



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 13th January 2025 at 19:45.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont – Chair (Cllr NB), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr M Stepek, (Cllr MS), Cllr R Jury (Cllr RJ), Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS) and Cllr Clare Collinge (Cllr CC).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO),

Absent: Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr D Stewart-Roberts (LDC) and Cllr Sarah Osborne (ESCC).

MOP's: 2 – Guy Chadwell – new CEO Racecourse. Ben White Community Energy Pathway

The AGENDA is as follows:

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Cllr Satchell tendered his apologies and reasons for absence accepted. Cllr D Stewart-Roberts (LDC) and Cllr S Osborne (ESCC) tendered their apologies.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council meeting held on 9th December 2025.
 - Unanimously approved – Chair signed to that effect.
4. Clerk's Report and discuss any Matters Arising from previous meeting.
 - Nothing to note that isn't on the agenda.
5. Brief Report from the County and District Councillor on matters affecting this Parish.
 - Cllr DSR (LDC) report received and noted by Council
6. Questions from Members of the Public – limited to a maximum of 15 minutes in total
 - Cllr NB – invited Guy Chadwell (GC) new CEO of the Racecourse to introduce himself to PPC. Getting used to the Plumpton team and understanding the community engagement etc. Happy to answer questions that may arise. Cllr CC queried the number of music events that has taken place over the last year. Cllr CC and GC will



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have a meeting before March. Local resident group communication list regarding feeding back and receiving information about the Racecourse.

- Appealing the housing application decision to refuse.
- Padel – planning application for the courts – in compound where Hills currently is. 5 courts – parking will be in the centre of the course access via the station. Courts are inside as aware of noise nuisance.
- Ben White – Community Energy Pathways – not for profit based in Lewes – Lewes DC commissioned for parish energy plans. Workshop at the VH on 27th January 6.30-8.30pm – struggling to get footfall in Plumpton – flyers to put up on boards. Cllr NB asked for media for the Facebook page.

7. Planning applications and consider further applications submitted after agenda publication:

SDNP/25/04777/FUL

Plumpton College , Ditchling Road, Plumpton, East Sussex, BN7 3AE

Erection of agricultural structure to cover existing muck clamp to enable separation of clean rainwater run-off from dirty water in the farmyard.

Decision: No comment

To ratify:

Plumpton Place , Ditchling Road, Plumpton, East Sussex, BN7 3AF

Non-Material Amendment to Planning Approval SDNP/23/00089/HOUS to include the addition of more parking spaces and a refuse storage area and changes to planting including the position and number of trees to be planted, removal/repositioning of shrub and adjustment to southern end of the steps adjacent to retained garage

Decision: No comment

Plumpton Place , Ditchling Road, Plumpton, East Sussex, BN7 3AF

Amendment to planning approval SDNP/23/00090/LIS to include the addition of more parking spaces and a refuse storage area and changes to planting including the position and number of trees to be planted, removal/repositioning of shrub and adjustment to southern end of the steps adjacent to retained garage

Decision: No comment

SDNP/25/04770/TPO

Ashcombe , Plumpton Lane, Plumpton, East Sussex, BN7 3AJ

T1- Ash- to be removed as it has ash die back

Decision: No comment

- Unanimously ratified



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LDC Decisions to note:

- Nothing to note

8. Correspondence

- Correspondence received from Turning Pointe Dance School about permanent advertising on the external wall of the Village Hall. PPC discussed and concluded that they are sympathetic but the council would be setting a precedent if they were allowed to advertise and PPC have to stay impartial.
- Bridleways correspondence - Clerk advised they were asking what common land PPC owned.

9. Finance Committee

- a. To adopt the expenditure as itemised on the lists for January

Additional Invoices to note

PPC - J Brown expenses – EVF noticeboard repairs £47.75
VH – Castle Water - £37.72
Main Hall security deposit return - £100
J Brown – washing machine installation expenses - £40.80
PF - J Brown – skatepark clear up expenses - £34.47

Unanimously adopted the following expenditure items;

PPC - £6354.84
VH - £6885.48
PF £1811.27

- b. To adopt year to date accounts
- c. To adopt combined bank reconciliations

- Unanimously agreed to adopt 9 b-c

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr NB – seen Cllr DSR (LDC) report and asked LDC Planning what engagement they have had with the developer re: Westgate

- PPC joined community planning alliance group 3 years – collective of parishes to combat unwanted development – There is a day of action on 18th April. Grass roots initiative – inviting all of the national nature led initiatives i.e. planting a tree etc. Raise awareness collectively in terms of what a state the planning system is in.



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- Something to do in Plumpton to raise awareness to all in the parish – if council have ideas to let Cllrs NB and NDS know. **Clerk to put on the agenda.**

- (i) Planning Liaison Working Group update
- (ii) Update regarding LDC Local Plan public consultation
Cllr NB – another consultation up and running now – deadline middle of February. Cllr NB to look at the local plan consultation to see if PPC need to say anything towards it. No site allocation in Plumpton and East Chiltington. Hamsey and Ringmer have been allocated sites.

11. To note and action if necessary monthly RA reports.

- Nothing to report that hasn't been dealt with.

12. Allotments

- Clerk to look up quote for previous plot clearing. Cllrs JB and RJ to speak with plotholder about splitting. **Clerk to action.**

13. To discuss tree survey report and course of action (subject to receiving report)

- Cllr NB – comprehensive report received. Quite a lot of work to When you fell a tree – can you leave 2m of trunk? **Clerk to confirm**
- Clerk has asked for 3 quotes and will report back in the February meeting.

14. Committee/Working Group Reports

i. Transport and Environment/Footpaths/Policing

- (a) To ratify approval of the Plumpton Lane 7 day feasibility study/appraisal at £644 + VAT and receive any update.

o Duly ratified Clerk advised this will commence in February avoiding half term

- b) To receive an update from the Pocket Park Management Plan Group and agree action plan and any associated costs. (Cllrs NB, NDS & CC.)
- Wildlife Group are still concentrating on the invasive rose. No associated costs as yet as all done by volunteers.

- c) To agree the future of the area north of the PlayPark to include;

- i) Recover an area of land for planting by removal of most of the brambles on the stream boundary.



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ii) Planting of Trees and a wildflower area to the area north of playpark
iii) Detailed plan (schedule of work, number and position of trees and wildflower area etc.) to be presented to council when ready.

- Cllr JB – made a comment that we should potentially use it for the pavilion on the biodiversity net gain. Agreed in principle to do something to the area but hold fire for the moment.

d. Village Hall

i. War Memorial Pediment restoration update.

- Cllr JB – no further news – Plumpton College have declined to be involved

ii. To discuss/resolve installation of junior football trophy cabinet – receive update from Cllr Jury.

- Clerk advised ok to get rid of the telephone as not connected nor has a dialling tone. Cllr RJ – Advised not looked for costings of a cabinet – but may have a look at the hospice for a cabinet.

e. Playing Field/Pavilion

- Cllr RJ reported that he had received correspondence from senior football that the kit could be stored in the electrical room on shelving. Cllr JB advised that this was the initial discussion but it was still deemed as not a safe place for its storage and that the referees room was large enough to have rack shelving and still be used as a referees room. Clerk advised that the safety of users is paramount and the Clerk was asked to correspond with the senior football advising that the council had agreed that the kit should be stored in the referees room. **Clerk to action.**

i. To note playpark inspection and action where necessary

- Nothing changed since last inspection

ii. New Pavilion project - Update – Meeting on the 19th Jan with Bolton Buildings.

iii. Update – playpark and skatepark repairs – Clerk had received quotes for the medium risk at £3613.63. Cllr JB offered his services to repair and obtain relevant supplies much cheaper but PPC need to make sure as dealing with a playpark that the insurances and person repairing is qualified to the correct level.

- Clerk to speak to insurance company about skilled volunteers repairing playpark and doing general works and to look at any relevant courses. **Clerk to action and report back.**
- Pavilion guttering - £189.01 to replace all the way along skatepark. Agreed for Cllr JB to repair alongside handyman.



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15. Interaction with Plumpton Primary School

- ReNature are taking part in the Birdwatch on the 23rd January.

16. Communications/Website

- Waiting on Cllr Satchell's new photo for the website.

17. Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and/or to be included in future meetings

- Nothing to note/add.

Meeting Closed: 21.36

Dates of next meetings:

10th February 2026 - Finance Committee 19:00 & Full Council 19:45

12th February 2026 – Playing Field Committee -19.30 (Pav)

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 02/02/2026