

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30pm AT WINTERTON
HALL, PLAISTOW**

Present: Councillors - Mr D. Lugton (In the Chair), Mr D. Clement, Mr S. East, Mrs L. Goddard, Mr B. Gravestock, Mr K. Kirby, Mr T. Laidlaw, Mrs R. Perrin and Mr D. Wheeler

C/065/09 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments or questions from the floor

C/066/09 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Ribbens (holiday)

C/067/09 Minutes

- (a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 29th September 2009 having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.
- (b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 16th September and 21st October 2009 were received.
It was noted that both Councillor Gravestock and Perrin gave their apologies for the meeting of 21st October 2009.
- (c) The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 2nd November 2009 were received

C/068/09 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

C/069/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made

C/070/09 Chairman's Report – including Urgent Matters, as appropriate

(a) Cowdrey Estate Farm Shop

Members noted that an invitation had been received for the Parish Council to attend an Open Day on 26th November 2009 from 10am to 8pm with a drinks reception at 6pm with Lord and Lady Cowdrey.

(b) Post Office Services

The Chairman commented that Loxwood Post Office had not noticed a significant increase in business, since the fewer hours of the Outreach Service had started at Plaistow.

(c) Plaistow PreSchool

The Chairman commented that following the recent Finance Committee meeting he, as Tree Warden, had inspected the trees alongside Winterton Hall and inside the PreSchool garden. Members considered that this issue should be dealt with as a matter of urgency, as there could also be an impact on the fabric of Winterton Hall.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Clerk make enquiries as to ownership of the trees and obtain quotations for the necessary work

The Chairman further commented that the additional cost to the Parish Council's grounds maintenance contract for cutting the PreSchool garden grass was being investigated.

Further that the PreSchool was seeking a Councillor to join the Management Committee with a view to being able to give advice/guidance on financial matters. Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That Councillor Perrin would take the initial lead

C/071/09 Reports of County and District Councillors

County Councillor Chris Duncton commented on (a) car parking and charges in the north of the District; (b) the return of School meals to Schools; (c) the recycling of electrical goods for which WSCC had received recognition; (d) the new Kirdford Community Shop; (e) the work to remedy the flooding situation at Costrongs, which appeared to have worked; and (f) the problems with agricultural traffic in late summer.

Members noted receipt of a written report from **District Councillor John Andrews** who was unable to attend the meeting.

C/072/09

SITUATION REPORT

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report -

(a) Parish Action Plan and Village Design Statement

Members noted that CDC had responded that the Design Statement had never been received. It was further noted that this was now available as an email attachment and would be sent to the new CDC officer contact provided by Keith Morgan.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That this issue be progressed

(b) Play Area on The Green

Members expressed their concern and disappointment at the recent incidents of vandalism in the village where sections of the Play Area fence had been destroyed; together with acts of graffiti. It was noted that the incident had been reported to the Police and the Council's insurers.

Members noted that the repairs to the fence were not insurable under the Policy and that the cost of repair at £633.26 had been met from the Village Maintenance Reserve.

IT WAS RESOLVED

(a) To clarify the position with regard to the insurance of fencing and gates to enable a decision to be made as to whether to remove that item from the Policy

(b) That the Clerk contact Sussex Police with a view to increased contact with the local PCSO, in particular with Plaistow Youth Club

Members noted that a new swing seat had yet to be purchased. With regard to installation

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the swing seat to be purchased by the Parish Council, be installed by the original installers of the Play Equipment, Playsafe Playgrounds

C/073/09 Finance Matters

(a) Accounts submitted for payment

A schedule of Accounts submitted for payment for the period 29th September 2009 to 24th November 2009 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) Community Reserve Fund Grant Application by Winterton Hall Management Committee

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report. The application was for a grant in the sum of £516.30 to the Management Committee for the purchase of an external notice board for the display of information about events being held in the Hall.

Members considered that the Parish Council should purchase the board and maintain it, as it was an external addition to the Hall. It was further considered that the purchase should be conditional on notices and posters regarding the Hall being removed from the nearby Community notice board, to free up space.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Parish Council purchase the requested notice board in the sum of £516.30, to be funded from the Community Reserve Fund

C/074/09 Highway Matters

Members noted that all previous matters raised had been reported.

Members asked that the condition of the road from Plaistow to Kirdford, before Crouchlands, be reported as being in a poor condition.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Clerk report the issue raised

C/075/09 Parish Web Site

Members noted that this item was previously raised by Councillor Laidlaw, who commented that the web site was dramatically out of date; and that the Home Page had not been restored to the original.

Councillor Wheeler commented on various technical aspects of the web site.

Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That a meeting of the Web Site Working Group be held on a date to be arranged but in time for a Report for the January Council meeting

C/076/09 Parish Christmas Decorations

Members noted that this item was previously raised by Councillor East. Members noted the Clerk's Reports detailing the arrangements made in 2008. Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (a) That two Christmas trees be purchased, one for each of the Parish shops**
- (b) That each shop be allocated £50 for additional Christmas lights**

C/077/09 Coxes Pond, Plaistow – Pond Clearance Working Party

Members noted that this item was previously raised by Councillor Kirby. Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Working Party would meet on Sunday 21st February 2010 at 9.30am

C/078/09 Summer/Autumn Tractor Movements

Members noted that this item was previously raised by Councillor Wheeler. Members noted that the situation had been difficult this past season. Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That further contact be made with the contractors at the beginning of May 2010

C/079/09 Broadband Speed in Plaistow

Members noted that this item was previously raised by Councillor Wheeler, who gave a brief technical outline of the problems. Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That a speaker from BT be invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Electors in April 2010

**C/080/09 Matters raised by Members for the next meeting
Councillor East – Broadband issues**

**C/081/09 Date of next meeting -
Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 7.30pm at Winterton Hall,
Plaistow**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

..... Signed

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