

PLAXTOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Plaxtol Memorial Hall on Monday 3 September 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs P Thomas (Chairman), M Brewin, R Simpson; L Thomas (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs J Cannon, M Carboni, J Denham, K Johnson; 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 6 August 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Item 5: Select Committee consultation on the rural economy. Cllr Simpson advised that this was a broad ranging enquiry and a response would not be appropriate.

5. Council Matters

- i) Parish Council vacancies. The Chairman reported that TMBC had advised that no election had been sought following Cllr Pardesi's resignation and the Council was therefore free to co-opt. He reminded Councillors that the Council was now carrying two vacancies and that every effort should be made to fill them. Advertisements would be placed in the Herald, on Facebook and on the parish website.
- ii) Councillor areas of responsibility. In view of the low attendance, it was agreed to hold this item over to the next meeting.

6. Correspondence

KCC

Highways & Transport: Monthly bus updates, July-September 2018.

TMBC

Area 2 Planning Committee: meeting papers 15.8.18.

Licensing Services: Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy consultation. Cllr Thomas has responded to this consultation.

Parish Partnership Panel: meeting papers 6.9.18.

Other

Campaign to Protect Rural England: campaigns update, 11.8.18; fast track fracking alert.

KALC: NALC bulletins on national developments, 3-24.8.18; NALC Newsletters, 9-29.8.18; Kent Community Safety newsletter, July 2018; Local Government Association consultation on adult social care and wellbeing; Community Resilience workshop, 6.10.18;

Government consultations on shale gas exploration and shale gas production – Cllr Carboni will be asked to consider a response; funding for taxi firms and owner operators; Model Standing Orders 2018; Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter, August 2018; Department for Trade consultation on the future of drones – Cllr Brewin will consider a response.

Action:
Cllr
Carboni;
Cllr
Brewin

Kent Downs AONB: What's on this Summer.

Kent Wildlife Trust: newsletter, 23.8.18.

E-watch nos 1577-1585.

7. Payments/Finance

i) Risk Assessment. Councillors considered the amended Risk Assessment document for 2018/19 and approved changes to the financial regulations in accordance with changes to legislation; an amendment to Section 7, Budget, in line with NALC guidance; minor amendments to Section 8, Liability, in line with GDPR; and minor amendment to Independent Auditor reporting, in line with updated Model Standing Orders.

ii) Internal Auditor Report. In view of the low attendance, it was agreed to hold this item over to the next meeting.

iii) Requests for funding. Councillors approved a donation of £50 to CPRE to support their fast-tracked fracking campaign. Councillors approved the purchase of the 11th edition of Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration.

iv) A financial statement and bank reconciliation was distributed to members.

The following receipts were noted:

Interest	£
	3.09

The following payments were approved:

Memorial Hall: hire charges Apr-Jun 2018	£	45.00
Commercial Services: grounds maintenance		1,052.66
Bin Shop: litter bin purchase		269.06
Kent Wildlife Trust: Polehill appeal		50.00
Clerk salary & reimbursements		630.81
Eon Energy: street lighting July 2018		102.86

8. Planning

i) Local Plan. The Chairman advised that TMBC had now strengthened the requirement on the developers to complete the relief road in respect of the Borough Green Gardens proposal. The public meeting at the Memorial Hall outlining the impact of the proposed scheme on the local area was scheduled to take place on 14 September. It was hoped that the level of any support for the Parish Alliance opposition to the proposal could be assessed at that meeting. A workshop on Parish Council responses to the Local Plan was to be held on 17 October 2018.

ii) Planning applications

Councillors noted that a complaint raised by local residents regarding non-adherence to the management plan by developers at 3 St Hildas had been passed to TMBC's planning enforcement team and action had been initiated.

TMBC decisions

The Golding Hop, Sheet Hill TM/18/01523/FL

New single storey conservatory on the rear of the property. **Granted permission.** Parish Council had not objected to this application.

Parish council decisions

Clakkers Hall, Basted Lane TM/18/01803/TNCA

T1 Dying Cherry - Dismantle to near ground level. **No objection.**

Lavers, The Street TM/18/01936/FL

Increasing width of existing driveway to improve access and removal of existing sycamore tree. **No objection.**

High Hope, The Street TM/18/01760/FL, TM/18/01761/LB

Single storey rear extension (to be considered in association with application 3 Shields Cottages application TM/18/01757/FL). Councillors agreed that insufficient time had been available to consider these applications fully and that an extension to the response date would be sought from the Planning Officer. Councillors agreed that a response should be made in line with the recommendations of the planning group (Cllrs Brewin, Cannon, Carboni). [NB Planning Officer agreed an extension to 24 September 2018.]

Ragstone Cottage, School Lane TM/18/01938/TNCA

T1 Silver Birch - tree removal. Tree Warden reports that the tree has caused serious damage to the dwelling. **No objection.**

1 Shields Cottages, The Street TM/18/01886/TNCA

Willow Tree reduce to shape and balance side by 3 - 4 metres. The tree became unbalanced due to work carried out in respect of the de-installation of overhead power lines which have now been laid underground. Tree Warden agrees the work is required. **No objection.**

2 Shields Cottages, The Street TM/18/01834/TNCA

T1 Cherry Tree - reduce height by 3 metres, reduce lateral spread to shape and thin the canopy. The Tree Warden confirms that the work is required.

No objection.

3 Shields Cottages, The Street TM/18/01757/FL, TM/18/01758/LB

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9. Recreation Grounds

Cllr Denham had advised that she was awaiting quotes for the treatment of the wet pour surfaces in the recreation grounds. Lack of water supply was proving to be an issue at both locations.

10. Highways & Transport

The Chairman advised that Cllr Carboni had held a meeting with local residents regarding TMBC's initial investigations into installing yellow lines at two locations in Plaxtol village to control parking. Opinions on the desirability and efficacy of yellow lines had been mixed with no clear consensus for or against. Cllr Carboni had written to the parking office at TMBC outlining objections and suggesting alternatives. A site meeting had been requested. It was noted that a decision regarding yellow lines would not be taken until after Joint Transportation Board on 24 September and that any

decision to proceed would be subject to public consultation and would seek a formal Parish Council view. The situation will be kept under review.

11. Battle's Over National Tribute

It was reported that the owners of Old Graingers had kindly given permission for the beacon to be sited on their land. Construction of the beacon was underway. Commemoration of the armistice would be centred at the church, with an exhibition by the History Group and refreshments following the beacon lighting ceremony. A plan to decorate the area around the war memorial with crafted poppies was underway with volunteers being sought. The WI had expressed an interest in contributing. Further requests for volunteers would be made in the Herald, on the parish website and on Facebook.

12. Any Other Business

It was reported that funds raised for the climbing frame at the Spoute Recreation Ground had reached c£14.5k against a target of £19k. Further funding enquiries were currently in train.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 1 October 2018 at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm