

PLASTERDOWN GROUPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN GROUPE PARISH COUNCIL** held in
Sampford Spiney Church on Thursday 18th July 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr R Phillips (Chair of the Council), Cllr I Walton, Cllr E Cole, Cllr A Davies, Cllr S Ware, Cllr. Sturmer and Cllr. R Pearson-Bunt.

In Attendance: Caroline Metcalf (Clerk) and the Applicant of the Planning application.

179/24. Apologies

There were no apologies.

180/24. Declarations of Interest

Cllr I Walton declared an interest in items Tiny Wild School and appointment of Whitchurch Community Hall Trustees.

181/24. Public Question Time

The member of public present asked about the downed Moorshop signpost. It was stated this was on the agenda for discussion.

182/24. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th June 2024

It was AGREED by all that the minutes be formally adopted.

183/24. Previous matters arising from the minutes not listed as separate items on this agenda.

- a) **Bus Shelter** - The wooden bench inside the bus shelter is completed and photos of the completed bus shelter have been taken and will be shared with Jewson on social media. Cllr. Phillips thanked all those members of the Council, especially Cllr. Sturmer and her husband Colin, who had given up their time to complete the project and Cllr. Davies for the donation of the wood for the bench. The noticeboard will be installed, once delivered.
- b) **Update on Brook Crossroads and Moorshop signposts** – Update from Devon Highways is an order has been raised for the Brook Crossroads fingerpost to be moved further inwards, to avoid any issues with hedge cutting. They have also arranged for the Walkhampton sign to be positioned to its correct direction, but they cannot provide a timescale of when this will be completed. Cllr. Cole to inform the Clerk when it has been completed.
Both downed Huckworthy and Moorshop signposts have been logged with Devon Highways.
- c) **Boundary Stones** – The Clerk has submitted a grant to Cllr. Philip Sander's Locality Budget, to help fund the installation and inscriptions of two new stones. Cllr. Sturmer confirmed the Duchy College will donate the two stones. Discussions took place on the next Beating the Bounds event on 20th October 2024, and it will be added to the September meeting agenda.
- d) **Missing plaque on the millennium tree at Caseytown Cross** – After discussion, it was agreed the plaque does not need replacing.
- e) **Update on Internet Banking** – The Clerk now has access to internet banking, but two further Councillors' authorisations are required for all online payments. Cllrs. Sturmer and Walton agreed to sign up to Internet banking.

- f) **Devon Highways Connect Events** – The first Connect Matters with Devon Highways, organized by DALC ran on 5th June 2024 and a future 4 online events will be taking place over the next 10 months. The sessions are part of DALC's efforts to enhance collaboration and communication between parish/town councils and Devon County Councils highways team. The Clerk to circulate the information to all Councillors.

Discussions took place on the recent crash on the A386 at Horrabridge on Wednesday 17th July 2024, which blocked the road in both directions. It was also discussed; this was not the first time an accident has occurred along that stretch of the road. The Clerk to contact Devon Highways to ask how they plan to slow the traffic down and is there an official diversion plan in place, if an accident happens again, and if not, is one being put in place.

- g) **Tiny Wilds School. To be taken into Part 2.** No further update has been received from Cllr. Philip Sanders.

184/24. To appoint Whitchurch Community Hall Trustees

Cllr. Walton stated that due to the passing of Two Trustees, new Trustees were needed. Ideally, they should live in the Whitchurch, or in the local area. It was agreed to bring suggestions to the next Council meeting. Cllr. Walton to forward the Clerk information on the role and requirements for a Trustee, for her to circulate.

Cllr. Walton is currently the Acting Chair.

185/24. Discuss notices at Sampford Spiney

Cllr. Sturmer to display Council's agendas and meeting dates on the Sampford Spiney's Church noticeboard.

186/24. To accept the Budget Monitoring report ending 30th June 2024

All agreed to accept the report.

187/24. To approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation ending 30th June 2024

All agreed to approve the bank reconciliation.

188/24. To consider the following planning applications

1. Dartmoor – 0271/24 & 0272/24 – Vertical slate hanging to south and west elevations at Lower Quarry, Moortown, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 9JZ

The applicant attended the meeting and explained that due to the weather, damp was coming through and was damaging the fabric of the listed building. All previous prevention measures have not stopped water getting in, hence this application. They will be using reclaimed slate to match the current slate. After discussion the Council agreed to support the application.

Comment: The Council support the application. The Council recognise the need to keep the weather out of the property and recognised it is a listing building, and old reclaimed Welsh slate will be used.

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189/24. Approve Accounts for Payment

- a) Clerk June) Salary and additional hours - £190.75.
- b) HMRC - £41.20
- c) Whitchurch Community Hall booking - £146.
- d) Wonderwall Products – purchase of noticeboard – £280

All payments were approved.

The Clerk has received an email from the Chair of the Parochial Church Council at Sampford Spiney, to request payment of the annual contribution to St Mary's Church, to cover the cost of using the church for Parish Council and Planning Meetings and a contribution to the maintenance of the graveyard. It was discussed that the Council have recently adopted a Grant Award Policy and all requests for donation over £250 require an application to be completed. After discussions though it was agreed to approve the donation request.

190/24. Agenda items for next meeting to be held on Thursday 18th September 2024, 7.30 pm at Sampford Spiney Church

Items for the next meeting:

- a) Beat the Bounds – 20th October 2024
- b) Appointment of Whitchurch Trustees
- c) Demo of new Councillors email addresses.

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Council

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