

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLYMTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VESTRY ROOM ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009, 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr A Clarke (Chairman), Mr G Harris, Mrs F Batten, Mrs L Gallagher, Mrs K Rosser, PCSO P Anning (part)

4 electors of Plymtree Parish

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr C Fayers

2. **Minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Mrs K Rosser and seconded by Mrs L Gallagher that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

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

4. **Correspondence**

- The Boundary Committee – Structural Review of Devon: Further Draft Proposals – Clerk advised that review was ongoing and anyone wishing to comment further on these proposals could do so.
- Neighbourhood Assessment Day – Clerk read from E-Mail sent by Mrs D Chalice on the results of the Neighbourhood Assessment day conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. A variety of comments had been made but on the whole she felt that Plymtree was one of the more contented villages she'd come across.
- A copy of a letter sent to Devon County Council was presented. The letter from a local resident was in regard to the school parking problems at the start and end of the School day.
- Calor Village of the year Competition – Councillor's agreed not to enter the competition on this occasion.

5. **Planning**

- **Siting of free range poultry houses** – Land on West Side of Weaver Lane – The application was discussed at length by those Councillor's present. Councillor's voted on the application and wished to register their objection to the application, with 2 voting against the application and 3 abstentions. Plymtree Parish Council objected to the applications because it was understood that the application for the 2 original poultry houses was conditional on access through Chaldon Farm only. The Parish Council objected to the use of the new track on to Weaver Lane for vehicles to/from the poultry houses.
- **Plymtree Primary School** – Construction of infill conservatory on front elevation – no objection to these plans
- **11 Little Normans Green** – Single Storey rear extension – no objection to these plans

- **Greenend House** – Erection of a 2.4m high close boarded fence between Greenend House and Five Pines extension – no objection to these plans

PCSO P Anning joined the meeting and was allowed to address the meeting at this point due to other commitments.

No reported crimes for the Parish since the last meeting held in January.

As a result of the Neighbourhood Assessment Day 10 properties had taken up the offer of postcoding of property. A number of householders had elected to receive advice on security. Parking outside school had been raised as an issue and DCC highways was in communication with the School.

Speeding was also mentioned as an issue. Police will conduct speed measurements with new portable devices at some time in the future most likely to be on stretch of road between Normans Green and Pencepool Orchard.

**Stop A Thief Campaign** – in conjunction with NFU and other bodies. Initially sensory alarms are being lent to rural victims of crime, those having suffered thefts from outbuildings and isolated locations. If alarm is triggered, Police to be contacted, advise is non confrontation, often the act of switching on lights is enough to deter thieves. 18 alarms are available to cover Honiton, Axminster, Seaton. More available in future depending on demand. Police are happy to advise on various security devices available and interested persons should contact Honiton Police Station if they require assistance. Security checks and postcoding still available if requested.

PCSO P Anning was thanked and left the meeting.

## 6. Accounts for payment

Petty Cash	£ 50.00	Various	Cheque no. 270
Cheque 271	Error cheque not used		
H T Jarvis	£117.50	Strimming of Footpaths	Cheque no. 272
		Spring/Summer 2008	
Host Papa Inc	£68.86	Reg. of Village Website	Cheque 273
EDDC	£172.50	Emptying of dog waste	Cheque no.274
		Bin 2008/09	
Clerks Salary	£218.75	Jan- March 2009	Cheque no. 275

7. **Allotments** – Clerk informed Councillors that a letter had been sent on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to local landowners to ask if they had land that they would be willing to lease for allotments. No response had been received. There followed a discussion between Council and interested electors as to the way forward. Council agreed that they would look into the actual legal responsibilities of the Parish Council in providing allotments and confirmed their support for the idea of the provision of allotments. Allotments would be an item on the Agenda at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain information on the legal responsibilities of the Parish Council in relation to allotments.

## **8. Plymtree Parish Council - Casual Vacancy**

Clerk advised Council that due to the resignation of Mr S Edwards a Casual Vacancy now existed on the Council. Under the Local Government Act 1972 public notice of this vacancy had been given inviting 10 or more electors for the electoral area to request an election in writing to the District Council. The deadline for requesting this election would be 7<sup>th</sup> April. If no such request for an election is received the Parish Council could fill the vacancy as soon as is practicable. This would be done by co-option. Council agreed that an article should be placed in the next Parish Magazine and on noticeboards to advertise this vacancy.

**Action:** Clerk to advertise Casual Vacancy in Parish Magazine and on Parish Council Noticeboard.

9. **Repair/ replacement of Parish Council noticeboard** – Clerk had not yet obtained quotes for the noticeboard.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes for repair/replacement of Parish Noticeboard.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Motts Lane resident had reported that recycling collections were not being made in Motts Lane.

**Action:** Clerk to E-Mail EDDC to inform them of this situation.

Mr G Harris requested further information on the village website.

**Action:** Clerk to invite Mr W Lines, who has currently and kindly taken on the responsibility for this website, to a future meeting of the Parish Council at a date to be decided.

## **11. Date of Next Meetings**

- Annual Meeting of Plymtree Parish Council
- Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that both Meetings be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.30pm with the Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Annual Meeting of Plymtree Parish and advertised accordingly.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm