

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd September 2019 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

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

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mills

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 2nd July 2019 were agreed and signed

4 Public discussion and Parishioners Questions

The members of the public wished to discuss the revised drawings submitted for planning application **18/01059 – Parsonage Cottage**, Station Road – construction of two 3-bed chalet dwellings with garaging and associated landscaping. A number of objections were discussed – poor sightlines, increased traffic at a dangerous junction, loss of a designated green space and site cannot be considered a 'windfall' site.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report is covered elsewhere in the Minutes

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning application

19/00985 – installation of wood burning stove, flue liner and chimney pot
Ragstones, New House Lane

It was agreed there were no objections to this application

There was a full discussion regarding revised drawings for planning application **18/01059 – Parsonage Cottage, Station Road** – construction of two 3-bed chalet dwellings with garaging and associated landscaping. It was unanimously agreed to object to the application as it was contrary to Ashford's Local Plan and Pluckley's Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that Highways did not object to the revisions. ABC Cllr Bell offered to attend the Planning Committee to object to the application if the officers approved it under delegated powers

Clerk

7 Ashford BC Report

ABC Cllr Bell outlined work being undertaken by ABC to combat fly tipping and spoke about the Borough's recycling initiative

8 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501569 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501570 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501571 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	461.00
Cheque No 501572 Keith Edwards, building work	650.00
Cheque No 501574 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	312.00
Cheque No 501573 EDF Energy, Pavilion electricity	76.39

It was noted that the following cheques were approved for payment in August

Cheque No 501562 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501561 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501563 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	441.00
Cheque No 501564 Printington.com, printing Communicate	161.00
Cheque No 501565 M Newman, delivering Communicate	50.00
Cheque No 501566 D Breach, delivering Communicate	50.00
Cheque No 501567 Play Safety, RoSPA report	103.20
Cheque No 501568 KCC, white gates survey/report	519.00

Finance Report 1st April – 30th June 2019

The previously circulated Finance Report for the period 1st April - 30th June 2019 was discussed and the balance in hand noted. The Report was approved

9 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Cllr Newman reported that:

The Steering Group had met to review the NP and had made recommendations as to which sections of the NP should be revised. These recommendations were discussed and agreed. These included defining the Settlement Areas more closely, add more Green Spaces, not to

add any new housing and to update about developments at the Village Hall

Cllr Newman had also written to Riverwood asking for an update on the Brickworks development and noted that two of the four homes at Lambden Oaks are now occupied.

It was noted that the new owners of Thorne Yard have sought to remove some of the conditions applied to the approval. These mostly relate to landscaping/trees. ABC had refused

Cllr Dracott updated the meeting on a recent email received from Network Rail confirming that no decision had been made to dispose of the former coal yard and suggesting that there would probably be a delay of around a year before a decision is reached. It was agreed to arrange a further meeting to discuss

Cllr Dracott

10 Traffic and Highways including Speed Watch

Cllr Newman reported that he had chased Highways regarding the white gates

Cllr Whatman mentioned 30 mph stickers to be placed on refuse bins and it was generally agreed that these might help to reduce speeding. Cllr Whatman kindly offered to buy a supply of these stickers

Cllr Whatman

11 Village Hall (VH)

The email from the VH Committee regarding their broadband preference was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council was content with their choice. The Clerk was asked to reply asking the VH Committee to place an order for installing the broadband and to invoice the Parish Council 6-monthly or annually

Clerk

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that there had been a problem with illegally parked cars at the Recreation Ground although these had since been removed. The recent RoSPA report had been reviewed and all highlighted actions had been completed

13 The 'Pluckley Bash'

It was generally agreed that the 'Pluckley Bash' had been very successful and it was hoped that the event would go ahead again next year

14 Communications

There was nil of note to report

15 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had just received the 2018/2019 Internal Audit Report - he will circulate to Cllrs and agenda for the October 2019 Meeting

Clerk

16 Correspondence

Email from ABC Cllr Brendan Chilton Leader of Ashford Labour Party requesting he be sent PC Meeting papers. It was agreed to direct Cllr Chilton to the website to find agendas, Minutes and the Neighbourhood Plan. It was also agreed to invite him to a Parish Council Meeting

Clerk

ABC Year Book 2019/2020

Letter re footpath at Shiplands Corner – Cllrs Whatman & Breach had kindly offered to investigate and try and resolve

Cllrs Whatman & Breach

Monthly update from PCSO

ABC Leaders briefings – bin contamination and fly tipping

Email re 2020/2021 Precept requirement – it was agreed that The Clerk would draft figures to be considered at the December Meeting

Clerk

RoSPA play area inspection report

Email from Parishioner re speeding cars in Station Road

17 Diary: Meetings and Events

There was nil of note to report

18 AOB and items for future consideration

There was a discussion about restarting the 'Villager of the Year' nomination and it was agreed that Cllr Newman would write a piece for the next edition of Communicate

Cllr Newman

It was noted that a number of Parishioners had commented that Mr. Fisher the Station Master was always very helpful and was doing an excellent job. It was agreed to write to Mr. Fisher thanking him for his hard work and efforts

Clerk

19 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tues 1st October 2019 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm