



MINUTES of Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 12th September 2017**, in Winterton Hall, Plaistow.

Present: Sara Burrell (Chairman); Sallie Baker; Sophie Capsey; Vivien Forwood; Paul Jordan; David Ribbens; Nick Whitehouse; Beverley Weddell (Clerk)

Cllr Nick Thomas and three members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Janet Duncton, Alan Pearson, Phil Colmer, Paul Reynolds and Souheil Haddad.

C/17/083 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items.

C/17/084 Representations from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked whether there was anything the parish council could do about the frequency of cycle races and sportives through the village and the aggressive behavior of the cyclists and marshals. The Clerk would write to WSCC.

Clerk

C/17/085 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 13th June and 25th July were approved and signed by the Chairman as correct record of the meetings.

C/17/086 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she had met with the new Vicar, Revd Pauline Lucas, about the Neighbourhood Plan consultation as a local stakeholder. During the conversation, Revd Lucas had asked whether the parish council would like to buy a book of condolence for any future royal demise. The Clerk would investigate.

Clerk

C/17/087 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Thomas reported that the northern district forum had been held in the last week with an excellent presentation by the Police Commissioner, who described how effectively his pool of 27 officers was working. Otherwise, it had been quiet in the district.

C/17/088 Updates:-

- a) Crouchland planning and enforcement. The planning inquiry had been completed and the inspector's decision awaited. The Chairman reported that Crouchland Biogas was in administration and the land in receivership. The planning application for the mega dairy had been withdrawn.

- b) Neighbourhood Plan. The Regulation 14 Consultation had started on 8th September. Public exhibitions were due to be held on 16th and 17th; the Chairman thanked all members who had volunteered to help at the exhibitions. Dates would be arranged for a steering group meeting followed by a parish council/steering meeting to go through the whole document and consultation responses with Colin Smith Planning to consider whether amendments to the plan would be required.
- c) Flooding. Due to the extended period of dry weather, there was nothing to report.

C/17/089

Highway Matters

There was a large pothole on Dungate Road; Mrs Capsey would report to Highways.

Mrs Capsey had reported a pothole on Plaistow Road near Chalk Road and the loose manhole cover in Plaistow outside the village hall

S Capsey

C/17/090

Financial Matters

- a) Accounts for Payment. The attached Order for Payments was approved.
- b) It was agreed that the Clerk would transfer funds from the business reserve account to the current account to pay due invoices pending VAT refund.
- c) External Auditor's Report. On the basis of the review of the annual return, in the opinion of the External Auditor the information was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention to give cause for concern. There were no matters to be drawn to the parish council's attention. The report was noted.

C/17/091

Risk Register

Review of the Risk Register was deferred to the next meeting.

C/17/092

Correspondence

- a) Plaistow Football Club had written to ask whether the football pitch could be included in the parish council's grass cutting contract as did not have funds to purchase a new lawnmower. The Clerk was awaiting a cost from Sussex Land Services. It was agreed that the club should apply for grant funding in the first instance. Mrs Baker advised that arrangements were being made for them to have the old Cricket Club roller and she would ask Wisborough Green Cricket club whether it would be possible for them to return the Plaistow Cricket Club mower for use by the Football Club.
- b) Mr Lockwood had written to ask whether the parish council would reimburse his costs to hold the recent Cricket match, which was agreed.
- c) The Kelsey Hall Management Committee had asked whether the old notice board outside Oak Tree Stores could be relocated at Kelsey Hall. It was agreed the Clerk would inform CHMC that the old notice boards were in a poor condition and leak water and therefore not in a condition to be moved. As previously suggested to KHMC, the parish council were happy for them to provide doors for the community board at Kelsey Hall from Greenbarnes Ltd.

- d) The Winterton Hall Management Committee had written to request funding and permission to erect a shed for storage. It was agreed that the parish council couldn't commit to funding at this stage but there was no objection to a shed being erected. Mrs Baker and the Clerk had been clearing out the storage room to create more space.

C/17/093

Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

The Clerk reported that the latest Playground Inspection Report recommended work to be carried out to the climbing frame. Gordon Baker would quote. It was also noted that a new playground sign was required to include the current Clerk's telephone number.

Clerk

Mrs Baker advised that she would like to organize a litter pick twice a year and would arrange for one in the Autumn, perhaps on a Sunday morning.

The footpath from Ifold through to Loxwood past the Loxwoodhills Pond was overgrown on both sides. The Clerk would write to the landowners.

Clerk

Mr Whitehouse would check the grit bins and advise if any needed to be topped-up.

N Whitehouse

C/17/094

Next Meeting

Full Council Meeting 17th October, 7.30pm at Kelsey Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:10.