

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on 7th July 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and one member 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 2nd June 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 outlined various problems associated with a damaged boundary fence and difficulties with neighbours walking across his garden. Various possible solutions were discussed although it was agreed this was not an issue with which the Council should become directly involved

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Newman reported as follows:

Neighbourhood Plan - A decision was awaited on the appeal on the Pinnock Yard site The Brickworks application will go to Planning Committee, but this is unlikely to be before August

Communications – Communicate had been distributed. Several phone calls had been received thanking us for the explanation re Brickworks and supporting our stance

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

20/00797 – Prior notification of change of use of a building and land from agricultural use to flexible use falling within Classes A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1 or D2

Stanford Bridge Farm, Station Road

Pluckley Parish Council objects strongly to this application. It repeats an unsuccessful attempt in 2009 to allow the possibility of non-agricultural activity at this farm. On that occasion, the Borough Council refused the application and HM Inspector backed that judgement in refusing the subsequent appeal. The reason for refusal was the increase in HGV traffic that would be generated, particularly from the storage and distribution use that would use unsuitable roads and impair residential amenity. The points made by the Inspector remain valid. In the eleven years since, the traffic has worsened through the village. Indeed, traffic to and from this site has further increased recently following approval of other applications, in spite of the applicant's claims that there would be no increase. Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan seeks to reject any application likely to generate more HGV traffic. This application does so. We urge that it be refused, for the reasons the Inspector gave, and the farm continue to concentrate on its agricultural activities

20/00708 - Two storey side and rear extension

Little Thorne, The Pinnock

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

20/00787 – installation of new wildlife pond

Mundy Bois House, Mundy Bois Road, Egerton

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

Other Planning matters

There was a discussion about the ABC owned site behind Little Thorne. A meeting with the Housing Dept was awaited

7 Recreation Ground, Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the works to the Parish Council owned trees would be undertaken shortly and that the problems at the car park had improved recently

8 Correspondence

Email from parishioner complaining about a statement in Communicate regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Cllr Newman would reply and clarify the statement

Cllr Newman

Email re holding football coaching sessions for Years 2-5 at the recreation ground. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Clerk to contact

Clerk

Email re Pluckley Ghost Tours – it was agreed that the Parish Council was unable to accredit or affiliate with any organisation. Clerk to contact

Clerk

Email from The Woodland Trust re Dering Wood's anti-social behaviour problems and notifying that the car park would be temporarily closed

Email received from Staplehurst Parish Council regarding the naming of two footpaths, one after Charles Ashdown, who was clerk at Pluckley Station, who sadly lost his life during the Battle of Britain. A provisional date for the official naming was 15th September. It was agreed that a representative/s would attend the naming. Clerk to reply

Clerk

9 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	416.00
M Newman, distribute Communicate	50.00
D Breach, distribute Communicate	50.00
Printing.com, printing Communicate	240.00
ABC, grounds maintenance	442.60

It was noted that a cheque for £35.00 to TG Pollard for updating the Honours Board had been approved between meetings

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 on **Tues 1st September 2020 at 7.30 pm** (either at Pluckley Village Hall or remotely via Zoom)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm