

PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN PARISH COUNCIL** held in **Whitchurch Village Hall**
On **WEDNESDAY 16th November 2022** at **7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr I Walton, Cllr J Sturmer, Cllr J Freeman, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr E Cole, Cllr S Dingle, Cllr N Alford, Cllr N Howes and Cllr K Warnes.

In Attendance: Mr Andrew Lacey (Clerk) and Cllr P Sanders (DCC).

Public Question Time: None raised.

81/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Hill, Cllr M Soper.

82/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

83/22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022 and PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2022

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

Cllr J Sturmer raised the point re Improving Communications that a mini version of the Church Bulletin could be posted on the noticeboards and will speak with the Chair.

84/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT LISTED AS SEPARATE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

a) **Parish Jubilee Tree Planting Initiative** – Cllr R Phillips will speak with West Downs agent to agree planting positioning at Warrens Cross. Cllr S Hill to confirm location with Johnstones. Cllr E Cole to arrange fences to protect the trees when planted and will coordinate timing. Plaques have been collected.

b) **Parish Noticeboards** – Some repairs have been carried out and Cllr Sturmer will repair plastic and update notices. Brook Noticeboard had been donated to the Parish and has also been repaired and updated. Thanks to Mr Sturmer again.

c) **Gees Farm** – There have been marginal improvements since the last meeting on the smoke from the chimneys. A concern was also raised on the smell that is created. The planning status for the agricultural building was also queried and it was noted that this was withdrawn approximately one month ago.

Cllr I Walton declared an interest and left the meeting; Cllr R Phillips temporarily assumed the chair.

Traffic to and from the childcare centre remains busy and there has been no progress on a minibus as yet. Discussions took place on notifying Highways and planning permissions for the yurt where the childcare centre is held. It was concluded that the Council should write to Cllr P Sanders with the questions over road access, traffic volume, chimneys, permissions and regulations for land use and buildings. Cllr N Howes to put together a chronology and Clerk to email Cllr P Sanders. Clerk to draft letter to owners asking for an update on the minibus.

Cllr I Walton resumed the chair.

PLANNING MATTERS

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a) To consider:

WDBC/3600/ 22/FUL	Proposed: static caravan to provide temporary living accommodation whilst Middlemoor Cottage is refurbished, Middlemoor Cottage, Middlemoor, PL19 9DY	This should be a temporary agreement
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b) DNPA Planning Communications

The Clerk noted that there have been no problems with the new system. Cllr P Sanders commented that the migration has been slow. Cllr J Sturmer noted that the previous missed applications have been human error not the system.

86/22 GENERAL FINANCE

Bank Balance as at 1 st November 2022	£4838.80
Receipts:	
Precept	£2184.80
Cllr Renders Donation	£100
To approve the following payments:	
Clerks Salary Increase	£132.10
Clerks Laptop	£155
Tree Plaques	£100

87/22 CLERKS ADDITIONAL HOURS AND ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

The Clerk provided the Chair/Vice with a summary of hours for September/October showing an additional 6 hours. Clerk salary has increased by £1 per hour to £132.10 monthly. Back pay has been calculated and agreed by the Chair/Vice. Agreed by all.

The Clerk has also re issued contract. Agreed by Vice to be signed by Clerk and Chair.

88/22 WHITCHURCH VILLAGE HALL APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Cllr I Walton, Mr R Singleton and Mr D Spackman have agreed to continue as Hall Trustees. Agreed by all.

89/22 2023 MEETING DATES

Agreed by all.

90/22 AOB

Cllr I Walton asked the Council for beneficiary suggestions for this year's Maristow Christmas Hampers to be sent to Cllr S Hill.

Cllr K Warnes requested ideas for the Coronation in May. Could these be brought to the January Meeting.

Cllr J Sturmer raised Beating the Bounds and will look into a reduced event.

Cllr J Sturmer raised concerns over missing and not emptied dog waste bins on Whitchurch Down and has spoken to Tavistock Town Council who own the bins but WDBC are responsible for emptying. Cllr R Phillips offered to raise at the January Whitchurch Down Consultative Group Meeting.

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The Clerk noted another email that had been received concerning oversized vehicles and damage caused to the road at Fullamoor, specifically the warning sign being 300 metres along the road rather than at the start and 2 points where flooding occurs. This has been raised with Highways earlier this year. Cllr P Sanders will look into this and Clerk will email.

91/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18th January 7.30pm Whitchurch Village Hall.

92/22 **CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.