

# PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN PARISH COUNCIL** held in **Whitchurch Village Hall**  
On **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023** at **7.30 pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr Andrew Lacey (Clerk), Helen Staddon and Annabel Martin (Westcountry Rivers Trust) and one member of the public.

**Public Question Time:** None raised.

## **13/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr K Warnes, Cllr M Soper and Cllr S Dingle.

## **14/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr I Walton re item 4b, Cllr R Phillips re item 4f and Cllr S Hill re item 5a.

## **15/23 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 and PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

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

## **16/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT LISTED AS SEPARATE ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

a) **Parish Jubilee Tree Planting Initiative** – The four trees were successfully planted, fenced and plaques placed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

b) **Gees Farm** – Cllr P Sanders had emailed to give his apologies for this evening's meeting and had noted that matters re Gees Farm do not seem to be moving forward very quickly. It was noted that there has been no improvement in the situation. A discussion was had as to whether there was more the Council could do considering the time taken on this matter and it was agreed to await further updates.

Clerk noted that a response has now been received to the Council's letter to owners asking for an update on the minibus. A response will be prepared when an update is received from Cllr P Sanders.

c) **Coronation Ideas** – A Coronation Rounders Event has been agreed for the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Cllr S Hill has advertised in Moor Links and Tavi Links magazines and an application for funding support has been submitted by the Clerk. The format was discussed and Rounders, Tug of War, Egg and Spoon Races and Sack/3 Legged Races agreed upon along with a pay bar. Cllr S Hill will produce and circulate posters for the event. The Coronation Event Sub Committee of Cllr S Hill, Cllr E Cole, Cllr J Sturmer and Cllr K Warnes to meet regularly and take forward. Post Meeting Note: the bid for funding was accepted.

Cllr I Walton has located the 3 parishes boundary stone near Shillapark that had been agreed could be used to commemorate the King's Coronation but the area is muddy and moving the stone could be difficult. It was decided to wait for drier weather then a quadbike should be able to drag the stone into position.

It was also noted that this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of this Council.

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d) **Beating of the Bounds** – Cllr J Sturmer noted the change in date to the 7<sup>th</sup> of October for the first stage which will be from the Dartmoor Inn at Merrivale to the Whitchurch Inn. Cllr J Sturmer is also looking into traditions that could be integrated to make the event more appealing to all.

e) **Fullamoor Road** – Clerk to email Cllr P Sanders for progress. Post Meeting Note: the Chairman reported that the road sign in question was now more visible but suspects that this is due to hedge cutting rather than DCC activity.

f) **Rapid Response Catchments Project** – Two members of the Westcountry Rivers Trust working on the project attended to give the Council an overview following a recent launch event in the Parish.

The aim is to build community resilience to flooding. The project feeds down from the Devon Resilience Innovation Project (DRIP). Natural flood management methods are used to slow the flow of water and the aim is to engage with communities to see what can be put in place. Progress and monitoring is then fed back up to DRIP. A local risk area is Tiddybrook. Cllr R Phillips has already been contacted by the Project and is willing to assist with local knowledge going forward, this was agreed by all, and also highlighted flooding problems at the ex-council houses in Grenofen, that will be looked into as part of the Project.

A Catchment Report is available online and a link will be circulated.

### 17/23 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider:

WDBC 0246/23/HHO	Proposed: Householder application for demolition & replacement of existing timber garage at Brae View, Rix Hill, Tavistock, PL19 9EB	No Objection
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b) Planning Committee Appointment - Cllr J Sturmer was appointed to the Planning Committee.

### 18/23 GENERAL FINANCE

Bank Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 £3810.38

Receipts:

None

The following payments were approved:

Whitchurch Wayfarers Cricket Club £250.00

Clerks Additional Hours £46.24

Amos Cole Fencing £734.40

### 19/23 CLERKS ADDITIONAL HOURS

The Clerk provided the Chair/Vice with a summary of hours for November/December showing an additional 3.5 hours. Agreed by all.

### 20/23 WHITCHURCH DOWN BOUNDARY STONE

Contact was made with the Clerk by the County Representative for the Milestone Society in Devon about a boundary stone that was buried and whether it could be raised. Cllr I Walton located the stone which no longer marks the Parish Boundary but does mark the Ecclesiastical Boundary. The stone is located on Tavistock Town Council land. Cllr I Walton to prepare a note for the Clerk to respond to the enquiry.

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### **21/23 HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY PROJECT**

Contact was made with the Clerk by the lead of the Hedgehog Highway Project. The Council discussed the issue but decided it was impractical as the Parish is a rural area rather than an urban area with the need to create highways for hedgehogs. The Clerk will respond to the Project lead.

### **22/23 AOB**

Cllr J Sturmer raised the possibility of funding for footpaths which was discussed but deemed irrelevant for the Parish.

The May Elections were discussed as posters have been put on the noticeboards and the Clerk will put on the website on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

It was noted there are currently 2 vacancies and there will be 3 more as Cllr J Freeman is to stand down, along with Cllr S Hill and Cllr M Soper. The Clerk will contact an individual (James Cole of Vixen Tor Cottage) who expressed an interest in the vacancy in June 2022 and Cllr S Hill will get in touch with Neil Cole who had also expressed an interest previously.

The Nomination of Parish Members to the DNPA was queried as to the timing. The Clerk stated that this is a standard item for the May AGM Agenda.

### **23/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting followed by Council Meeting Wednesday 17th May, 7.30pm, Whitchurch Village Hall.

### **24/23 CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.