

# PLUMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the meeting of Plumstead Parish Council held on Monday 05 December 2022 at 6.30 pm at Carpenter's Cottage**

Present: Nick Fulford (Chairman), Brian Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Pip Burden, David Logan & Harriet Rossi (Clerk) Steve Price also present

1 The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jonathan Pilbrow

### 2 **Declarations of interest**

The Clerk declared an interest in the Planning Application for Plumstead House

### 3 **Minutes from the meetings held on 03 October 2022**

It was noted that the AOB from the October meeting referred to a possible Christmas social drinks event to be organised in conjunction with the PCC. This event has been organised but without the involvement of the Parish Council. The Minutes for the October meeting were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 4 **Matters arising from the meetings held on 03 October 2022**

Cost of living Support Scheme – Upon research undertaken by the Clerk it was found that Plumstead Parish Council is not eligible to apply for this as the Council does not have general powers of competence.

Highways – this will be addressed at point 17 below

Bus Shelter repairs – A quote has been obtained for re-felting, repairing woodwork and repainting the bus shelter. This has come in at £750. It was decided that this work will be put on hold for the time being.

### 5 **Open Session for Members of the Public to speak**

Steve Price was present but did not speak.

### 6 **Report from Steffane Aquarone**

This was circulated prior to the meeting.

### 7 **Report from Pierre Butikofer**

No report was received from Councillor Butikofer

### 8 **Police Report**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that that the local police now have a Facebook page which is both user friendly and informative.

### 9 **Clerk's Financial report**

This was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. It was agreed that the ring-fenced funds would be reallocated to form a reserve for the maintenance for Parish Council Assets.

This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by David Logan.

### 10 **Precept 2023 – 2024**

It was agreed that the precept for 2023-24 would remain at £3,000. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by David Logan and Brian Faulkner.

### 11 **Clerk's Vacancy**

An interested candidate has come forward for the position of Clerk. This position is also being advertised on the notice board and website until 16 December 2022. It was agreed that if there were no other applicants, the candidate who has applied and has been interviewed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be offered the position.

12 **Planning Applications**

There were no objections to either application.

13 **Pond and Wildlife Meadow**

The current contractor has indicated that the fee for next year will be increased from £30 to £40, it was therefore decided to seek quoted from alternative contractors to keep this cost down.

14 **To consider any correspondence not already circulated**

None

15 **Risk Assessment of Parish Council Assets**

Steve Price confirmed that this is already underway for formal review in the next meeting.

16 **AOB**

None

17 **Highways**

Mud on Little Barningham Road – a request will be made for the road to be scraped as there is a build-up of soil in the middle of the road making it impossible for small, low cars to pass. And combined with even a small amount of snow causes cars to become stuck.

Sump on Cherry Tree Road – a request will be made that the sump on Cherry Tree Road in front of Oak Tree and Acorn Cottages be pumped annually. (Action HR)

18 **Future meeting dates**

Thursday February 09 at 6:30pm

Thursday May 04 at 6:00 and 6:30pm

Thursday September 07 at 6:30pm

Thursday December 07 at 6:30pm

*The meeting ended at 19:15*