

# **PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall**

**Present** : Cllrs Taylor (in the Chair), Washer, Cahill, Sargent & Tilley

**In attendance** : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, Peter New Neighbourhood Watch, and two members of the public

**Action by:**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Breach and 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved

### **4 Co-option onto the Council**

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Paul Tilley onto the Council. Cllr Tilley thanked the Cllrs and joined the Meeting

### **5 Public discussion and Parishioners questions**

The members of the public spoke in opposition to planning application 2023/0229 – 4 Fir Toll, Station Road

Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch, spoke to his monthly report which had been circulated by email. There was a general discussion and concerns regarding the new Policing model

### **6 ABC Cllr Bell's report**

There was no ABC Cllr report

**7 Planning & Enforcement****New Planning application**

**2023/0229** – proposed single storey rear extension - amended plan, previous error corrected  
**4 Fir Toll, Station Road, TN27 0QZ**

The Parish Council objects to this application. The detail of the ridge now running east-west is inadequately described. While reduced in overall scale from previous designs, the main issue of reducing natural light into the neighbouring property to the north remains. The proposal appears to include full-width patio doors to the east. No attempt has been made to consider noise intrusion into the neighbour's garden

**8 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

|                                           | <b>£</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| J Johns, recreation ground tidying        | 45.00    |
| D Heasman, street cleaning                | 90.00    |
| D Buckett, internal audit fee             | 385.80   |
| ABC, licence for pavilion                 | 70.00    |
| J Ashby, new locks at pavilion            | 382.35   |
| HMRC, clerk's tax (x6 months)             | 754.80   |
| C Taylor, drinks for the Bash             | 150.76   |
| A Sargent, litter pick rubbish collection | 106.95   |
| M Taylor, drinks for the Bash             | 150.76   |

The Clerk's salary/expenses of £548.54, paid by monthly Standing Order was noted and approved

**9 Communications**

Cllr Washer reported that he was coordinating production of the next edition of Communicate to go out mid-August. It was hoped this would include details of the Parish transport plan and the link to the website where full details could be found to encourage resident engagement.

A Public Meeting would be arranged for early September 2023

**Cllrs Washer & Taylor**

**10 Traffic & Highways**

Concerns were expressed that as the reduced rail timetable was still in place and the Station was not now manned, its long-term future may be at risk. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would write to Damian Green MP outlining the Council's concerns and requesting clarification of the future of the Station

**Cllr Taylor**

**11 Recreation Sport & Leisure**

The notes of the Friends of Pluckley Recreation Ground Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, circulated by email, were noted. There was a discussion regarding possible solar powered CCTV for the car park area. Cllr Washer kindly offered to progress this

**Cllr Washer****12 AOB and items for future consideration**

It was hoped that the new Village Sign would be installed soon

Cllr Taylor updated on progress with the new Village Noticeboard, which would be installed in The Street

There was a general discussion regarding the format of the Parish Assembly and different formats were considered for the future

**13 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm at Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm