

PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN PARISH COUNCIL** held in **Whitchurch Village Hall**
On **WEDNESDAY 18th January 2023** at **7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr S Hill, Cllr I Walton, Cllr M Soper, Cllr J Sturmer, Cllr J Freeman, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr E Cole and Cllr N Alford.

In Attendance: Mr Andrew Lacey (Clerk), Cllr P Sanders (DCC) and one member of the public.

Public Question Time: None raised.

01/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr K Warnes and Cllr S Dingle.

It was noted that Cllr N Howes had tendered his resignation.

02/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr I Walton re item 4b, Cllr J Sturmer re item 8 and Cllr R Phillips re item 9.

03/23 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2022 and PLANNING MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2022, 15TH DECEMBER 2022 AND 5TH JANUARY 2023

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

04/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT LISTED AS SEPARATE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

a) **Parish Jubilee Tree Planting Initiative** – Cllr E Cole has arranged fences to protect the trees and will coordinate timing with Cllr S Hill. Cllr S Hill to contact Mayor re planting of tree at Warrens Cross.

b) **Gees Farm** – A draft chronology has been prepared to send to Cllr P Sanders but this was held back due to receipt by the Council of an anonymous letter. It was agreed the chronology can now be sent along with an additional note of the anonymous letter that supports it. Clerk to forward chronology to the Chair and Vice Chair for approval then send onward to Cllr P Sanders.

It was noted that the owners have acquired a double decker bus, hence the need for the widening of the entrance to the property which was recently carried out. It was further noted that there are steel crates on agricultural land, holding wood for the area heating system. Permissions for previously carried out work was raised as the building is Grade 2 Listed.

The facilities' website also notes that a second school is being opened.

Clerk has not received a response to the Councils letter to owners asking for an update on the minibus.

c) **Coronation Ideas** – Cllr K Warnes had suggested a picnic. This was discussed along with holding fun competitions such as races and rounders, after an old Rounders Trophy was recently found and the running of a bar. Cllr S Hill, Cllr E Cole, Cllr J Sturmer and Cllr K Warnes to meet and move forward. It will be held in conjunction with Sampford Spiney Church.

The question of how to mark the Coronation was also raised. A plaque on the boundary stone near Shillapark was deemed a good idea as this could be combined with the Beating of the Bounds part 1. The Council will look into this to move forward.

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d) **Beating of the Bounds** – Cllr J Sturmer has been looking at the route and it was noted that this has not been carried out for 8 or 9 years. Insurance was raised as an issue and the advice is to prepare a Health and Safety Check and notify the insurers prior to the event. It was agreed to split into 3 sections and carry out every 6 months over the next 18 months, beginning on 30th September. The first section will be from the Dartmoor Inn to the Whitchurch Inn. Cllr J Sturmer and Cllr I Walton to discuss further.

e) **Dog Waste Bins** – Resolved.

f) **Fullamoor Road** – Clerk emailed details to Cllr P Sanders who has been in contact with Highways who admit the road floods but there are limited resources available to resolve this problem. They are reluctant to move the sign as it is situated so it can be seen from two directions where the roads meet at Ashleigh, but they are looking into how this could be improved. The sign is deemed too far along the road as when drivers see it they are committed to that route. Cllr P Sanders will go back to Highways to request the sign be moved.

05/23 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider:

None		
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06/23 GENERAL FINANCE

Bank Balance as at 1st December 2022 £4547.94

Receipts:

None

To approve the following payments:

Clerks Additional Hours	£89.26
Website	£105
Whitchurch Hall Hire	£112

Precept Agreed to Precept Request of £4,942.

07/23 CLERKS ADDITIONAL HOURS

The Clerk provided the Chair/Vice with a summary of hours for November/December showing an additional 6 hours. Clerk salary £10 monthly. Back pay had been calculated and agreed previously but the bank did not action in time so one month £10 backpay is also required. Agreed by all.

The Clerk's re issued contract was signed by Clerk and Chair.

08/23 WHITCHURCH WAYFARERS CRICKET CLUB FUNDING REQUEST

A request for £250 towards building improvements was received. Agreed by all.

09/23 RAPID RESPONSE CATCHMENTS PROJECT

Contact was made with the Clerk by the Rapid Response Catchments Project Officer from the West Country Rivers Trust to introduce the project. A Community Launch Event is planned for the 21st January at the Whitchurch Village Hall. Cllr J Sturmer agreed to attend and the Clerk will invite the Project Officer to the next meeting.

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10/23 AOB

The May Elections were discussed and the Clerk will review the timetable and plans from WDBC received and send a programme to all, including any perspective Councillors. It was noted there are currently 2 vacancies and there will be 2 more as Cllr S Hill and Cllr M Soper are to stand down.

11/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd March 7.30pm Whitchurch Village Hall.

12/23 CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.