

# PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN PARISH COUNCIL** held in **Sampford Spiney Church**  
On **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022** at **7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr S Hill, Cllr I Walton, Cllr E Cole, Cllr J Freeman, Cllr J Sturmer, Cllr N Howes, Cllr N Alford,  
Cllr K Warnes and Cllr M Soper.

**In Attendance:** Mr Andrew Lacey (Clerk).

**Public Question Time:** None raised.

**53/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr R Phillips, Cllr S Dingle.

**54/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**55/22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 and PLANNING MEETINGS HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AND 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

It was **AGREED** that the Minutes of these meetings be adopted.

**56/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT LISTED AS SEPARATE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

a) **Allotments in Parish** – A further report will be provided in September 2022.

b) **Parish Jubilee Tree Planting Initiative** – Chair and Clerk to organize letters to all concerned parties.

c) **Broadband Champion** – Ruth Pearson-Bunt and Larry Bunt who attended the March meeting and Laura Cornick from Beden had been in contact and continue to liaise with each other and WDBC and will keep the Clerk updated. Airband had confirmed that they will have little impact in the Parish and the Clerk has posted an information on the website.

d) **Grenofen Sign Update** – The Clerk has again been in contact with Highways who have yet to get the new sign due to missing parts. A temporary sign is in place.

e) **Cllr Renders Donation** – The Clerk has been in contact and will need to contact the Council. **Afternote:** Clerk has been in touch and we are awaiting resolution of some problem.

f) **New Auditor** – Cllr S Hill has approach someone who wasn't interested but has others to ask. **Afternote:** Graham Raikes, formerly CFO of Plymouth University will conduct our audits in future

**57/22 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) For information only:

None		
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## **58/22 GENERAL FINANCE**

Bank Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	£2928
Receipts:	
None	
To approve the following payments:	
Clerks Salary	£122.10
Clerks Expenses (Cllr Advert)	£67.20

## **59/22 CLERKS ADDITIONAL HOURS AND ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW**

The Clerk provided the Chair with a summary of hours for May totalling 25 hours (due to AGM/APM and Annual Accounts) and June 14.5 hours. Agreed to pay additional 19.5 hours and to continue review by the Chair and Staffing Committee.

The Clerk also raised that as per his contract 7.2 The Council will review salary annually on the anniversary of appointment. Cllr I Walton stated that this was based on DALC Guidance and any changes to salary taken on board when prompted by them. The Clerk noted this had already happened in March 2022 backdated for the previous 2 years.

## **60/22 IT FOR CLERK**

Cllr S Hill stated that he has been approached by Reverend Andrew Thomas of the West Dartmoor Mission Community (MCC), of which Sampford Spiney Church is part, about providing the Clerk, who does the administration for the MCC as well as Plasterdown Parish Council, a joint laptop. Council agreed in principle. Clerk to get an idea of costs and also an agreement over ownership between the two organisations. Rector has been made aware of our support.

## **61/22 ADVERTISE CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk updated the Council that only one application was received. It was proposed that no appointment be made now but that any interested party can apply at election time next year. The need for a spread of Councillors from across the Parish was discussed and the cost of elections. Clerk to note this for 2023 Precept. Agreed to review in Spring 2023 with a view to placing an advert in Tavistock Times to drum up interest. Chairman has informed the applicant.

## **62/22 QUEENS JUBILEE SUMMARY**

The Chair thanked all for their work and Cllr K Warnes for hosting as feedback was that the event was very much enjoyed by all. He then provided a financial summary (rounded up/down) to the Council:

Income from 179 Tickets sold	£1,790
Bar Profits	£645
Raffle Profits	£306
Cake sales	£152
Total	£2893
Less Expenses	£1085
Profit	£1808

Actual payment to the church account was £1810.03 - the Church account has reimbursed the Parish Council for the float of £750.

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It was raised if in future other local charities could benefit other than just the Church. It was noted that the Church, as part of the Mission Community, do their own fundraising and donate from Church Festivals to predetermined charities, including local ones. For future events the PC agreed that it should ensure that supporters are fully aware who is benefiting from each event. This council agreed to look at its plans for charitable donations in the Autumn.

Cllr K Warnes thanked everyone for their efforts especially the clear up afterwards. The council was most appreciative of her committee's efforts in delivering the event which was a great success.

### **63/22 SPEEDWATCH**

Cllr S Hill has spoken to Cllr Manning from Dartmoor Forest Parish Council who have their own speedwatch team. There are certain criteria that must be met:

- Only on 40mph and below roads
- Police must choose the site
- Must be somewhere to retreat to in the event of an incident
- Volunteering and booking system is Online
- Individuals need to register
- Equipment is provided

**Afternote:** The local PCSO has reviewed the roads on Whitchurch Down and Plaster Down and regrets that no suitable site could be found.

Cllr J Freeman noted that at the recent Whitchurch Down Consultative Group Meeting, DNPA Rangers and the Town Council General Manager did not see speeding to be a problem in the area.

### **64/22 HIGHWAYS FULLAMOOD**

A resident had contacted the Clerk with concerns of oversized vehicles using the road and damage to the Devon banks on either side. Cllr S Hill viewed the site and agreed. The Clerk contacted Highways who have agreed to keep the site under review and if it hasn't been attended to recently it will in due course.

### **65/22 CO OPTED COUNCILLORS CAN BECOME CHAIR/VICE**

Agreed by all.

### **66/22 AOB**

Cllr I Walton noted the Whitchurch Hall noticeboard needs repairing, Cllr J Sturmer and her husband will repair.

Cllr I Walton raised the issue of the recent public meeting about Gees Farm and the biomass boiler and traffic problems. The owners have said they will have dealt with the concerns by September. It was agreed the Council should highlight concerns to County Council and DNPA.

The Clerk and Chair will draft a letter to both authorities and circulate for input.

Cllr J Sturmer suggested an event for the Autumn tree planting and possible combining with Beating the Bounds. This wasn't thought practical but the Council will look at doing a tree planting day around the Harvest Festival in October.

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**67/22** **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Sampford Spiney Church.

**68/22** **CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.