

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on 5th May 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

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

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dracott who due to technical difficulties was unable to join the Meeting

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 3rd March 2020 were approved

4 Public discussion and Parishioners Questions

No members of the public had requested to join the Meeting

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report is covered elsewhere in the Minutes

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

20/00526 – replacement of existing barn buildings with a new barn to comprise a café and six business units with associated parking and landscaping

Elvey Farm, Elvey Lane

It was agreed that the Parish Council objects to the application – the creation of six B1 units in this countryside location is inappropriate and is not supported by the Neighbourhood Plan. The volume of traffic anticipated would be excessive for a single-track approach road. The development is not permitted within the curtilage of a Grade 2 Listed Building

Cllrs Taylor & Newman

20/00214 – reserved matters pursuant to outline planning application -18/00029, appearance landscaping and layout of 135 dwellings and vehicular access

Land south of the Swan Hotel, Maidstone Road, Charing

The Parish Council agreed the following comments – inadequate protection of views and screening is required throughout the development. There are real concerns about the additional pressure the development would have on existing community services especially Charing Surgery and Pluckley Station and a contribution towards the acquisition and maintenance of additional parking in Pluckley is requested

Cllrs Taylor & Newman

Other Planning matters

EN/17/00179 – without planning permission the erection of a building used as an independent dwelling

Carardon, Mill Lane

Enforcement appeal received against the Enforcement Notice issued by ABC. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to reiterate their previous support for the Enforcement Notice and asks that it be upheld

Cllrs Taylor & Newman

Concern was raised about an additional structure appearing at 'Broadfield' Chambers Green Road behind a high wooden fence to the left and about the brick wall replacing a hedge at the adjoining property – ABC Cllr Bell kindly offered to investigate

7 Ashford BC Report

ABC Cllr Bell gave a report detailing how ABC had been dealing with the Coronavirus crisis with officers working from home and the holding of remote Meetings. Cllr Bell reported that waste and recycling centres would be opening soon with an online booking system

8 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501626 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501627 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501628 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	416.00
Cheque No 501629 Zurich, annual insurance	1261.19

It was noted that the following cheques were approved by Cllrs on 7th April 2020

Cheque No 501616 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501617 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501618 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	416.00
Cheque No 501619 KALC, annual insurance	486.67
Cheque No 501620 ABC, grounds maintenance	2965.20
Cheque No 501621 M Newman, distribute Communicate	50.00
Cheque No 501622 D Breach, distribute Communicate	50.00
Cheque No 501623 Printing .com, printing Communicate	380.40
Cheque No 501624 Whitstable Designs, website hosting	80.00

9 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman provided a brief report:

The Kissing Gate base has been mainly completed greatly improving the foot path entrance – thanks were offered to ABC Cllr Bell for her generous grant funding

The Children's play area/Muga court equipment needs power washing – quotes to be sought

The Old Pavilion needs various repairs - the Probation Officer has been contacted about using the community service

The Parish tree survey has been completed – overall a good report but some maintenance was required. It was agreed to proceed with all the recommended tree works

Cllr Whatman

10 AOB and items for future consideration

There was no other business to discuss

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held remotely on **Tues 2nd June 2020 at 7.30 pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm