

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)  
CS Stacey

S Bowles  
BW Trimmer

N Curtis

#### **12/13 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs JA Bowles and AW Porter.

*13/13 The minutes of the January 2013 meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **14/13 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **15/13 Clerk's Report**

- a) Correspondence from the Environment Agency was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to respond to Caroline Nokes MP stating that the EA was in dereliction of its duties in its neglect of rivers and river banks and this was a significant cause of flooding. The MP should request that the EA is forced to clear rivers, streams and ditches and should consider the use of unemployed able-bodied people, who are being supported by the State, for this purpose.
- b) The revised application for changes to the landscaping at the proposed Pavilion etc. at Sherfield English was noted.

#### **16/13 Consultations**

- a) NPA Draft Local Enforcement Plan: it was agreed that this dealt with all the salient points.
- b) The NALC consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy was dismissed since the Council was of the view that CIL was fundamentally bribery and was immoral.
- c) The various options relating to the licensing of Hackney Cabs in TV was discussed and it was agreed that issuing additional licences over a period of time (managed growth) was the best approach.
- d) The TVBC Revised Local Plan was considered at length. The Clerk had made comments on the points she felt were relevant to the Parish and these were discussed, amended and approved, or discarded.

#### **17/13 Finance**

- a) The Budget Control was received.
- b) Cheque number 134 already signed: £36.00 to HALC (Clerks' Forum) was approved.
- c) Cheque numbers 135 to 138 were approved and signed: £238.63 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £119.40 to Post Office Ltd (PAYE); £12.60 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses); £12.00 to Getmapping plc (mapping licence).
- d) The Clerk was asked to produce a draft Financial Risk Assessment.

#### **18/13 Planning Application**

Manor Farm, Church Lane (TVBC ref: 13/00482/LBWS) – to open up blocked up window at first floor on south elevation – Support. “The Parish Council has consulted the Plaitford History Society and both are in agreement that this application should be supported as the proposal restores a feature which was originally present when the house was first built.”

*Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.*

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

20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 7.00 pm Annual Parish Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting and AGM.