

## PLAXTOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Plaxtol Memorial Hall on 1 April 2019 at 8.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Thomas (Chairman), M Brewin, J Cannon, M Carboni, J Denham, K Johnson, R Simpson; L Thomas (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Boro Cllrs S Perry, T Shaw, M Taylor

**1. Matters raised by the public / Borough Councillors**

None.

**2. Declarations of interest**

None.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 4 March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising**

None.

**5. Correspondence**

**TMBC**

Joint Transportation Board: meeting papers 11.3.19.

Recycling & Waste: recycling roadshows 2019.

**Other**

Campaign to Protect Rural England: campaign updates, 9.3.19.

Highways England: Operation Brock M29 updates, 13-22.3.19.

Hospice in the Weald: Hospice News, Spring 2019.

KALC: NAL bulletins on national developments 8-27.3.19; counter terrorism policing bulletins, 5-6.3.19; National CSSC alerts, 21.3.19; NALC Newsletter, 6.3.19; Kent Volunteers; Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Spring 2019 Newsletter.

Kent Downs AONB: Newsletter, 29.3.19.

Kent Men of the Trees: Trees in the Village Competition, 2019; notification of AGM, 13.4.19.

Kent Police: monthly parish update, February 2019; local telephone fraud alerts.

Kent Wildlife Trust: local group events; newsletters, 8-20.3.19; Wild Kent, Spring 2019; campaign update, deposit return system.

E-watch nos 1637-1644.

**6. Payments/Finance**

Councillors noted that the payment to Eon Energy for the February street light supply was £114.70 against an estimated £111.43 and that the figure of £126.98 for March was also an estimate, to be adjusted in May.

A financial statement and bank reconciliation was distributed to members.

The following receipts were noted:	£
Waitrose Spoute project donation	125.00
The following payments were approved:	£
TMBC: car park rates 2019-20	206.22
Streetlights Ltd: street light repairs	49.50
Craigdene Ltd: consultancy fee, Spoute project	45.00
KALC: annual membership 2019-20	495.17
ACRK: annual subscription 2019-20	75.00
Kent Men of the Trees: annual subscription 2019-20	25.00
CPRE: annual subscription 2019-20	50.00
TMBC: Y2 Crew summer scheme donation	100.00
Cllr Carboni: travel costs, planning conference	31.20
Clerk salary & reimbursements March 2019	668.83
Graham Simpkin Planning Ltd: consultancy fee	924.00
Eon Energy: street lighting March 2019 supply	126.98

## 7. Planning

Local Plan update. The Chairman advised that Inspectors had been appointed and had requested further documentation. TMBC's replies to this and to the publication of Regulation 19 responses were available on TMBS's website. No date had yet been fixed for a public examination.

### TMBC decisions

The Grange, Grange Hill TM18/02953/LB

Listed Building Application: Redecoration and upgrading of entrance hall; landing; drawing room, and master bedroom suite. **Granted listed building consent.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Malling Well House, The Street TM19/00271/TNCA

T1 Five Hazel Stumps- remove to create space for further planting of fruit trees and vegetable patch and T2 Hawthorn – coppice. **No objection.**

Parish Council had not objected to this application.

### Parish council decisions

The Chairman confirmed that a professional planning advice had been obtained from Graham Simpkin Planning and response had been made to appeal APP/H2265/W/18/3219133 Ringlestone, The Street.

Golding Orchard, The Street TM/19/00633/TNCA

T1 Willow - reduce in height by 6 metres and 3 metres width. T2 and T3 2 x Lawson Cypress reduce by 50% in height. The Tree Warden supported this application. **No objection.**

Manderley, The Street TM/19/00251/LB

Listed Building Application: Replace roof to garden room extension. **No objection.**

Meadowvale, Long Mill Lane TM/19/00512/PDVLR

Prior Notification for Residential Extension: single storey rear extension (Part 1 Class A) maximum depth 5m, height to eaves 2.7m, maximum height 2.9m. **No objection.**

Old Soar Granary, Old Soar Road TM/19/00528/FL, TM/19/00585/LB

Two storey side extensions and single storey rear extension together with a separate access from Old Soar Road. **No objection.**

## 8. Parish Plan

Cllr Brewin advised that he had reviewed the Parish Emergency Plan and removed surplus content. He was currently seeking permission

to use personal contact details in the Plan from those concerned, in line with GDPR. The Plan would then be republished.

**Action:**  
**Cllr**  
**Brewin**

#### **9. Community Services**

The Chairman confirmed that the prescription delivery service to the Village Stores offered by Borough Green Medical Centre had been withdrawn for administrative reasons. This only related to items where a payment was required. Prescriptions for those over 60, who were exempt from payment, would continue to be delivered to the Stores.

#### **10. Environment**

Cllr Johnson reported that notification of this year's Trees in the Village Competition had been received. His advice, however, was to leave a three year gap between entries, delaying further entry until 2020.

#### **11. Recreation Grounds**

i) Spoute project update. Cllr Denham confirmed that she and the Clerk had met with the representative of Sovereign Play to go over the fine detail of the proposed installation. The Council's playground inspector was also present to advise. Various amendments had been made to the original specification on the advice of the inspector to improve longevity. Sovereign Play had also confirmed details of delivery, security and insurance. The revised quote would incur an additional £1,765 cost. Councillors approved the extra expenditure.

It was agreed that a quote for project management would be obtained from the playground inspector before proceeding.

**Action:**  
**Clerk**

ii) Repairs updates. Cllr Denham confirmed that she was obtaining quotes for repairs to the wet pour surfaces. In addition, the Clerk would seek quotes for the replacement of the fencing on the southern boundary which was now rotten enabling access through the hedge into and from the adjoining field.

**Action:**  
**Cllr**  
**Denham;**  
**Clerk**

#### **12. Basted Mill Public Open Space**

i) Notice of withdrawal. Cllr Simpson confirmed that notice of withdrawal from the BMPOS management committee had now been given. Plaxtol Parish Council would cease membership of the committee on 31 March 2020.

ii) Meeting, 28.3.19. Cllr Simpson advised that the Clerk to the committee was on sick leave. Clerk support for the committee was being sought from the neighbouring parishes. He confirmed that repairs to the weir were being scheduled for the coming year. Crest Nicholson had accepted responsibility for the repair and an action plan was awaited. Cllr Johnson advised that tree maintenance on the site was in hand with some trees currently at risk on the footpath and in the picnic area. Ash die back and ivy infestation could result in expensive maintenance work being required.

**13. Highways & Transport**

- i) Bus consultation. The Chairman reported that the outcome of the bus consultation had resulted in the loss of the 404 service through Plaxtol. School buses would remain unaffected.
- ii) Speeding cyclists. The Chairman advised that he had written to local cycling groups with a reminder to respect speed limits and to exercise caution when cycling through the Parish.

**14. Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Cannon confirmed that the stile at Yopps Green had now been repaired.

**15. Any Other Business**

- i) The Chairman reported that the Clerk at Borough Green had been taken ill suddenly and would be absent for some time. Councillors expressed their best wishes for a full recovery. The Chairman advised that the Clerk's sudden absence as a key worker had raised the question of a council's resilience in such an event. This issue was to be raised at the next KALC meeting.
- ii) The Chairman advised that he had reported the nuisance of the minibikes and anti-social behaviour to the area Chief Inspector as the PCSO had been unable to make any progress thus far. A response was awaited.

**16. Dates of Next Meetings:**

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 15 April 2019 7.30pm;  
Annual Meeting, Monday 13 May 2019 8.00pm;  
Parish Council Meeting, Monday 13 May 8.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm