

PLATT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: Mrs P Darby (Chair) Mr J Scade Mr A Green
 Mr T Bonser Mr R Tillett Mrs J Davies (Clerk)

Apologies:

Parish Cllrs: Mrs W Palmer, Mr A Mathieson and Mr T Woolven
Borough Cllrs: Mr S Perry and Mr T Shaw

Number	Minute/Planning Application/Correspondence	Action
	Members of the Public: Borough Cllr Mike Taylor and County Cllr Harry Rayner	
120/17	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u> None.	
121/17	<u>UPDATE TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS</u> None.	
122/17	<u>INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PC ON MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE COUNCIL</u> There were no members of the public present.	
123/17	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 4th JULY 2017</u> RESOLVED that the minutes of 4 th July 2017 be accepted as a true record.	
124/17	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> Overhanging Tree A further letter had been received from a resident in Lingfield Road stating that the overhanging branches from a large tree on King Georges Field were too high for her to cut down. RESOLVED that Cllr Green and Cllr Scade would inspect the site and cut down the offending branches if they were within reach.	AG/JS

Dogs in Play Area It had been reported that users of the children's play area were allowing their dogs inside the area. An article had been put in the Village News. Cllr Darby had reported the matter to the Mother and Toddler Group and they had confirmed that they would report any infringement of the byelaws.

125/17 LIAISON WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Borough Cllr Mike Taylor reported that he new access road on Platt Industrial Estate had been approved. The next stage would be for the Parish Council to approach all landowners to arrange an informal meeting to discuss next steps. Cllr Bonser and Cllr Taylor to meet to discuss further. County Cllr Rayner said that he could be contacted should any problems arise as it was part of his manifesto to obtain a safer solution for the A25 and the junction of Platt Industrial Estate and the A25.

TB

County Cllr Rayner informed the Council that there were further budgetary restrictions to be made by KCC due to reduction in funding from the Government. £100m would be needed in the current financial year with a further £200 to £300m next year. It was thought that these restrictions would affect social services.

Cllr Rayner said that KCC did have some money earmarked for Broadband improvement in rural areas. A letter had been received from a Crouch resident about BB quality and Cllr Rayner said that he was happy to point the resident in the right direction for the relevant KCC officers to be contacted.

Cllr Rayner said that he would be raising the matter of the electricity supply into Askew Bridge.

Cllr Scade mentioned flytipping at the Showman's site in Crouch. Cllr Rayner said that if it was on the highway then this would be a matter for KCC, if not T&MBC would deal with it.

8.38 Cllrs Taylor and Rayner left the meeting

126/17 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Cllr Bonser ran through the month's planning matters listed below: -.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/17/02430/FL London Road, Land west of Wrotham Heath Place. Three bedroom bungalow

TM/17/02240/LDE Potash Lane, Pigeons Green Cottage. Use of cottage for residential dwelling

TM/17/02176/TPOC LML, Windmill Hill, Heath Cottage. Tree Works. No objections

TM/17/02196/FL LML Platt, Wood Cottage #1. Two storey rear extension. No

Objection

PLANNING APPROVALS (Parish Council's comments to T&MBC set out first)

TM/16/03630/OA Maidstone Road, Platt Industrial Estate. New Access. Platt PC application. **Approved 17/08/17** Numerous conditions.

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H2265A/12/2183467/NWF Askew Bridge Site Non-determination & enforcement. Still undecided

127/17 FMC REPORT

SPRT Mrs Burns Bonas and Mrs Langley had confirmed that SPRT were currently applying for grants including a £50,000 landfill grant. Terms of most of the grants were that funding had to be spent within 6 months of receipt. Therefore, this project might have to be implemented in phases. SPRT had approached various play equipment companies and had created five plans, each from a separate company. Prices ranged from £45,000 to £103,000. Each of the 5 plans had been shown and explained to the committee.

The original space net was to be retained. The FMC committee had said that they would prefer a company that used Wetpour as a surfacing material. Mrs Langley said she would look into this.

SPRT had asked the committee if it was happy for the various plans to be circulated within the wider community as they wished to hold an event where they could get a feeling to which scheme users of the equipment would prefer. The committee had been in agreement with this.

BGJFC It was suggested that there be a cost freeze for a couple of seasons if BGJFC were prepared to do all of the pitch marking out. BGJFC had requested a reduction in fees of £50 in exchange for marking out pitches at KGF and SHF. **RESOLVED** that this request be accepted.

Mr Hammal had advised that teams at KGF and SHF would remain the same for the following season with the exception of the minis who would move to the Wrotham 3G pitch.

Fencing The Clerk had written to request that fence props from a property in Lingfield Road be removed from PC land. The 8 weeks notice had expired. **RESOLVED** that the props be removed and placed in the owner's drive. Still to be actioned.

Car Park KCC had repaired the collapsed chamber in the drain. However, the drain was still in need of clearance. Mr Mathieson would be sending photos to evidence this. Cllr Bonser to liaise with Cllr Mathieson to prepare plan to submit with details requested by KCC

AM/TB

Allotments

RESOLVED that a tree belonging to a Greenland's resident and that was encroaching

onto the allotment's path should be cut back by approximately half a meter. Cllr Darby to speak to allotment holder who had extended his allotment boundary fence to ask if he would move the fence back to the original boundary.

PD

Gate Posts. The Clerk had been asked to contact a local contractor to replace the two gate posts for the gate between the barn and the soccer pitch and the post at the hinge side of the gate from the dog area to the allotments track (near to the corner of the soccer pitch). The posts had now been replaced.

Horse Chestnut Trees. Many of the ones beside the access road and in the dog area were suffering from Bleeding Canker with some being very badly affected. The Clerk had contacted Treeability and they had quoted £210 + vat to fell three of the trees to ground level. All others were still structurally sound.

Wooden Bollards. The thick wooden bollards at the start of the access road were all deteriorating. Some that had rotted were missing (including one at the hump beside the dog area where youngsters were making a track around the hump) and the one on the very corner had been sawn off. A quote had been received for 45 round wooden posts at a height of 1ft 6inches round. The Council thought that 45 posts seemed too many so Cllr Green said that he would remeasure the area.

AG

Road Drainage. There was still a suspected blockage in the pipe between the middle drainage gully and the soak-away. RESOLVED that Dyno-Rod be contacted when the Groundsman returned from holiday.

128/17

CCTV Cameras

RESOLVED to accept the following quotation: Standard CCTV: £2,431.50, 4G Router: £1,032.00 and DPA Signage: £80.00. Cllr Darby to ascertain whether the 4G router was necessary. If it was a remote control this was not thought to be necessary. RESOLVED that Cllr Darby check this out and the quote for the cameras and signage only be accepted.

PD

129/17

BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL UPGRADE

BG Primary School had lost £60,000 funding which had been secured for a new roof and complete refurbishment to bring the facility into the 21st century. This funding had been lost at the very last minute due to government funding cuts.

19 of its students resided in Platt with an additional 2 due to start in September.

The head teacher at Platt had confirmed that Platt School would probably not use the BG facility as its level of charges was higher than those currently paid.

RESOLVED to a donation of £1,000.

130/17

BROADBAND AND TRIANGLE AT CROUCH

Residents in Crouch were looking into how they could improve Broadband in Crouch. They currently get Broadband on copper wire from Borough Green so it was not very

efficient. Residents were currently canvassing support for getting a BT community project adviser involved. Cllr Scade said that the quote for upgrading a node that apparently currently exists on Basted Lane was around £20,000. Resident to be forwarded County Cllr Rayners details as he had offered to assist in this matter.

A resident had also contacted Cllr Darby asking if posts could be erected around the triangle in Crouch when developers had completed work at The Chequers. Cllr Darby to contact Mark Simmonds on this matter.

PD

131/17 PLATT WOODS REPORT

No volunteer day had been held in August. Nothing further to report.

132/17 CHEQUES AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED the following payments were approved.

The following payments were received:

Mr & Mrs Shaw	Allotment Fee	£ 25.00
Nat West	Interest	£1.58
SH CC	Line Marker	£ 60.00
Total		£ 86.58

The Council approved the following payments:

Payt		Total	Incl VAT
Mrs M Beale	Cleaning July 17	£100.00	
Mrs J Davies	Salary July 17	£887.80	
PAYE	Tax/NI June 17	£76.67	
S E Water	Usage KGF	£21.10	
S E Water	Usage SHF	£117.65	
Barry Baker	Groundswk May/Jun	£1,024.98	£8.83
RoSPA	Inspection	£117.60	£19.60
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	£480.00	£80.00
Viking	Ink/Paper	£254.21	£42.37
Homebase	Paint for Portacabin	£75.99	£12.66
Kent Pension Fund	Pension July	£262.87	
Business Stream	Usage	£11.86	
Wrotham PC	Maintenance	£200.43	£0.78
Butler Fuels	Gasoil	£335.95	£16.00
PAYE	Tax/NI Aug 17	£76.67	
Mrs M Beale	Cleaning Aug 17	£80.00	
Mrs J Davies	Salary Aug 17	£887.80	
Kent Pension Fund	Pension August	£262.87	
Barry Baker	Groundswk July	£595.50	£13.50
Wrotham PC	Skatepark Maintenance	£206.41	£ 2.31

KCC KCS	Line Marker	£49.20	£ 8.20
	Total	£6,125.56	£204.25

RESOLVED to monitor maintenance charges for the skate park as costs seemed to be escalating at a rapid rate. Clerk to send expenditure and budget details for this cost.

JD

133/17 ANNUAL AUDIT

The annual audit had been received back from PKF Littlejohn. One error had been made and the fixed asset cell had now been updated. No further action required.

134/17 CLERKS REPORT AND ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Nothing further to report

135/17 REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Parish Charter This would be raised at the next PPP meeting. Councillors had perused the charter but no comments raised.

136/17 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bonser asked the Clerk to enquire about funding which was due from the solar farm which was now in full operation. Clerk to contact Wrotham PC.

JD

Cllr Darby said that the manager of Harpwood had requested a meeting with Platt PC. Cllr Darby would ask if he could supply his availability in order for Councillors to meet with him.

PD

137/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday October 3rd 2017

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm