

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th June 2023 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, ABC Cllr Bell, Peter New Neighbourhood Watch, and one member 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 9th May 2023 were approved

Cllr Taylor reported that Nicky Marchbank had today resigned from the Council. He thanked Nicky for her hard work as a Cllr and for her continuing work with the Community Kitchen

4 Public discussion and Parishioners questions

The member of the public spoke in support of his planning application 2023/0736, and there followed a general discussion

Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch, spoke to his monthly report which had been circulated by email

5 ABC Cllr Bell's report

ABC Cllr Bell reported -

Following the local elections on 4th May a new leader of Ashford Borough Council has been elected. The council is now run by a coalition of the Ashford Independent Party and the Green Party. We have yet to hear anything about the future direction of the council from the leaders

Tenterden swimming pool has finally re-opened

6 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning applications

2023/0783 – proposed incidental outbuilding
Otium Lake, 5 The Gatehouse, Station Road, TN27 0DQ

It was agreed not to comment on this application

2023/0736 – proposed repair and conversion of existing outbuilding to create supplementary accommodation

1 Jennings Farm Cottage, Fairview, Charing Road, TN27 0QL

It was agreed not to comment on this application

7 Finance Matters & Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
J Johns, recreation ground tidying	45.00
D Heasman, street cleaning	90.00
EDF Energy, electricity at pavilion	62.25
Four Jays, toilet hire for Bash	297.60
Annie Sargent, Bash sundries	531.54
Trevor May, tennis court works	1890.00
Whitstable Designs, website domain name	18.00
D Rattray, glass containers/bouncy castle for Bash	247.63
M Taylor, drinks for the Bash	652.94

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

The 2022/2023 Annual Governance and Accounting Return

After a general discussion regarding the 8 assertions contained within Section 1 of the AGAR, the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023, the Statement was approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk

Following a general discussion about Section 2 of the AGAR, the Accounting Statements for 2022/2023, the Statements were approved and signed off by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer

The internal auditor's report was noted

The Clerk was asked to submit the AGAR along with supporting documents to the external auditor by 30th June deadline

Clerk

Ear marked reserves

The figures circulated by email detailing spending on projects since 1st April 2022 to end May 2023 are summarised below -

Nature Reserve	£10573	(£20000 set up budget : reserved)
Pavilion/Recreation Ground	£16606	(£20000 recreation ground regeneration budget : reserved)
Events	£2934	(£5000 events budget : reserved)
Tennis Court	£15429	(Repairing/Sinking Fund £15000 pa)
Village Sign	£2949	(Revenue cost)
Community Kitchen	£1151	(Revenue cost)

8 Communications

There was a brief discussion about the next edition of Communicate. Cllr Washer kindly offered to co-ordinate its production for publication at the end of July

Cllr Washer

9 Traffic & Highways

Cllr Taylor updated on the work being undertaken with Elliot Veasy on the Parish transport plan. It was agreed to seek their permission to publish a link to their first draft in the next edition of Communicate and seek residents' views and comments

Cllr Taylor

Cllr Taylor reported that there was still no update on the negotiations with Network Rail over the provision of car parking. A meeting with ABC planning officers would be sought

10 Recreation Sport & Leisure

There was nil of note to report

11 Events: Bash

The Bash will take place this Saturday 10th June, and everyone hoped it would be another success

12 AOB and items for future consideration

It was noted that two new Cllrs would be sought to fill the vacancies

13 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30 pm at Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm