

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held at New Forest Post Production Studio on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)

N Curtis

Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)

S Bowles

AW Porter

PJ Cross

CS Stacey

#### **10/24 Apologies**

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

*11/24 The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 meeting were agreed and signed.*

#### **12/24 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **13/24 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **14/24 Clerk's Report**

An email received from the TVAP&TC gave details of the processes involved in creating a Community Plan.

#### **15/24 Members' Reports**

The Chairman reported that The Shoe public house had closed and was up for sale.

#### **16/24 Consultations**

- a) The Sherfield English Neighbourhood Development Plan had been considered prior to the meeting and it was considered sensible, however it is now being revised. This Council is in agreement that if little is changed the response should be supportive.
- b) The TVBC Draft Local Plan had also been considered ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that as this parish was in Tier 4 Open Countryside there was nothing peculiar to this parish which needed a response. However, it had been noted that in the section on parking spaces for new developments there was no mention of facilitating charging EVs at home and it was agreed that this needed a comment.

#### **17/24 Domain Name**

Following input from the Clerk on the present situation and the problems which were gradually arising it was agreed that the Parish Council would move to a stand-alone arrangement for its website and mail boxes, including changing to .gov.uk for the domain. The offering of a complete package by Parish Online was noted. It was agreed that the final decision should be deferred until May 2024 when other web-providers might offer a similar package for comparison.

#### **18/24 Ideas for CIL Money**

It was agreed that this could be deferred until a response had been received from the National Trust regarding the footpath immediately off the bridge over Botley's Brook.

**19/24 Finance**

- a) The Budget Control Report was received.
- b) No income had been received since the last meeting.
- c) The direct debit of £124.40 to HMRC (PAYE paid on 22 January 2024) was noted and approved.
- d) The BACS payment of £329.50 to J Wright (Clerk's March salary) was noted and approved.
- e) The Clerk reported that the switch from Unity Trust Bank to Lloyds Bank had finally been completed.

*Meeting closed at 9.00pm*

**Date of Next Meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Plaitford Village Hall

- 7.00 pm for the Annual Parish Meeting
- 7.30 pm (or later, to follow contiguously) the AGM of the Parish Council.