

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30pm AT WINTERTON
HALL, PLAISTOW**

Present: Mr J. Kirby (In the Chair), Mr D. Clement, Mr S. East, Miss V. Forwood, Mr T. Laidlaw and Mr D. Ribbens

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were 52 members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed Kenrick Garroway and Aleksandra Ellis from the Business Support Team at Chichester District Council and all those present.

Participants in the Open Session commented on the distances to other Post Offices in the area; the availability of certain Post Office services through the shop, the environmental impact of inevitable increased car usage.

The main concern was the continued viability of Plaistow Stores and the impact on the shop of the loss in hours of the Post Office.

The Chairman urged those present to write to Post Office Counters Ltd to express their views and a 'template letters' was passed to those present to assist them.

The Chairman thanked those present for participating in the meeting.

0151. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B. Gravestock (personal), Mr D. Lugton (illness), Mrs R. Perrin (illness), Mrs P. Ryder (illness) and Mr D. Wheeler (personal)

0152. Proposed changes to Plaistow Post Office

Members agreed that the current position was that there was no negotiation to be broked, rather that the Parish Council would make representations in the form of a positive proposal. Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That a draft letter to Post Office Counters Ltd be prepared for consideration by those Councillors present at the meeting, strongly urging reconsideration to the Post Office being open for five mornings a week.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no further comments or questions on other issues

0153 Minutes

- (a) The Minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2007 and 16th October 2007, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record
- (b) The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of 31st October 2007 were received and noted

0154. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

0155. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made

0156. Chairman's Report – including Urgent Matters, as appropriate

Members noted receipt of the written Chairman's Report.

- (a) **The Green, Plaistow**
Members noted that a response had been sent to the new National Trust Countryside Property Manager, including an invitation for him to attend the January Council meeting.
- (b) **Situation Report on previously reported matters**
Members noted the written comments and that further Reports would be provided at the January meeting
- (c) **The Clerk**
Members noted that the Clerk had been awarded the CiLCA qualification on 17th October and offered their congratulations.

0157. Reports of County and District Councillors

No Councillors were present and there were no written Reports

0158. Highway Matters

- (a) Members asked that the Parish Council's thanks be conveyed to County Councillor Dunton for his efforts regarding Parish Highways issues to date.
- (b) Members noted that there had been a recurrence of flooding problems at Pittsgate.

0159. Police Issues in the Parish

Councillor Laidlaw commented on the new changes to the structuring of local policing. He commented that the new structure would impact on the Neighbourhood Watch system. He suggested that the new named contact for the local area be invited to attend the March Council meeting.

Members noted that there was a Street Surgery held the previous Saturday, having been advertised from 12 noon to 3pm. Police arrived at 2.40pm and left again at 2.50pm. The Clerk was asked to seek an explanation.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (a) That the local Police contact be invited to attend the March Council meeting, and**
- (b) That an explanation be sought as to the events surrounding the Street Surgery**

0160. Provision of Christmas Decorations in the Parish

Members noted that Christmas trees and lights were provided to both Plaistow Stores and Oak Tree Stores last Christmas. Following brief discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That Christmas trees be provided to the two shops again this year

0161. Finance Matters

(a) Accounts submitted for payment

A schedule of Accounts submitted for payment for the period 16th October 2007 to 27th November 2007 was circulated to Members and is attached to the end of the Minutes.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the payments submitted for payment be approved

(b) Budget Monitoring to 31.10.2007

Members noted receipt of the Report of the Responsible Financial Officer

(c) Capital Projects for inclusion in the 2008/2009 Budget

Members, following discussion, put forward the following –

- (i) Christmas Decorations**
- (ii) IT Equipment**
- (iii) Play Area surfacing**
- (iv) Ifold Footpath**

(d) Clerk's Pay Increase

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report detailing the 2.49% pay increase, backdated to 1st April 2007.

0162. General Correspondence

Members noted receipt of the schedule of miscellaneous correspondence

0163. Matters raised by members for the next meeting

Councillor Laidlaw – letter box at the end of The Ride, Ifold

0164. Date of next meeting -

Tuesday 15th January 2008 at 7.30pm at Winterton Hall, Plaistow

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm