

# PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN PARISH COUNCIL** held in **Sampford Spiney Church**  
On **TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022** at **7.30 pm**

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

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

**Public Question Time:** None raised.

## **69/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J Sturmer, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr K Warnes, Cllr M Soper, Cllr S Dingle.

## **70/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **71/22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 and PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

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

## **72/22 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. Cllr R Phillips apologies. In abeyance. See Action List.

b) **Parish Jubilee Tree Planting Initiative** – 4 trees are ready to plant. Chair has been in contact with Tavistock Town Council and Commoners, both parties content with plan as trees are native and planted with other trees. £100 received from WDBC via Cllr Renders for plaques. Cllr E Cole to arrange fences to protect the trees when planted.

c) **Broadband Champion** – In abeyance. See Action List.

d) **Grenofen Sign Update** – This has now been fixed and installed.

e) **Cllr Renders Donation** – Remittance advice received from WDBC.

f) **New Auditor** – Cllr S Hill has agreed with Graham Rakes to be the new auditor.

g) **IT for Clerk** – Laptop received.

h) **Speedwatch** – No further action as no safe place could be found.

i) **Highways Fullamoor** – Nothing has been done. Chair and Clerk to continue to monitor the situation.

j) **Whitchurch Hall Noticeboard** – Repairs have been carried out. Cllr I Walton suggested letter of thanks to Mr Sturmer. Clerk to arrange. Chair would try to gain permission to refurbish the one at Brook crossroads.

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k) **Gees Farm** – The boilers are causing concern with the amount of smoke they create. Cllr N Howes reported that a (previously agreed) representative from the village has visited the site and met with the owner and estate manager regarding this. It is understood there are two commercial boilers connected to a community heating system. It would appear that the lighting and running of the boilers, which is carried out by a staff member, is not in line with the manufacturers instructions. This has been highlighted and duly noted although it has now been reported that the responsible staff member is subsequently leaving. Traffic to and from the school site remains busy and there remains no bus for the school children. Cllr J Sturmer noted via email that as a Council we remain objective, impartial and professional and have shown understanding and met with the applicants/representative. However, nothing is likely to change until a higher authority is involved. DCC has acknowledged the Council's letter. The situation of traffic and the boilers will continue to be monitored by the Council.

### 73/22 PLANNING MATTERS

a) For information only:

None		
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The Meeting noted that the application for Blacksmiths Cottage Moorshop had been refused when the Council had supported it. It was noted that the application was for change of use of a small piece of agricultural land to domestic curtilage but may have been considered for the whole field, hence the refusal.

b) DNPA Planning Communications

The Clerk noted that there have been 4 recent mis-communications from the DNPA Planning Team. Most notably an application was not sent to us, as it was listed as Peter Tavy rather than Whitchurch in the planning process thus was approved without the Council's consideration. The Moortown Farm application was listed as Tavistock, so again not sent to us for consultation. Similar for Boyton Farm. Another sent for the Council to consider was outside the Parish. It was noted that the DNPA has been upgrading its computer systems so it was agreed to monitor until the end of year.

### 74/22 GENERAL FINANCE

Bank Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	£3366.60
Receipts:	
Fete Float	£750
To approve the following payments:	
Clerks Salary	£122.10
Clerks Laptop	£155
Tree Plaques	£100

### 75/22 CLERKS ADDITIONAL HOURS AND ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

The Clerk provided the Chair with a summary of hours for July/August showing a deficit of 3.5 hours (due to Annual Leave). There was some confusion as to how leave entitlement is calculated so the Clerk obtained clarification from Tavistock Town Council. 15.75 days is the entitlement for the current year, thus covering the 3.5 hours under for July/August. Agreed by all.

The Clerk also raised that his contract states 21 days leave entitlement but this should be 22 days, increasing to 25 after 5 years service. Agreed to re issue contract.

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### **76/22 IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS**

Cllr S Hill stated that a query had been raised with parish communications. The Council expressed a degree of amazement that the current arrangements might be considered inadequate - a weekly Mission Community Church Bulletin used to convey items of general interest as well; a termly Parish Letter; Parish Council website updated regularly with agendas, minutes and notices; and an informal but useful Facebook page.

### **77/22 SHEEP DOG TRIALS**

The revived event was a great success, thanks largely to the hard work of the Cole family and lots of willing helpers. It was well attended – the improved signposting was thought to be a major factor. Whitchurch and Sampford Spiney churches will benefit in due course.

### **78/22 AOB**

Cllr I Walton raised a matter of a neighbour putting bins out 2 days early and the danger of rubbish to the wildlife. Cllr I Walton has emailed the household.

The Clerk noted an email that had been received concerning speeding on Anderton Lane and Buzzard Road. It was noted that this is outside the Parish but the Council would support any remedial action. Clerk to respond to email.

### **79/22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Whitchurch Village Hall.

### **80/22 CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.