

PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st April 2025 at 7.30 pm in Pluckley Village Hall

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

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

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1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from 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 March 2025 were approved and signed

4 Public discussion and Parishioners questions

The members of the Friends of the Rec Group were invited to speak in item 10 below

5 ABC Cllr Bell's report & Neighbourhood Watch report

There was no report from ABC Cllr Bell

Peter New spoke to his latest Neighbourhood Watch report, previously circulated by email, and about the problem of catapults being used by young people, especially in Ashford Town Centre

6 Planning & Enforcement

There were no new planning applications to consider

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
J Johns, recreation ground tidying	54.00
D Heasman, street cleaning	108.00
KCC, works at the Nature Reserve	720.00

The Clerk's salary/expenses of £565.80, paid by monthly Standing Order, was noted and approved

8 Communications and correspondence

There was no correspondence of note

9 Traffic & Highways

Cllr Pearson reported that she had met with an officer from ABC regarding the parking problem at the shared entrance between the shop and the butchers. Several possible solutions were considered including a white line to deter parking, an extension of the yellow lines, and the creation of five parking bays outside the butchers. Quotes for these were awaited

10 Recreation Sport & Leisure

There was a general discussion about the Parish Council granting the Football Club a lease on the pavilion and pitches, and this was unanimously approved. Cllr Dilley would circulate some sample leases for consideration

Cllr Dilley

There was a discussion regarding the proposed new fencing at the pavilion. Cllr Pearson reported that she had obtained two quotes and would obtain a third

Cllr Pearson

Cllr Buchanan outlined her ideas for a Music Festival to be held in June 2025 which would hopefully appeal to all age groups especially young people. The event would be run by the Parish Council with support from ABC and other clubs / organisations. There would be various genres of music with a dance floor, bar and refreshments. The idea was well supported although there were some concerns over the timescale. It was agreed Cllr Buchanan should progress this project and seek sponsorship

Cllr Buchanan

There was a full discussion with the Friends of the Rec Group regarding the feedback from the public consultation on the new play park equipment. The location of the new path was fully considered as were the concerns raised by residents living nearby. It was concluded that the Rec Group would obtain and share quotes for the proposed play surfaces and prepare a scale drawing showing the layout of the new equipment, path etc.

There was an issue with dog waste at the School and Cllr Buchanan kindly offered to liaise with the School and ABC to try and resolve the problem

Cllr Buchanan

11 AOB and Diary items

There was a brief discussion about the litter pick and a new date to be agreed **Cllr Pearson**

It was confirmed that the Parish Assembly would take place on 13th May 2025 and that various groups and individuals had been invited

12 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30 pm at Pluckley Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm