

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th June 2022 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Taylor (in the Chair), Breach, Washer & Rattray

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Marchbank

2 Declarations of Cllrs interests in items on the Agenda

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

3 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Taylor as Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Marchbank as Vice Chairman

4 Minutes of the last Meeting & Matters arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April 2022 were approved

5 Public discussion and Parishioners questions

There were no members of the public present

6 Planning & Enforcement

There was a general discussion regarding a draft letter to ABC Enforcement regarding the agricultural building on land adjacent to Giles Farm, west of Pinnock Bridge Farm. It was agreed that Cllr Washer would make some amendments to the text and send to ABC

Cllr Washer

7 Traffic and Highways

There was nil of note to report

8 Recreation Sport & Leisure

The draft Constitution for the Friends of Pluckley Recreation, Sport and Leisure, previously circulated by email, was discussed and approved. It was agreed that the inaugural Meeting would be held on 6th September at 6.30 pm. Membership of the Friends would be drawn from the Parish Council and users of the Recreation Sport & Leisure facilities

There was a discussion regarding the proposal received from the Tennis Club about how they would operate with and work with the Council. The Council was in agreement with the content of the proposal. Cllr Taylor to reply to the Tennis Club

Cllr Taylor**9 Finance Matters**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501789 J Johns, recreation ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501790 D Heasman, street cleaning	90.00
Cheque No 501792 D Breach, distribute Communicate	100.00
Cheque No 507911 Printing.com, printing Communicate	132.00
Cheque No 501785 EDF Energy, electricity at pavilion	52.25
Cheque No 501788 Zurich Municipal, annual insurance	1333.99
Cheque No 501787 Inland Revenue, Clerk's tax (x6 months)	649.40
Cheque No 501793 D Bucket, internal audit fee	360.80
Cheque No 501794 E West, sundries for Platinum Jubilee event	86.69
Cheque No 501796 R Southall, sundries for Platinum Jubilee event	61.00

The Clerk's salary/expenses of £514.41, paid by monthly Standing Order, was noted and approved

To approve the updated Risk Assessment Tool

The updated Risk Assessment Tool circulated by email was discussed and approved

To approve the 2022 AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return)

After a general discussion regarding the 8 statements contained within Section 1 of the AGAR, the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022, this was approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk

Following a general discussion around Section 2 of the AGAR, the Accounting Statements for 2021/2022, and the finance report previously circulated by email, this was approved and signed off by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer

Other Finance Matters

There was a general discussion regarding the reserves held by the Council and the need to allocate funds to the ear marked projects – the upgrading of the Village Hall, repurposing of the old pavilion, Nature Reserve and traffic calming. It was agreed to discuss this further at the July Meeting

10 Proposal for a Vexation Policy

There was a general discussion regarding the draft Vexation Policy, previously circulated by email and some concerns discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would amend the Policy accordingly

Cllr Taylor

11 AOB and items for future consideration

There was a brief discussion about 'Villager of the Year' and it was agreed to put a post on Nextdoor inviting nominations. This would be considered further at the September Meeting

There was a brief discussion regarding the vacancies on the Council and it was agreed that efforts should be made to fill the vacant seats

It was agreed that the next edition of Communicate be scheduled for the mid/end August

12 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Meetings would be held on **Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.30 pm** and **Tuesday 6th September at 7.30 pm** at Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm