

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 19th September 2011

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
WA Porter

S Bowles
CS Stacey

N Curtis

42/11 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs JA Bowles and G Bailey.

43/11 The minutes of the August 2011 meeting were agreed and signed.

44/11 Interests

Cllr Porter declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 50/11 as he owns the adjacent farm.

45/11 PC V Gook

- a) Main target for thieves is diesel at the moment but will probably move on to heating oil later in the year.
- b) Speed enforcement in the area is still active.
- c) The deceleration area at the Melchet Court Gatehouse is too often used as a lay-by by lorries: an attempt is to made to stop this by road-marking.
- d) The PCSO will visit anyone who feels vulnerable to reassure them that the Police are around.
- e) Reference was made to CheckaTrade but the Clerk questioned its value as when she had used it the contractor became rather intimidating when it was obvious he wasn't going to get the job; Cllr Stacey reported that his garage had been approached but when it became apparent that all that was required to be listed was the completion of a form and a fee they had declined. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Cllr Perry.

46/11 Matters Arising

- a) PC Clissold had responded to the observation that motor-cyclists were using the hatched area on the A36 as their personal race-track to the effect that this was country-wide but he would try to speak to one or two of them.
- b) The pot-holes in Sherfield English road have still not been filled.

47/11 Clerk's Report

- a) The Clerk offered to read the article on Big Lottery funding on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.
- b) It was agreed that the Clerk should submit a request for a passing-place to be formed by the ford under the TV Access Plan.
- c) The Parish Council felt that it would be useful for someone from the NPA to attend a few of the Parish Council meetings each year and that an initial 1:2 meeting between a representative of the NPA and the Chairman and Clerk could be useful.

48/11 Consultations

The Clerk was asked to read the consultation document on the National Planning Policy Framework and draft a response for consideration by members.

49/11 Finance

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) Income of £1500.00 from TVBC (precept) was noted.

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- c) Cheque number 096 for £35.00 to Information Commissioner's Officer (Data Protection) had already been signed.
- d) Cheques numbered 097–099 were approved and signed: £9.90 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses); £238.63 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £119.20 to Post Office (Clerk's PAYE payment to HMRC).

50/11 Planning Applications

Melchet Court Farm, Melchet Park – minor change in location of the dirty-water lagoon was supported.

51/11 AOB

Cllr Porter informed the meeting that he had been approached by several residents in Melchet Park who were concerned by the reports in the newspapers of the need to register septic tanks and the penalties for failing to do so. Cllr Porter had obtained a letter from the Environmental Agency clarifying the matter.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Date of Next Meeting

21st November 2011