard and the urgent need for more car parking in the vicinity of the Station. Cllr Taylor undertook to circulate detailed notes of the meeting

Cllr Taylor

21 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm