

## Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

### *Minutes of meeting held video/teleconferencing on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020*

#### **Present**

K Curtis (Chairman)	S Bowles	N Curtis
AW Porter	CS Stacey	
Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC)	Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)	

#### **37/20 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs JPA Robson and RJ Perry (HCC).

**38/20** *The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 meeting were agreed and will be signed when possible.*

#### **39/20 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **40/20 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk had been informed by Mr Kellet-Clarke that he had asked Openreach to provide a specific quote for Community Broadband, but had been given no indication of the timescale.

#### **41/20 Members' Reports**

Cllr Adams-King informed the meeting that the problem of nitrate concentration in the Solent was still under consideration and one proposal was to take farmland out of agriculture and let it return to nature.

#### **42/20 Consultations**

- a) **Highways & Transport Survey:** The suggested procedure for dealing with this was noted.
- b) **Changes to the Current Planning System & The Govt Planning Reform White Paper:** Cllr Adams-King spoke at length about these.
  - i. The centrally devised planning algorithm would require Test Valley to provide 835 dwellings per year (this year it was 515). This may have relatively little impact on Plaitford or Wellow as we are included with Andover in the split between north and south, rather than with Romsey.
  - ii. Cllr Adams-King informed the Council that TVBC was holding a briefing day for borough councillors on the 5th October and that their deliberations would be promulgated to Parish Councils. He asked that the Parish Council deferred its response to the consultation until it had considered the views of the Borough Council.
  - iii. Cllr Bailey added that the NFNPA was concerned since the case of planning authorities which are also national parks was not addressed in the document.
  - iv. The Chairman suggested that this agenda item should be deferred and that an EOM should be held in October to formulate this Council's response: this was agreed.

#### **43/20 Plaitford Church**

The letter the Team Vicar had sent to some parishioners regarding a diminishing congregation was considered. It was agreed that the Clerk would write suggesting that he communicates with all the residents of the parish to seek their views.

#### **44/20 Finance**

- a) Budget Control Report had been circulated with the Agenda.
- b) D/D's of £67.20 to HMRC (PAYE); £35.00 to ICO (registration fee) were noted.
- c) Cheque no 338: £269.40 to J Wright (Clerk's salary) was approved.

#### **45/20 Planning Application**

**Land to the south of Hazel Wood Farm, Flowers Lane** - (TVBC ref: 19/01765/FULLS) – proposal for a gypsy site. The proposal to install a reed bed to deal with the effluent from the processing plant for foul sewage was noted. A councillor commented that reed beds do not have a very long effective life. The Clerk was instructed to express our doubt over the long-term efficacy of a reed bed and to state that our original objections still stood.

#### **46/20 Urgent items**

Cllr K Curtis proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded that Cllr Robson's reason for absence should be approved: this was resolved.

*Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.*

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

The next meeting will be an EOM to discuss only the White Paper and will be held via Zoom sometime in October.

The next ordinary meeting will be on the 16th November 2020 at 7.30 pm and will again be held via Zoom.