

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at Plaitford Village Hall on 10th January 2011

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)
BW Trimmer

S Bowles

N Curtis

01/11 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Bailey and WA Porter.

02/11 *The minutes of the November 2010 meeting were agreed and signed.*

03/11 Interests

No interests were declared.

04/11 Grit Bins & Snow Shovels

It is still possible to request a grit bin (blue). The parish has been allocated four snow shovels. It was agreed that one should be given to the Church caretaker, one should be offered to the occupants of New Lodge, one should be located with the Chairman and one with the Clerk.

05/11 Proposed Amendments to the Localism Bill

It was agreed that the proposed amendment relating to the disposal of assets at undervalue was too weak and could enable unscrupulous councillors to vote through disposals which were of benefit to their favoured projects without considering the wider needs of the parish.

06/11 Governance of National Parks

It was considered most undesirable that special interest groups should be able to nominate members to the authority: there are too many such groups with conflicting, all of whom would expect to have a nomination. The arguments and dissent would seriously disrupt the work of the Authority.

07/11 Finance

- a) The Budget Report was received.
- b) Cheques numbered 80-82 were approved and signed: £16.40 to J Wright (Clerk's expenses); £287.73 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £17.63 to HALC (Cllr training).

08/11 Planning Applications

- a) Four Acres, Melchet Park (TVCB ref: 10/02925) – Planning Application for a replacement dwelling and garage/store was considered. It was agreed to support the application as the replacement dwelling was visually far superior to the existing bungalow. The request to keep the existing bungalow until the replacement was ready for occupation was sensible and was supported, although some concern had been expressed that the bungalow might not then be demolished.
- b) The planning application for the Village Hall had been approved by TVBC.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of Next Meeting

21st March 2011