

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)  
CS Stacey

S Bowles

N Curtis

#### **40/12 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr AW Porter and Cllr G Bailey.

*41/12 The minutes of the July EOM were agreed and signed.*

#### **42/12 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **43/12 PC Gook's Report**

- a) It has been quite quiet in this area recently.
- b) The Beggars' Fair in Romsey ran very smoothly this year.

#### **44/12 NP Ranger – Chris Swatridge**

His remit is environmental and educational: he has worked with the National Trust on eradication of Himalayan balsam and he also mans a mobile information unit which parks in popular car-parks to give advice and information to tourists. He is the main link for this area to the National Park Authority (but has nothing to do with planning!).

#### **45/12 Matters Arising**

- a) Village Hall Update – all the quotations have been received and work is now in progress on grant applications and identifying possible local fund-raising activities.
- b) Mr G Cuell has provided the Hampshire Records Office with photographs and information on the Jubilee celebrations in the parish.

#### **46/12 Clerk's Report**

It was proposed by Cllr N Curtis and seconded by Cllr S Bowles that the Council should again renew its membership of CPRE: this was resolved.

#### **47/12 Code of Conduct**

- a) Councillors had considered the Model Code provided by NALC and the Code adopted by Test Valley Borough Council. On balance they felt that the NALC Code was more directly applicable to parish councils and was simpler. Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that, with Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council inserted as appropriate, the NALC Model Code of Conduct should be accepted: this was resolved.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr N Curtis and seconded by Cllr Stacey that as the Clerk was to update the Register of Interests within a time-frame of 28 days councillors must update the Clerk within a shorter period to allow for holidays, communication failures etc and that this should be 7 days: this was resolved.

#### **48/12 Finance**

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Cheques already signed (119 – 121): £51.60 to Ian Rankine Engineering (Tree plaques, s.137); £50.78 to S Pearce (Jubilee party, s.137) and £34.78 to M Stacey (Jubilee cake, s.137) were approved.
- c) Cheques numbered 122 and 123 were approved and signed: £238.63 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) and £29.00 to CPRE (subscription).
- d) Income of: £3.00 from Kim Bigwood; £13.00 from James A. Bowles; £25.00 from Shaun Bowles; £28.00 from Maurice Bowles; £18.00 from Susan Brown; £3.00 from Nigel Cross; £15.00 from Sheila Cuell; £3.00 from Keith Curtis; £3.00 from Nicholas Curtis; £23.00 from William Drabble; £3.00 from Stephen Greenham; £8.00 from Margaret Hart; £18.00 from Sandra Hocking; £3.00 from Victoria Hopper; £3.00 from Peter Ince; £8.00 from Joan Ingram; £8.00 from Anne Jackson; £13.00 from Wendy Lumley; £5.00 from Elrad Matthews; £3.00 from Lilian Mitchell; £8.00 from Joanna Paige; £8.00 from Sarah Pearce; £3.00 from Anthony Porter; £8.00 from Judith Robson; £8.00 from Alison Savage; £3.00 from Betty Sillence; £8.00 from Christopher Stacey; £3.00 from David Sutherland; £3.00 from Bryan Trimmer; £13.00 from Andrew Turnbull; £5.00 from Gill Warren; £3.00 from Jane Wright were noted. These were all for Jubilee mugs (s.137).

#### **49/12 AOB**

The Council was informed that a Folk Festival was planned for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 at Powells Farm and that all residents who might be affected had been personally informed and no-one had raised any objections, indeed everyone had been supportive. The Clerk was given a copy of the Event Schedule.

*Meeting closed at 8.50 pm*

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> September 2012