

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLYMTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VESTRY ROOM ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTMBER 2008, 7.30PM

PRESENT: Mr A Clarke (Chairman), Mr C Fayers, Mr G Harris, Mrs F Batten, Mrs L Gallagher, Mr S Edwards, (part), PCSO P Anning (part)

3 electors of Plymtree Parish

Crime Report

PCSO P Anning addressed the meeting – Reported no crimes since date of last meeting 23/06/2008.

Would like to remind residents to remain vigilant and to secure sheds and outbuildings. Lawnmowers, bicycles, quadbikes, power tools, strimmers, trailers etc. were all vulnerable. Advised October/November time is when the level of break ins tends to increase. Also advised residents to postcode their property so identification is made easier if stolen property is recovered. Police would attend properties and postcode any items for free.

Action: Clerk to advertise service in Parish Magazine and act as contact for anyone interested.

PCSO P Anning left the meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs K Rosser

2. **Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2008 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Mr Fayers and seconded by Mr Clarke that the minutes be approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:** There were none

4. Correspondence

- **Allotments** – Correspondance had been received by the clerk from an elector of the parish expressing an interest in allotments. The Parish Council agreed to assess the level of interest and potential for provision.

Action: Clerk to contact EDDC to seek any advice and information that they have available.

Action: Clerk to place article in Parish Magazine enquiring as to level of local interest.

Action: Clerk to place article enquiring whether any land owners might have any suitable land.

- **Unitary local government** - Clerk had received numerous correspondance regarding the unitary changes for Devon proposed by the Boundary Committee. Any response by the Parish Council to these changes would need to be submitted by the 26/09/2008. Mr T Clarke & Mr C Fayers would be attending a meeting on 15th September at Broadhembury Village Hall which would explain the proposals in greater detail. It was agreed that they would report back to Councillors with their views.
- **Re-location of postbox** – Clerk had been contacted by Royal Mail Collections and services Department regarding the re-location of the Post Box from its current location to Tyes Orchard. Royal Mail had identified this area as the closest location to its current position where it would not present a hazard or obstruction to pedestrians or vehicles.

Those Councillors present strongly opposed the re-location of the Post Box. It was felt the Post Box would be moving outside the centre of the village. Additionally, Councillors

expressed the view that the suggested location would be problematical because of the narrow road and congestion during school drop offs and collections. Concern was also expressed that the incline up to this area might be a problem for some residents.

Action: Clerk to contact Royal Mail Collections and Services Department and report back to Councillors to confirm why relocation was required.

5. Planning

- 9 & 10 Little Normans – application had been refused by EDDC
- Foxs Cottage – Application had been received for single storey & two story extension. Councillors had no comments to make on these plans.

6. Accounts for payment

Clerks Salary £218.75 April- June Cheque no. 262

7. Closure of Plymtree Post Office

It was reported to the Council that various interested local residents had been investigating the possibility of a community run shop with advice from the Village Retail Services Association. A temporary committee had been formed and would shortly be circulating a questionnaire to residents to canvas opinion.

8. A.O.B

Wate bin near footpath by Parish Hall – It had been brought to the Clerk's attention by a local resident that this bin was not being emptied regularly. On investigation the bin itself did not drain and is in a state of dis-repair.

Action: Clerk to investigate the cost of replacement. In the meantime Mr T Clarke would investigate possible repair.

Parish Noticeboard – The Parish Noticeboard needed repair and painting again.

Action: Clerk to investigate repair and replacement costs.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Councillors agreed to meet late November at a date to be decided

Meeting closed 9.00 pm