

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)  
AW Porter  
J Wright (Parish Clerk)

S Bowles  
JPA Robson

N Curtis  
CS Stacey

#### **61/16 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor G Bailey (TVBC).

**62/16** *The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **63/16 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **64/16 Matters Arising**

Cllr K Curtis produced some examples of possible banner designs for the Parish Council website. After much discussion it was agreed that as it is a rural parish the banner should be a view of animals in the open countryside. All members agreed to submit possible photographs to the Clerk for the next meeting. Cllr K Curtis emphasised that if a single photograph was to be used it needed to be capable of being cropped into a long narrow strip.

#### **65/16 Clerk's Report**

A Post Box has been purchased but it is awaiting the labels.

#### **66/16 Consultations**

After considerable discussion it was agreed that this Parish council would not submit any comments on the NFNPA's Local Plan Review.

#### **67/16 Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

It was agreed that this should be deferred until January when more information would be available.

#### **68/16 Finance**

- a) It was proposed by Cllr K Curtis and seconded by Cllr Porter that the Parish Council would donate £250 towards the cost of the new shed at the Village Hall: this was resolved.
- b) The draft Budget for 2017-18 was considered. The combination of s.137 spending and grants to the Village Hall has taken £250 from the contingency in 2016-17; in addition there is now a standing charge for the bank account of £72 per year. It was proposed by Cllr Stacey and seconded by Cllr K Curtis that the precept should be raised to £3200 for 2017-18: this was resolved.
- c) Direct debit to HMRC (PAYE) of £128.20 was noted.
- d) Cheque number 269 for £255.16 to J Wright (salary) was approved and signed.

#### **69/16 Planning Applications**

**Gardeners Farm, Flowers Lane** - Change of use of agricultural barn to a dwelling house – "Support"

"This application addresses our previous concerns (over-looking of Sweet Briar Cottage and the additional vehicles which would be using Flowers Lane), the Parish Council is therefore happy to support this current application."

**70/16 AOB**

Cllr Porter asked that the Clerk should approach HCC with a view to dealing with the very large puddle which forms in Church Lane just to the east of the entrance to the farmyard.

*Meeting closed at 9.00 pm*

**Date of Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> January 2017