

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on 6th October 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

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

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Marchbank

2 Declarations of Cllrs Interests in items on the Agenda

Cllr Mills declared an interest in planning application 20/01277

There were no other declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September were approved (to be signed at the next face to face Meeting)

4 Public discussion and Parishioners questions

There were no members of the public present

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Newman reported that:

The Pinnock Yard site application has been approved by HM Inspector. Some modification was made to the upper floor, but the houses remain larger than we would like and larger than the NP approved

The Brickworks developer advises he has instructed his solicitor to transfer the field off Chambers Green Road to the PC. He also confirms he is holding items of the old Brickworks machinery to transfer to this site for us, when we are ready

The questionnaire on housing requirement, which initiates the NP Review will be included in Communicate and collected door to door weekend 17/18 October

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

20/01277 – erection of a facilities building
Gooseberry Field Campsite, Smarden Road

Cllr Mills declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting whilst the application was discussed

The Parish Council supports this application

20/01312 – residential detached annex
Ashurst, Lambden Road

The Parish Council supports the application with the condition that the annex is permanently linked to the ownership of the main house and curtilage of Ashurst and cannot be separated into an independent curtilage

20/01310 – replacement windows, doors and rainwater goods to stable block
Elvey Farm, Elvey Lane

The Parish Council supports this application

Decided Planning applications

20/00304 – erection of six residential dwellings with associated parking and landscaping
Eastern part of Brickworks site, Station Road

GRANTED

19/01411 – erection of four residential dwellings car barns and associated landscaping
Pinnock Yard, The Pinnock

GRANTED

Other Planning Matters

18/00961 – discharge of conditions relating to landscaping
Jennings Farm, Charing Road

To note

7 ABC Cllr Bell report

Cllr Bell reported that ABC had commented on the Government's consultation on changes to planning legislation and objected to the methodology as it penalised those Local Authorities who had delivered their housing quotas

8 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501662 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501663 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501664 G Eaton, Clerk's salary & expenses	559.88
Cheque No 501665 Castle Water, Pavilion	53.22
Cheque No 501666 Kent Playing Fields, subs	20.00
Cheque No 501667 Printing.com, printing Communicate	249.80
Cheque No 501668 M Newman, distribute Communicate	50.00
Cheque No 501669 D Breach, distribute Communicate	50.00

Internal audit report 2019/2020

There was a general discussion about the internal auditor's report and the four medium risks areas identified and the following actions were agreed:

To ensure that the new website has a weblink to the DPLs held on ABC's website

A Risk assessment to be carried out during 2020/2021

Fidelity Guarantee cover to be increased to £100,000

To ensure that the Public Notice and AGAR are posted onto the website within the statutory timescale

To consider paying the Clerk by Standing Order

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary and expenses should be paid by Standing Order rather than by cheque. Clerk to arrange

Clerk

9 Traffic & Highways

Cllr Taylor reported on the speeding problem on Forge Hill and it was agreed that this should be raised at the forthcoming Zoom meeting with Kent Highways to discuss the proposed Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Newman

10 Recreation Ground, Pavilion and Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman gave a brief report and undertook to investigate and fix a hole in the wall of the old pavilion

Cllr Whatman

11 Communications

Cllr Newman reported that Communicate was being printed ready for distribution next week

12 Correspondence

Email from ABC re habitat regulations assessment – Stodmarsh protected sites

Email from parishioner re off peak train cuts from Pluckley – Cllr Taylor to draft a response to Southeastern regarding these cuts **Cllr Taylor**

Email from ABC re budget 2021/2022 timetable

13 Diary: Meetings and Events

There were no Meetings or Events to note

14 AOB and items for future consideration

Cllr Dracott reported on proposals for making high speed broadband available in the Parish – details to be circulated by email for consideration at the next Meeting **Cllr Dracott**

It was agreed that a Christmas Tree should be ordered as in previous years. Cllr Whatman kindly offered to arrange this **Cllr Whatman**

15 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tues 3rd November 2020 at 7.30 pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.37 pm