

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd March 2020 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council and 5 members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from ABC Cllr Bell

2 Declarations of Cllrs 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 4th February 2020 were agreed and signed

4 Public discussion and Parishioners Questions

One member of the public spoke about his planning application 20/00146 at Kiln Plat and various issues were discussed

One member of the public outlined the events planned for the VE Day celebrations on 8th May. It was agreed to make a donation of £300 towards the celebrations

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report is covered elsewhere in the Minutes

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

20/00146 – erection of 2 detached outbuildings as hobbies room and home office
Kiln Plat, Surrenden Road

It was agreed that there were no objections to the hobbies room. In terms of the home office whilst the Council generally supports home working the Council is concerned that the proposed office should not become an independent dwelling at a future date which would be contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council also questions whether the office building requires a change of use. If ABC approved the application conditions should be imposed to prevent the outbuilding becoming a separate residence at a future date and to define the permitted traffic, parking and footfall for the scale of the proposed building

20/00214 – change of use of land to residential to include track refurbishment to provide access and parking to serve the dwelling granted approval under 18/00648
Giles Farm, The Pinnock

It was noted that this application was approved by ABC today

20/00196 – two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension
The Nook, Station Road

The Parish Council agreed to object – the mass of the proposed extension, particularly the elevation seen from the north, both the gable and the continued roof line to the west, would reduce light to the neighbouring property. Also the rearward single storey extension into the garden which contained a south facing window risks overlooking the neighbour to the south

20/00220 – retrospective change of use of garage block to sui generis mixed use of 'ancillary accommodation and B&B let'
The Pond House, Station Road

The Parish Council had no objections to this application

20/00165 – prior approval for change of use of agricultural building and land to one residential dwelling and associated operational development
Land known as Dering Farm, Green Hill Lane, Egerton

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the application

20/0200 – variation to condition 5 of the planning permission 19/00801 – to retain existing yew hedge along the boundary with the street and its future maintenance at a height no lower than 1.5m
Lantarna, The Pinnock

The Parish Council unanimously objects to this latest attempt to avoid the conditions imposed and urges that the application is refused and the condition enforced. The condition of a hedge at least 1.5m height would allow a quantum of greenery to soften the adverse impact of the dwelling

Decided Planning applications

19/01386 – demolition of redundant buildings and to erect 4 dwellings with new access
The Hollies, Munday Bois

REFUSED

7 Ashford BC Report

There was no report from ABC Cllr Bell

8 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501610 M Whatman, glow sticks	25.80
Cheque No 501612 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501611 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501613 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	461.00
Cheque No 501614 EDF Energy, electricity at Pavilion	33.58
Cheque No 501615 Wealden Wheels, donation	500.00

To consider a donation to Wealden Wheels

The recent request from Wealden Wheels for a donation was considered. It was agreed to make a donation of £500

9 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Cllr Newman reported that a meeting was held with the Brickworks developer to view the new site plan and housing finishes. The 'overage' issue on the Field 1 to be transferred was discussed. A revised application is expected imminently

10 Traffic and Highways including Speed Watch

Cllr Newman reported that he had circulated an outline Highways Improvement Plan for consideration and this was discussed. It was agreed that a separate meeting should be convened to progress this piece of work

Cllr Newman also reported that a survey of the parking situation at the station was in hand as a precursor to approaching ABC/KCC/Network Rail

11 Village Hall (VH)

There was nil of note to report

12 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the ground works around the 'Kissing Gate' should be completed within the next two weeks

Cllr Whatman also reported on parking problems at the recreation ground and related issues. It was agreed that Cllr Whatman would contact ABC Cllr Bell regarding this

Cllr Whatman

There was a general discussion regarding the issue of the inspection of Parish Council owned trees. The Recreation Ground contractors had offered to provide a comprehensive report for the Council for £200. This was approved

Cllr Whatman

It was agreed that a Working Group comprising Cllrs Whatman Dracott & Breach be set up to consider possible other uses for the Pavilion giving that it is now rarely used

Cllrs Whatman Dracott & Breach

13 Communications

Cllr Newman reported that contributions from the various parish societies had been sought for the Annual Report due to be published at the end March

14 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had recently submitted the VAT refund claim for £1406 and it was hoped that this would be refunded into this year's accounts

15 Great British spring clean

After a discussion it was agreed that the spring clean would take place on Sat 28th March. Cllr Whatman kindly offered to liaise with ABC regarding equipment and to advertise the event on 'Nextdoor'

16 The Annual Parish Assembly

After a discussion it was agreed that the Annual Parish Assembly would be held on 5th May. Cllr Newman kindly offered to contact local groups and societies to attend

Cllr Newman

17 Website hosting

There was a discussion regarding moving the hosting of the website to another provider following Dewar Green's decision to cease providing Parish Council websites. The information previously circulated by the Clerk was considered and it was agreed to invite Kikk to attend the next Meeting

Clerk

18 Correspondence

Emails re Chalkwell coaches/HS8 bus route and recent incident

Email re poor road condition on Station Road

Invitation to The Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Service on 17th March

Email re a new vision for ABC - workshops on 10th & 17th March – Cllr Dracott would try and attend the session on 17th March

ABC Leader's briefings – helping refugee families and VE Day celebrations

Information re new PCSO

19 Diary: Meetings and Events

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Assembly would be held on 5th May at 8.00 pm following the monthly Parish Meeting to be held at 7.00 pm

20 AOB and items for future consideration

Cllr Mills reported on the recent School Governors Meeting he had attended

21 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tues 7th April 2020 at 7.30 pm** in Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm