

Meeting of Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council

Tuesday 23rd September 2014 – Minutes

Attended by Parish Councillors: Chair S. Burrell, V. Forewood, D. Ribbens, S. Capsey

N. Whitehouse, S. Baker, F. Lillywhite

Attended by WSCC: Cllr.J. Duncton

Members of the Public: 6

Note: the meeting began at 7.40pm due to prior Parish Council business. Cllr Lillywhite arrived at 7.50pm but was called away at 8.25pm.

C/063/14 Representations from members of the public:

A parishioner stated that WSCC had received 340 letters of objection regarding the current planning application at Crouchland Farm. Cllr Duncton was asked by a member of the public if she could help/represent the Parish regarding this planning application. Cllr Duncton kindly explained that although she is a substitute member for the Planning Committee she has sat on nearly every committee. For this reason she would make no comments about the application before the committee proceedings but is prepared to listen to all views. If she is not needed on the Planning Committee she can speak on behalf of the community.

Cllr Duncton was also asked about Retrospective Planning and the Red Card system. Cllr Duncton explained that WSCC does not have a Red Card system but Crouchland application was going to committee in any event. Applications of this type were very complex and often included S106 agreements. Stop Notices were not usually used.

C/064/14 Apologies for absence:

Plaistow and Ifold Parish Councillors: R. Perrin, J. Kirby, S. East, D. Lugton

Chichester District Council: Nick Thomas

C/065/14 Minutes of last full PC meeting 12th August 2014: agreed unanimously

C/066/14 Declarations of interest: None

C/067/14 Report from County Councillor Janet Duncton:

Cllr Duncton explained that there is to be a new maintenance and service depot in Tangmere for the Ambulance Service which is very welcome.

Cllr Duncton is very keen for carers, especially young children to make themselves known to WSCC or their schools as County have lots of help on offer.

Poverty and payday loans – there is now the West Sussex Credit Union that can offer reasonable rates for both loans and savings.

Plaistow and Ifold Primary School – had today received a visit from Jeremy Hunt WSCC cabinet member.

Foxbridge Lane – Cllr Duncton was asked why there seemed to be a delay in fixing the road (she agreed that it was bad) Cllr Duncton assured the PC that Foxbridge Lane is on the list and will be repaired. Cllr Duncton was told that the community was concerned at the costs to the taxpayer for damage to Foxbridge Lane caused by Crouchlands and that if pavements were to be provided by the developer this would have to be provided through Ifold village too.

C/068/14 Chairman's Report:

The Chair stated that a response to the Gatwick Consultation had been made on behalf of the Parish, but she was still to respond to the Local Mineral Plan consultation. District Cllr Nick Thomas had kindly messaged that he was still chasing CDC regarding planning application documents (for Public Meetings) as we no longer receive paper copies and often have many problems trying to access them on line. Cllr Ribbons reported a news item that Celtique Energie was interested in exploration North Chapel.

C/069/14 Progress with the Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Lillywhite

Sites have now been identified in both Ifold and Plaistow as per our requirement for 10 homes. Support from Sue Payne from Chichester District Council has been gladly received. The Plan when finalised will be a positive document. The next meeting for Neighbourhood Plan steering group members is 22nd October 2014.

C/070/14 Update on the current situation at Crouchland Farm:

The Environment Agency has assured the Parish Council of their commitment in both monitoring the compliance and permitting. The planning application will go to WSCC committee in November. Anna Whitty (WSCC) and her colleagues have visited the site recently gathering information and requesting further information. Highways have objected to the application. There has still been NO response regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening and the Chair will continue to chase this. Farm Fuels Ltd lorry overnight stay permits are being investigated and WSCC has also raised this issue and could take action if lorries are parked in the incorrect location. The application for 2 mobile homes has been reduced to 1 mobile home. The PC's objection to this application (now amended) remains the same OBJECTION as there is adequate accommodation at the site and that the Anaerobic Digester facility can be monitored using telemetry as stated in the retrospective

planning application associated documents. A question was raised to the Chair asking whether the bottling of gas had commenced, this will be investigated further.

C/071/14 Update on Community Right to Buy - Oak Tree Stores:

Cllr Baker reported that the nomination to place Oak Tree Stores on the register has been successful and that if the shop was put up for sale the PC would have 6 months to act. The owners of Oak Tree Stores do not wish to sell their shop. The Chair is to write to the owners and thank them for confirming that at present they do not wish to sell the shop and will continue to keep the shop open.

C/072/14 Highways: It had been noted that there was no warning sign on the bend from Plaistow before the Crouchland entrance. A member of the public requested that a sign should be erected. The Chair will follow up and request.

C/073/14 Winter Plan: to be updated by Cllr Whitehouse, who will take responsibility for the future updates of the plan. David Smith to be contacted to ensure he is able to carry out road clearance.

C/074/14 Financial Matters: The payment schedule was in order with one extra item for the costs for producing the minutes for the Parish Council meeting to consider Crouchland planning application at £129.70. This was approved for payment.

C/075/14 Cricket Club update:

Discussion will be held in October for the transfer of the assets of the Cricket Club, which is closing, to the PC. The cricket pavilion is held on a 21 year lease from 1991 or 1996, the lease is yet to be located in the absence of a Clerk. The Cricket Club are to meet all their debts and any legal costs incurred by the PC in drawing up documents for the transfer. The Cricket Club are to provide a list of their assets and the Chair will inspect the condition of the Pavilion for maintenance liabilities.

C/076/14 Plaistow Church Clock:

Significant damage has been made by Jackdaws and the clock face has sunk. £4,500 is needed for the works. The Church is an important community asset and the Parish Council agreed £1,500 contribution towards this repair. This was proposed by Chair Cllr Burrell and unanimously agreed.

C/077/14 Matters raised by Members to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting:

None

C/078/14 Date of the next meeting:

New date for the Planning Meeting 15th October (changed from the 8th)

C/079/14 Exclusion of the Press and Public: Staffing Matters (In accordance with S1(12) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.)

The Chair reported that there had been no applications for the vacancy of clerk. She had approached the Clerk of Ebernoe Parish Council and after some discussion she had declined. However the Chair has now been contacted by The Clerk to Loxwood Parish Council, Beverley Weddell, who may be interested in the position. It was agreed that an interview would be arranged. It was agreed that the rate of £10.00/hour was too low and that the Council would be prepared to offer £12.04 /hour, which is Beverley's current rate with her other Councils. It was also agreed that 10 hours per week would be considered further following a probationary period and may need to be increased.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chair.....

Date.....

