

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely via Zoom on 1st December 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

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

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 3rd November 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

The Chairman's Report is covered elsewhere in the Minutes

6 Planning & Enforcement and Neighbourhood Plan

New Planning applications

20/01569 – new car port and garden store
The Dering Arms, The Grove

The Council objects to this application as it is incorrect. The diagrams and text states that there is a hedgerow which will be preserved and maintained. In fact, the hedgerow has been removed and a wooden fence installed. The Council would support the application if there was a condition imposed that a hedge of c1.5 metres be planted and maintained

20/01528 – change of use of land for stationing 3 additional mobile homes for gypsy accommodation

Pinnock Paddock, Mundy Bois

The Council objects to this application and reemphasizes the points made by ABC when it rejected an almost identical application in 2011. The application represents a material change to the appearance of the site and gives unacceptable visual harm to the Landscape Character Area of high sensitivity. The application fails to meet the requirements of the Local Plan, Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan and national planning guidelines. There also appears to be an outstanding breach of previous planning permissions in that the 'facilities block' has been converted into a separate dwelling now occupied

20/1480 – single storey side extension and lean-to conservatory

The Stables, Surrenden Road

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

Decided Planning applications

20/01430 – removal of conservatories and replace with single storey rear extension and porch
Harquin, 2 Dering Close

Permit

20/01378 – pond for Great Crested Newts

Pinnock Barn, The Pinnock

Permit

20/01520 – lawful development certificate – proposed installation of roof light

Lantern Hall, 2 The Grove

Proposed use/development would be lawful

Other Planning Matters

20/00807 – demolition of stables and erection of dwelling

Cooper Farm, Chambers Green Road

Application withdrawn

Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

Cllr Newman reported that two workshops have been held to ascertain residents' views on the type of additional homes we should seek in the NP Review. It was explained that the response

to the questionnaires showed that almost 60% favoured no more housing, and that the average number called for was just over 3

We were asked if we shouldn't take the modal group response of nil. The Steering Group recommends that we take the average rather than the majority because that is the only measure that takes all responses into account. The Parish Council agreed to take the average

Over the two workshops so far, residents consider that downsizers' needs are already largely taken care of and the prime need now is for affordable homes. First time buyers are probably not realistic but young families are. There was no preference expressed as to ownership v. rented

Many residents who indicated they would like to participate in a workshop have not. All were invited and most have not responded. It seems a good idea, therefore, to hold a meeting in the Village Hall as soon as circumstances allow to offer them another chance

7 ABC Cllr Bell report

Cllr Bell gave a brief report on current issues including the development of local COVID-19 contact tracing and the new lorry park off the M20

8 Finance Matters and Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501676 J Johns, Recreation Ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501677 D Heasman, street sweeping	90.00
Cheque No 501678 P Dracott, broadband expenses	50.00
Cheque No 501679 ABC, repairs to fence/ tennis court works	474.66
Cheque No 501680 EDF Energy, electricity for Pavilion	29.45
Cheque No 501681 PKF Littlejohn, audit fee	360.00
Cheque No 501682 EJ Gough, Christmas tree	288.00

It was noted that the Clerk's salary of £416.00 is paid by monthly Standing Order

Precept requirement 2021/2022

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to keep the 2021/2022 Precept at the current level of £47595. No increase was required as budgeted expenditure was estimated to be in line with 2020/2021. Clerk to notify ABC

Clerk

9 Traffic & Highways

Cllr Taylor reported that Speed watch group was up and running again

10 Recreation Ground, Pavilion and Tennis Courts

Cllr Whatman reported that the tennis court had recently been treated and a post replaced

11 Communications

There was nil of note to report

12 Broadband project

Cllr Dracott updated the Meeting on the fibre broadband project which had attracted over 250 applicants. The formal application had been submitted to Openreach and a decision was awaited

13 Correspondence

Email from ABC re Christmas waste collection information

Email re dangerous hole/missing cover in recreation ground – Cllr Whatman reported that he was dealing with this **Cllr Whatman**

Email from ABC re removal of concurrent grant and council tax support grant

Email re 'taking over the pub' – the author had been invited to attend this Meeting

14 Diary: Meetings and Events

There were no Meetings or Events to note

15 AOB and items for future consideration

It was noted that the Christmas tree will be delivered on Wednesday and volunteers were sought to help install it

16 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.30 pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm