

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on 2nd June 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

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

Cllr Newman welcomed Nicky Marchbank who had expressed an interest in serving on the Parish Council. Nicky introduced herself and explained her interest in the Parish and her desire to serve the local community

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mills

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 5th May 2020 were amended and approved (to be signed at the next face to face Meeting)

4 Public discussion and Parishioners Questions

The member of the public wished only to observe the Meeting

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Newman reported as follows:

Neighbourhood Plan - A decision was awaited from ABC re Pinnock Yard. The Brickworks application will go to Planning Committee which is unlikely to be before late June

Highways - The Parish Improvement Plan is now with Highways. We await a first meeting to discuss how to progress

Speeding - I responded to Nicky Marchbank re her concerns about speeding, pointing out what we have done and are trying to do to control it. I have also written to our PCSO asking if the Police, despite the many other calls on their time, could mount a speed control operation in Pluckley, which they have subsequently done

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

20/00200 – variation to condition 5 of planning permission **19/00801** to retain existing English yew hedge planted behind the dwarf wall at a height no lower than 1.5m and maintain at this minimum height

Lantarna, The Pinnock

The Parish Council unanimously objects to the application – the condition of a hedge of at least 1.5m height is to have a quantum of greenery that softens the adverse impact of the dwelling. The application should be refused and the condition enforced

20/00595 – prior approval for change of use from agricultural barn and land within its curtilage to a dwelling house and associated operational development

Barn at, Clover Farm, The Pinnock

The Parish Council unanimously objects to the application – as this cannot be considered Class Q this is a standard application for a dwelling. It also cannot be considered a 'windfall' site nor is there is no call for an additional dwelling

20/00556 – Certificate of Lawfulness, proposed works to a Listed Building

Elvey Farm, Elvey Lane

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

20/00663 – Lawful development certificate – proposed - use of site as B1 (business) B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage)

South side of Pluckley Railway Station, Station Road

The Parish Council unanimously objects to this application – the uses of this land would adversely affect the amenity of residents and noise and traffic movements would impact on the Conservation area to the north of the site. Access to this site is dangerous with very limited sight lines. There are better uses for the site – much needed car parking for Pluckley Station. The application should be refused

20/00642 – erection of garden room within curtilage of the property (revision to that already approved)

The Pond House, Station Road

The Parish Council had no objections to this application

Other Planning Matters

There was a discussion regarding 'Broadfield', Chambers Green Road, where a new front porch was being constructed plus a conservatory to the left of the property. Concern was expressed about whether this property was being used for business and therefore not solely as a residence. It was agreed to keep a 'watching brief'

7 ABC Cllr Bell's report

ABC Cllr Bell updated on various local issues and planning matters

8 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the required works to the Parish Council owned trees were underway, the tennis and MUGA court were being used, and that a quote for the cleaning of the play equipment was awaited

9 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501630 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501631 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501632 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	416.00
Cheque No 501633 EDF Energy, electricity at Pavilion	36.15
Cheque No 501634 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax	312.00

10 AOB and items for future consideration

After a further brief discussion with Nicky Marchbank it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Nicky onto the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to ensure the relevant paperwork was completed

Clerk

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 7th July 2020 at 7.30 pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm