

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at New Forest Post Production Studio on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)  
N Curtis  
1 member of the public

S Bowles  
AW Porter

PJ Cross  
CS Stacey

#### **20/24 Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

*21/24 The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **22/24 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **23/24 Planning Application**

**Gardeners Farm, Flowers Lane** – (TVBC ref: 24/00654/FULLS) – barn conversion. It was agreed that the response should be “No objection”.

#### **24/24 Botley’s Ford – path after the footbridge**

Cllr K Curtis circulated a photo showing the current state of the path. Cllr Stacey explained that although the farm vehicles travelled very slowly through the ford the wash was eroding the bank and the path was beginning to slip into the ford. Although the land is owned by the National Trust the official route of the path is through the ford itself. Mr G Cuell informed the meeting that there had been a footbridge prior to 1900 since its repair was recorded at that date. Cllr Stacey reported that he and Mr Cuell had met with a representative from the National Trust who had agreed that the path did need to be repaired but asked if the Parish Council would contribute to the cost.

Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Stacey seconded that the Parish Council should offer £1500 towards the cost: this was resolved.

#### **25/24 Finance**

- a) The end-of-year Budget Control Report (2023-24) was received.
- b) The BACS already paid (2023-24): £50.82 (Clerk’s expenses + reimbursement) was noted.
- c) The approval of the end-of-year accounts for 2023-24 was deferred until the May meeting.
- d) Cllr Stacey proposed and Cllr N Curtis seconded that the bank reconciliation for 2023-24 should be signed as correct: this was resolved.
- e) BACS payments (2024-25): £221.00 to HALC (membership); £218.96 to Zurich Municipal (insurance) were approved for payment.
- f) No income had been received since the last meeting.

*Meeting closed at 8.30 pm*

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

20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00 pm (APM), followed by AGM at 7.30 pm or later.