

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 17th October 2022

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
N Curtis

S Bowles
CS Stacey

PJ Cross

40/222 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs AW Porter and G Bailey (TVBC).

41/22 The minutes of the 16th May 2022 Annual Parish Meeting and the 18th July 2022 Parish Council Meeting were agreed and signed.

42/22 Interests

No interests were declared.

43/22 Matters Arising

The noise from the bird-scarers was still causing concern: Cllr Cross agreed to do some more research.

44/22 Planning Application

Camping And Caravan Site, Green Hill Farm, New Road (NFNPA ref: 21/00928/FULL) Most recent "Additional Information" included amongst other things:

"4.1.37 Further, although the gate onto Plaitford Common will remain, it will be controlled via a code to be given to owners/visitors and rules being clearly displayed on entrance and handed to people as they check in. Amongst the rules will be dogs remain on leads and no bikes"

It was recalled that a previous amendment had stated that the access to the Commons would be permanently closed off. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond observing this change and expressing the concern of the Parish Council regarding the practicality of enforcing the rules.

45/22 Clerk's Report

The planning status of the redundant poultry farm off Stock Lane is still undecided. Two people have been seen taking photographs and measurements of the footpath from Compton's Drive which crosses Park Water and leads towards the poultry sheds.

46/22 Members' Reports

- a) Cllr K Curtis reported that he had attended a fund-raising song recital at St Peter's Church and also the Harvest Festival, both events had been well-attended, especially the blessing of the tractors.
- b) Cllr K Curtis had made changes to the design of the proposed notice advising motorists that they would get stuck in Botley's Ford. The new design was approved by the members and four such notices should be obtained by Cllr K Curtis.

47/22 Emergency Plan

- a) Subject to some minor changes of contact details the revised plan was approved.
- b) It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should be the contact points for the plan. The Clerk was instructed to confirm that the phone numbers provided to TVBC for this purpose would not be made public.

48/22 Finance

- a) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that this Council wished to remain part of SAAA sector led appointment scheme for external auditing purposes: this was resolved.
- b) It was noted that the external auditor has logged the Council's Exempt Status
- c) The Budget Control Report was received.
- d) Income of £1800 from TVBC (precept) was noted.
- e) D/Ds: £35.00 to ICO (data protection registration fee); receipt of certificate from the ICO confirming fee has been received; £18.00 to Unity Trust (bank charges on 30 Sept 2022) were noted.
- f) BACS payment already processed of £281.50 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) was approved.

49/22 Selection of Internal Auditor

- a) Cllr Bowles proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that as this was a sensitive issue the "press and public should be excluded" and only the name of the person selected should be recorded: this was resolved.
- b) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr K Curtis seconded that Mr MJ Martin should be appointed as internal auditor for the financial year 2022-23: this was resolved.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of Next Meeting

12th December 2022, location to be advised.