

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLYMTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VESTRY ROOM ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2009, 7.30PM

PRESENT: Mr A Clarke (Chairman), Mr C Fayers, Mr G Harris, Mrs F Batten, Mrs L Gallagher, Mrs K Rosser, PCSO C Vickery (part)

4 electors of Plymtree Parish

Crime Report

PCSO C Vickery addressed the meeting – Reported 1 crime since date of last meeting, 08/09/2008, which was classed as a fraud. A mobile phone was obtained with the fraudulent use of driving licence details from an elector of the parish.

Residents are asked to remain vigilant and to secure sheds and outbuildings and check them regularly. 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 and are always willing to offer security advice if requested.

Residents, if they so wished could also receive community messaging which are warning messages of any crimes in the area.

PCSO C Vickery left the meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Mr S Edwards
- 2. Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th September 2008 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Mr Fayers and seconded by Mrs Gallagher that the minutes be approved and signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** There were none
- 4. Correspondence**

CPRE & MVF's Best Kept Village Competition 2009 – It was agreed by those councillors present that the Clerk would complete the application form for entry into this competition.

Action: Clerk to complete entry form.

Sustainable Plymtree Group - Allotments – Correspondence had been received by the clerk from two electors of the parish via the sustainable Plymtree Group. Given the level of interest expressed from 8 electors of the parish they asked that the Parish Council pursue the issue at the Parish Council Meeting.

A discussion of how to take the issue forward followed. Councillors agreed an open letter should be drafted to all landowners who might have available land and would be willing to lease it with the purpose of providing allotments. Comments were made that any lease would need to be for a period of not less than 20 years and the area required in the region of 2000m², ideally within reach or potential reach of water.

Action: Clerk to draft letters to local landowners.

2 electors of the parish left the meeting.

- **East Devon Local Development – Issues and Options Consultation Questionnaire.** The Clerk circulated the discussion document from East Devon District Council (EDDC) about proposed development within East Devon. All electors can comment on the proposals. A poster would be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard advertising the EDDC road shows.

Action: Mr Fayers to review document.

- **Lower Weaver House** – Clerk circulated copies of correspondence from the resident of Lower Weaver House directed to Devon County Council regarding flooding along the Lower Weaver Lane.

5. Planning

The Clerk advised that EDDC had granted the following applications:-

- 9 & 10 Little Normans – single storey extension
- 11 Little Normans removal of cladding and replacement with render and pebbledash
- Woodbeare House Farm – Erection of poly tunnel
- Hayne Cottage – demolition and replacement extension
- Fox's Cottage – two storey extension

Details of one planning application had been received

Unit 1 Farthings Lodge – Change of use of light industrial unit to village shop – the Parish Council would not be expressing an opinion on this application as they were the applicant.

6. Accounts for payment

The following accounts were confirmed as paid, proposed by Mr Fayers and seconded by Mr Harris.

Clerks Salary	£218.75	July - September	Cheque no. 264
Plymtree Parish Hall	£ 14.00	Hall Hire	Cheque no. 263
Audit Commission	£ 58.75	Audit of Accounts	Cheque no. 265
Clerks Salary	£218.75	Oct – December	Cheque no. 266
Plymtree Charities	£ 40.00	Hire of vestry rooms	Cheque no.267
Labdons	£ 58.16	Sand for sand bags	Cheque no. 268
EDDC	£167.50	Planning application (Village Shop)	Cheque no. 269

7. Parish Precept

This item was discussed at the end of the meeting as the following agenda items could have affected the level of precept set.

The Clerk explained that EDDC had requested our precept requirements for the financial year 2009/2010. The Clerk presented a budget for the 2009/2010 year. Based on this budget and given expenditure for the 2008/2009 financial year was expected to be £1600. It was proposed by Mr Fayers and seconded by Mrs Gallagher that the precept be set at £1600.

8. Allotments

Issues discussed under correspondence.

9. Re-Location of post-box

3 alternative locations had been presented by the Royal Mail after a site visit and consultation with Mr Edwards. Those councillors present agreed that the post-box would be best located near to the Church entrance because of traffic considerations and accessibility. It was proposed by Mr Harris and seconded by Mrs Rosser that this be the new location.

Action: Clerk to contact Church representatives to ask of any objections before confirmation to Royal Mail.

10. Telephone Box

The Clerk reported that the telephone equipment had now been removed from the box. The box was now the property of the parish and therefore it was now responsible for its

maintenance. Councillors requested a quote for removing the electricity supply for the lights as it was felt that this was an unnecessary expense and not environmentally friendly. An article would be placed in Parish Magazine to see if anyone would be interested in undertaking maintenance on it as some electors were known to be interested in its upkeep.

Action: Clerk to contact Western Power Distribution to obtain quote for removing electricity supply.

Action: Clerk to place article in parish magazine seeking volunteers to undertake maintenance.

11. Repair/replacement of Parish Council noticeboard

Action: Clerk to obtain separate quotes for repair and also replacement of noticeboard.

12. Waste Bin Village Hall

Drainage holes had now been drilled into this bin. It would also appear that the waste was now being collected on a regular basis from this bin and on this basis replacement was not required.

13. Any Other Business

Parish Lengthsman – The Clerk reported that the Parish Lengthsman would be operating in the Parish on the 19th, 20th and 21st January. It was requested that the lengthsman pay attention to the area outside Old Bridge Farm, the kerb outside Sandersfield and if possible clean up some of the road signage.

Action: Clerk to contact Devon County Council Highways with items for Lengthsman.

Whilst roads were being discussed mention was also made of the Weaver X to Langford Road and the ice build up and subsequent damage to the road surface in places.

Action: Clerk to contact Devon County Council to see if anything can be done.

14. Date of Next Meetings

- **Annual Meeting of Plymtree Parish Council**
- **Annual Parish Meeting**

Councillors agreed to arrange dates for these meetings for the end of April.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm