

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 21st July 2025

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)

N Curtis

Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)

S Bowles

AW Porter

PJ Cross

CS Stacey

31/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC, HCC)

32/25 *The minutes of the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting (both held on the 12th May 2025) were agreed and signed.*

33/25 Interests

- a) No interests were declared relating to any item on the agenda.
- b) Each member of the council confirmed that their current entry in the Register of Pecuniary Interests was correct.

34/25 Matters Arising

After much further discussion it was finally agreed that as the parish of Plaitford was so dispersed there was no location which could provide an electrical supply and which had a concentration of dwellings. It was also noted that there were already defibrillators within reach of most dwellings.

35/25 Planning Applications

Oaktree Paddock, Flowers Lane (TVBC ref: 25/01553/FULLS) – (Extend existing stable building to create day room.) It was agreed that the response should be object on the grounds of over development of the residential area of the site and that with a change of nomenclature of the rooms it would be an independent dwelling.

36/25 Clerk's Report

The National Grid is returning to complete its work on the pylons on Plaitford Common.

37/25 Members' Reports

- a) Cllrs K Curtis and Stacey had been pleased to be invited to the investiture of Cllr Gordon Bailey as Mayor of Test Valley.
- b) Cllr N Curtis reported that the New Forest Folk Festival had been a success with approximately 2800 attendees and no litter/rubbish left in the fields. The Mayor of Test valley had visited and been taken on a full tour of the site. Sound level measurements were recorded every 10 minutes at various points within the site, and at other external locations throughout each day.

38/25 Consultations.

It was agreed that the proposal by New Forest District Council to extend the Public Space Order to keep the Forest and animals safe should be supported.

39/25 Village Hall

It was agreed that all discussions regarding the long-term future of the Hall were of interest to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to request that the Parish Council was kept informed and was sent a copy of the minutes of the meetings where the future of the Hall was discussed.

40/25 New Website

- a) It was agreed that new website should only contain information pertaining to the Parish Council and to the Annual Parish Meetings since all other parish related information is readily available on the web.
- b) It was agreed that the 5 mailboxes available with the new website should be assigned to Cllrs K Curtis, N Curtis and Cross, the chairman and the clerk.

41/25 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Income: None received (none expected).
- c) D/Ds already processed: £4.25 to Lloyds Bank (standing charge May 2025); £4.25 to Lloyds Bank (standing charge June 2025); £4.25 to Lloyds Bank (standing charge July 2025); £18.00 to HALC (Officers' Update); £214.00 to Zurich Municipal (insurance).
- d) BACs for approval: £344.60 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £36.00 Parish Online (mapping software).

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting

15th September 2025 at 7.30 pm in Plaitford Village Hall