

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010 AT 7.30pm AT KELSEY HALL,  
IFOLD**

**Present:** Councillors - Mr D. Lugton (In the Chair), Mr D. Clement, Mr S. East, Ms V. Forwood, Mr B. Gravestock, Mrs L. Goddard, Mr J. Kirby, Mr T. Laidlaw, Mr D. Ribbens and Mr D. Wheeler

**C/094/10 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no members of the public present.

**C/095/10 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Perrin

**C/096/10 Minutes**

- (a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record, following a handwritten amendment to Minute C/086/10 with regard to PS/09/05050/FUL – Councillor Wheeler deleted and Councillor Lugton inserted as having a Personal Interest.
- (b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were received.
- (c) The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were received

**C/097/10 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

**C/098/10 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest made

**C/099/10 Chairman's Report – including Urgent Matters, as appropriate**

**(a) Meeting with Plaistow PreSchool**

The Chairman commented he, together with Councillors Kirby and Perrin, had a positive meeting with the PreSchool. Amongst the items discussed were plans for building work at Winterton Hall, to provide additional storage; and an all weather surface for the outside play area.

Fund raising events were discussed and it was noted that there would not be an Easter Egg Hunt this year, so as to avoid last year's problems; and that the annual MayPole Fete would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.

- (b) Tree Work at Winterton Hall**  
The Chairman reported that all the trees concerned were the responsibility of Winterton Hall. The Chairman reported that he had met with the Management Committee and was liaising with them as to a resolution. He added that there may be a request for financial assistance in the future.
- (c) Car parking facilities at Plaistow Village Centre**  
Members noted that enquiries relating to this were on-going
- (d) Graham Clark**  
Members were saddened to learn of the recent death of Graham Clark, a long time and involved resident of Ifold; and a former District Councillor. Members noted that a message of condolence had been sent to the family; and the arrangements for the funeral.
- (e) Temporary Road Closure application**  
Members noted that an application had been made by Plaistow PreSchool for a temporary road closure on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 between 12 noon and 6pm for the annual Maypole Fete.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That there be no objection to the application.**

It was further noted that a formal request to use The Green for the Fete had not been received.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That this be granted, when received, subject to the usual conditions**

**C/100/10 Finance Matters**

- (a) Accounts submitted for payment**  
A schedule of Accounts submitted for payment for the period 19<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 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) Funding to the local First Responders team**

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report that the team hoped to provide a defibrillator for public use at Oak Tree Stores. The set up cost would be in the region of £2500 with on-going maintenance costs to be met by the Sussex Ambulance Service. Following discussion

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the budgeted £1000 continue to be made available for the Project**

**C/101/10 Re-accreditation of Quality Status**

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report. The Chairman expanded on some areas of the Report and invited the County and District Councillors to comment on their experiences of the Scheme. County Councillor Duncton commented that the award of Quality Status had seemingly made no difference to any other Parish Council meetings which he attended; and that he had not heard of any plans to delegate any powers downwards to Parish Councils. District Councillor Hardwicke commented that she had not heard mention of the Scheme at District level.

Members expressed the view that it was extremely disappointing that the Scheme had not been embraced by others as indicated at the outset; that the promised funding had not materialised; and that, overall, Members were confident that this Parish Council was acting in the spirit of the Scheme; and that the Parish Council was working to the 'benchmark' set by the Scheme. It was also noted that there could be some financial savings. Following the discussion

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the Parish Council would not seek re-accreditation for Quality Status at this time; and that reasons for be given for this decision, if sought**

**C/102/10 Highway Issues**

The Chairman invited County Councillor Duncton to speak on this issue. He commented that the financial situation facing the County's Highways Department was dire and that it was becoming increasingly difficult to undertake repairs on the minor rural roads. He encouraged Members to continue to report defects etc. to the County Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**To note County Councillor Duncton's comments**

**C/103/10 Reports of County and District Councillors**

**County Councillor Duncton** commented on the following (a) temporary road closures at Isling Bridge, Kirdford and Drungewick Lane, Loxwood; (b) the forthcoming routine cyclical Rights of Way maintenance visit for the Parish; (c) the next meeting of the County Local Committee in Midhurst on 20<sup>th</sup> March, where the main topic to be discussed would be car parking at Petworth and Midurst; (d) the reported 2.5% increase to the County Council's budget; (e) current discussion regarding the introduction of a blanket 30mph speed limit for villages, which was not without its difficulties; (f) the recent County Council 'Snow Summit'; and (g) fingerpost funding

The Chairman welcomed newly elected District Councillor Philippa Hardwick to the meeting.

**District Councillor Hardwick** commented that she and District Councillor Andrews would be sharing the Ward and that she would be attending this Parish Council's meetings; although Councillor Andrews would still be available.

She further briefly commented on the District Council's budget and recent successful investigations into flytipping

**C/104/10 Planning Matters**

Members considered the following planning applications received since 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 -

(a) **PS/10/00666/DOM – Lytchett, Shillinglee Road,  
Plaistow**

**No objection**

(b) **PS/10/00429/FUL – Paddock Wood, The Drive, Ifold**

**No objection**

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the Parish Council's comments be passed to  
Chichester District Council**

Members noted receipt of the schedule of Planning Applications, detailing decisions made by the Planning Authority

Members noted receipt of the preview of a planning application for the restoration of Southlands Lock (Loxwood Parish)

**C/105/10 Parish Web Site Working Group**

Councillor Wheeler gave an outline of the items discussed at the recent Working Group meeting, including presentation, usability and event management.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That a further meeting of the Group be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30pm**

**C/106/10 Parish Newsletter Delivery**

Members noted the Chairman's request that ideas for future delivery options be brought to the next Council meeting

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**To note the Report**

**C/107/10 Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Parish**

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report. It was noted that an invitation had been extended to Dr Charles Trotman of the Country Land and Business Association to talk on 'The Future of Broadband in Rural Areas'.

Members further noted that arrangements would be made for the meeting to be held on the large Hall of Kelsey Hall and that refreshments would be provided.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**To note this section of the Report**

**C/108/10 Situation Report on previously reported matters**

Members noted receipt of the Clerk's Report -

**(a) Play Area Issues**

- (i) It was noted that insurance cover for fencing and gates was restricted to damage by impact from vehicles, cattle and horses only. Following discussion

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That this element be removed from the Council's insurance policy**

- (ii) Members noted that a new swing seat had been ordered and would be installed by the Parish Council's contractors in due course. Other issues raised in the Report were also being addressed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**To note this section of the Report**

**C/109/09 Matters raised by Members for the next meeting  
Councillor Gravestock – Litter Picking**

**C/110/09 Date of next meeting**  
Following discussion

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the date of the next meeting be changed to Tuesday  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the Youth Club, Winterton Hall, Plaistow**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

..... Signed

.....Dated