

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2024 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

Present : Cllrs Washer (in the Chair), Dilley, Robinson & Pearson

In attendance : Mr. G Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and four members of the public

Action by:

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cahill & Albon, 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 4th June 2024 were approved

4 Public discussion and Parishioners questions

Two members of the Tennis Club spoke about the proposed resurfacing of the MUGA court. Three quotes had been obtained and reviewed, and they recommended Trevor May undertake the work. There was a discussion about how the cost of the work might be covered by KCC and ABC Cllr grants, a contribution from the Tennis Club, and a Parish Council donation

After a discussion it was agreed that Trevor May's quote of £16120 was accepted

Two members of the Friends of Pluckley Recreation Sport and Leisure were invited to join in the discussions in item 10 below

5 ABC Cllr Bell's report & Neighbourhood Watch report

There were no reports to note

6 Planning & Enforcement

2024/1093 – detached garage/workshop following removal of existing woodshed with landscaping proposals and 1.2m high chestnut post and rail fence to northern boundary
Sheerland House, Swan Lane, TN27 0PL

There were no comments on this application

2024/1095 – lawful development certificate for the occupation of the house in breach of Agricultural Occupancy Conditions for a continuous period in excess of 10 years
Little Chambers Green Farm, Dowle Street Road, TN27 0RY

There were no comments on this application

2024/1061 – listed building consent to install a small kitchen in the room currently used as a 'snug', install and remove partition walls and doors on the ground and first floor
Saracens Cottage, Surrenden Road, TN27 0SA

There were no comments on this application

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
J Johns, recreation ground tidying	54.00
D Heasman, street cleaning	108.00
EDF Energy, electricity at pavilion	139.40
ABC, pavilion premises licence	70.00
PQ Fencing, fencing at Nature Reserve	9600.00
A. Albon, drain clearance/skip hire	475.00
G. Washer, cess pit emptying	600.00
KALC, annual subs	528.58
Tree Pro, tree works at Recreation Ground	540.00

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

To consider and approve quote for decking and railings works at the pavilion

The three quotes received for the decking and railings work at the pavilion were considered and compared. It was agreed to accept the Lifestyle Carpentry quote for £10675 plus VAT. Cllr Dilley to liaise regarding timescales and a start date

Cllr Dilley

To consider and agreed budgets for various projects

There was a brief discussion about how the reserves could be allocated to various projects but given the financial commitments made towards the decking and railings at the pavilion, and the works to the MUGA court, the Clerk was asked to rework the figures and circulate to Cllrs for further consideration at the September 2024 Meeting

Clerk

8 Communications and correspondence

Emails and letters received from parishioners regarding the problems caused by lorries travelling to and from Pluckley quarry via Station Road and Chambers Green Road. Cllr Washer reported that he is in contact with Kent Highways who are in discussion with the site owners about alleviating some of the concerns. Residents concerned about speeding lorries should call 101 and log the details

Parking between the Butchers and PO – agreed Agenda item for the September 2024 Meeting

Letter from ABC advising that the Council can co-opt a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Debbie Breach

Email from ABC Planning updating on the CIL money the Council will receive from the Brickworks development – Clerk to chase for a further update

Clerk

Email from ABC Planning regarding listed building planning applications – comments from the Parish Council are considered

9 Traffic & Highways

There was nil of note to discuss

10 Recreation Sport & Leisure

There was a discussion with Friends of the Recreation Ground about their final plans for the new play equipment. It was proposed initially to replace 7 items and install 6 new items of equipment. This design was approved by the Parish Council and the following actions for the Friends agreed -

- Arrange for the final drawings to be produced and include in the next edition of the 'Pluckley Post'
- Arrange a Public Meeting to discuss the plans
- Submit a planning application (Parish Council will fund)

Cllr Dilley kindly offered to get a quote for a new 'Kissing Gate' for the recreation ground

Cllr Dilley

11 AOB and Diary items

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the litter pick be held in March 2025

12 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.30 pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm