

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2022 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bell, and 6 members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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 July 2022 were approved

4 Public discussion and Parishioners questions

Representatives from Pluckley Football Club requested two bins (one recycling, one waste). There was a brief discussion about the need for CCTV. Cllr Washer kindly offered to research options for the provision of CCTV

Cllr Washer

It was noted that the equipment in the play park was shabby and needed updating. It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter until after the Friends of Recreation Sport & Leisure had met to discuss

There was a discussion about repurposing the old pavilion and possible uses. Cllr Taylor reported that he had received a quote of £3900 for comprehensive electrical works to be undertaken. The quote was unanimously approved

There was a brief discussion about the ongoing problem of dog fouling and the need for more bins. Cllrs Breach & Cahill kindly offered to identify sites. These would be forwarded to ABC to consider if suitable for new bins (which can be used for dog waste)

Cllrs Breach & Cahill

5 Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch Report, previously circulated by email, was noted, and would be published on the website

Peter New updated on the phasing out of the PCSO role and the potential impact of this

There was a discussion about the problem of drug usage and dealing in the area. Mr. New confirmed that anyone witnessing activity that might be drug trafficking should contact the Police using a '999' call and not to use less urgent forms of communication

6 ABC Cllr Bell's report

Cllr Bell gave a report focusing on ABC's new planning software and ongoing problems with its deployment, although various changes were in hand to improve the usefulness of the system

7 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

22/00706 – change of use application for conversion of annexe to holiday let
Annexe at, Ridge House, Egerton Road, TN27 0PD

The Parish Council supports this application

22/01062 – proposed agricultural building for the storage of hay, machinery, livestock handling equipment, livestock feed, and a converted workshop to support the agricultural unit.
Proposed new access track

Lower Thorne Farm, Smarden Road, TN27 0RF

The Parish Council objects to this application. Whilst we appreciate the work the applicant has done in providing for a hard access track from the road, we are still very concerned about the impact that the proposed buildings will have on the area. As previously noted, the site proposed for the building is currently open and offers unencumbered views of the surrounding countryside and we feel that a development of this scale would materially alter the area. We are however supportive of the need for buildings to support the agricultural ambitions of the applicant but would prefer any new development to be closer to the farm itself

22/008953 – proposed new front door and altered position
Y Felin, Dowle Street Road, TN27 0RY

The Parish Council supports this application and does not feel the proposed works will impact on the character and setting of this listed building. While we understand Y Felin is listed due to it being within the curtilage of Dowle St Farmhouse, we do not feel that the proposed works will impact on the curtilage listed building in any tangible manner

8 Neighbourhood Plan Review (NPR)

The Report of the Steering Group, previously circulated by email, was approved. It was noted that as ABC are due to bring forward a planning application at the Thorne garages site for 3 affordable dwellings for local families, the site does not need to be 'allocated' in the NPR. This would negate the need for further costly studies concerning the dwellings impact on the Stodmarsh area and water quality issues

9 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 501807 J Johns, recreation ground tidying	45.00
Cheque No 501808 D Heasman, street cleaning	90.00
Cheque No 501806 EDF Energy, electricity at the pavilion	83.21
Cheque No 501807 Playsafety, playpark inspection	105.00
Cheque No 501810 Miles Signs, banner	60.00
Cheque No 501811 ARKAS, door repair	1111.20

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

Finance Report

The Finance Report for the period 1st April – 30th June, previously circulated by email, was approved

10 Village Hall (VH)

Chris Houseman of the VH Committee gave an informative presentation on proposed plans for the 2nd phase development of the VH. To help with visualisation of the proposals Chris was asked to have some sketches/plans drawn up. There was also a discussion about involving parishioners and users of the VH in its development especially in terms of possible uses of the internal space for small group meetings etc.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would make arrangements to extend the VH lease for a further 50 years to provide longer term security and so assist with funding applications

Cllr Taylor

11 Traffic and Highways

The PPC/KCC Heads of Terms agreement, regarding the Highways Improvement Plan, previously circulated by email, was unanimously approved

The questionnaire produced by Cllr Washer regarding the 123-bus service which is under threat was discussed and considered an excellent way of gathering data. It was agreed that alternatives to the bus service should be considered, including dial-a-ride, as these might

better suit the local Villages. It was agreed that the questionnaire should be shared with neighbouring Villages

Cllr Washer

12 Recreation Sport & Leisure

This item was covered in agenda item 4 above

13 Community Kitchen

Cllr Marchbank outlined her plans for a Community Kitchen and initial plans to operate one day per week during November to February. The Parish Council agreed a contribution of £750 towards the estimated cost of £1500

14 Pluckley Communications Plan

The Pluckley Communications Plan, produced by Cllr Rattray and previously circulated by email, was unanimously approved

15 AOB and items for future consideration

It was agreed that a sign advertising the Football and Tennis Clubs could be installed at the pavilion but on posts rather than the pavilion wall itself. This may be reviewed depending on evolving activities at the pavilion

It was agreed that the noticeboard on The Street needs to be replaced. Cllr Taylor kindly offered to get sketches drawn and quotes

Cllr Taylor

16 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.30 pm** at Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm