

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at New Forest Post Production Studio on 15th January 2024

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
AW Porter

S Bowles
CS Stacey

N Curtis

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr PJ Cross, Cllr G Bailey (TVBC) and Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC, HCC)

The minutes of the 27th November 2023 meeting were agreed and signed.

Interests

No interests were declared.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Planning Applications

Manor Farm, Church Lane (TVBC ref: 23/03195/FULLS) - Change of use of land for the siting of 2 holiday cabins and parking. This was discussed at length. It was agreed that the response should be "No objection" with the request for the following conditions to be imposed: that only short term lets are permitted; that the verges in Church Lane at the entrance to the equestrian area and the holiday cabins are hard-surfaced to minimise the damage to the edges of the highway and the mud on the road from the additional traffic; that the occupancy of these cabins cannot be used as a justification for their replacement by houses at some point in the future.

Clerk's Report

A parishioner had reported the various road defects and the Clerk had meet the HCC Highways Engineer responsible for this area. The pothole in Sherfield English Road has been filled, but not the one in Church Lane. The potholes around the inspection chamber just north of the Blackwater Ford had been passed to the relevant section for repair. There seemed to be some reluctance to address either the broken-up road edges by the entrance to Manor Farm or the collapsing culvert by the Church.

Members' Reports

- a) The Chairman updated the members with regard to the break-ins at the Village Hall. The police were not interested beyond providing a crime number, most of the damage had been confined to cupboards, including the Parish Council's filing cabinet from which all the financial documents had been stolen. The Clerk had removed everything else from the damaged cabinet.
- b) It was agreed that whilst the Parish Council could provide a little financial support if necessary, any decision should await a report by the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk was instructed to convey sympathy for the damage which had been done.

Consultations

It was agreed that as these had only just become available no comments were possible at this time.

Finance

- a) The Budget report was received.
- b) D/Ds already paid: £18.00 to Unity trust Bank (bank charges) was noted.
- c) BACS payments were authorised: £233.50 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £122.28 to Hugo Fox (website).
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Bowles and seconded by Cllr Porter that £100.00 should be paid to Plaitford Village Hall for the hire of the hall during 2023: this was agreed.

Urgent Items

It was proposed by Cllr K Curtis and seconded by Cllr Stacey that the damaged filing cabinet should be written off: this was resolved.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of Next Meeting

18th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in the New Forest Post Production Studio.