

**Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 12th January 2021, remotely via Zoom.**

Present: Cllrs Alan Sheppard (Vice-Chair), Peter Walton (Vice-Chair), John Ridout, Nicky Ling, Peter Redman, Mike Brown, Julian Hubbuck, Katie Weiss and Dan Weiss.

Meeting Chair: Cllr P Churchill

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also in Attendance: Three members of the public and Dorset Cllr Emma Parker.

**Minute
Number** **Comments**

20/142 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Lauren Tidbury and PCSO Donnison.

20/143 **Co-option**

RESOLVED that Dan Weiss and Katy Weiss be co-opted as members of the Parish Council for the Puddletown Parish.

20/144 **Councillor Roles**

It was agreed that Councillor Dan Weiss would take over as the liaison for the Puddletown Charity, of which he is an existing member, and that Councillor Katie Weiss would take over from Councillor Sheppard as liaison for the Butt Close Play Area.

20/145 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

Cllr Walton, Churchill and Ridout declared interests in the payment of grants to Tolpuddle Village Hall, PRIDE and Puddletown Village Hall respectively as they each sit on the respective committees.

20/146 **Public Participation**

A resident raised a concern about a potential planning enforcement case prior to the meeting which the Clerk reported to Dorset Council for investigation. The case relates to a historic covenant for a strip of land along the old brick wall bordering Puddletown House to remain accessible for the former Prince of Wales Pub. The concern is that the recent development along Blandford Road contravenes the covenant. A response from the enforcement team is expected before the next Parish Council meeting.

A concern was raised regarding the trees overhanging the river along Backwater. The environment agency have inspected the trees and are satisfied that the trees a concern as far as river conservation. The landowner has been contacted and has agreed that necessary tree maintenance will be carried out.

20/147 **Confirmation of minutes of PAPC meeting held 8th December 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meetings held 8th December 2020 be approved. As the meeting is held virtually, these will be signed at a later date.

20/148 **Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of Action Log**

Tolpuddle Village Survey – Data from the survey is being gathered into a summary report although the process has been slowed by restrictions around movement and households mixing.

The Council hopes to be able to consider the report at the next Parish Council meeting.

It is not possible to gather signatures for the speed limit petitions for Troy Town and Lower Waterston except online now due to the most recent lockdown imposed nationally. It was agreed that this should be delayed until after the lockdown to better engage with people who are not online as this will maximize the number of signatures that can be gathered.

Speed Watch - It was agreed that Cllr Hubbuck would take the lead on this and that Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish would be invited to collaborate for the purposes of organization and equipment sharing.

Action: Cllr Hubbuck and Clerk

Cllrs Ridout, Hubbuck and Dan Weiss will take forward the project started by Phil Drake to have an improved surface installed on Doctor's Lane. A quote from the Senior Ranger at Dorset Council is pending for a compacted gravel surface.

Trees have been ordered for the Blandford Road verge following a site visit with officers at Dorset Council. The trees will be delivered and planted within the next few weeks.

The survey for Athelhampton and Burleston will be delayed until after lockdown as it is not considered appropriate for volunteers to go house to house at this time.

The tree report from Hardy Tree Surgeons has been received. Some work is urgently needed at both the Coombe and the recreation ground as the trees pose a significant safety risk. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting would be arranged for the 19th January so that quotes for the work can be considered and the work can be instructed as soon as possible.

A copy of the updated action log is available online under additional documents or by contacting the Clerk.

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Parish matters

Community Support Group

The group is once again active and supporting the community through the most recent national lockdown where the more vulnerable members of the public particularly are being asked again to not leave their homes unless it is vital. The ID badges that Dorset Council provided for the volunteers have expired. Cllr Parker was asked to look into whether there are plans to issue updated badge. Cllr Parker was also asked to look into whether there were any plans to support people who are unable to drive in attending medical appointments during the lockdown, particularly to attend an appointment to get the Covid-19 vaccine, as the advice is not to share cars with people from outside of your household.

Action: Cllr Parker

The support group want to raise awareness of their activities and the surgery is particularly keen that vulnerable people make use of the prescription delivery service. The group would like some flyers to inform the community that support is available locally.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will cover the cost of the printing of flyers for the support group up to a maximum of £100.

Action: Clerk

Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan

Dorset Council have said that they cannot include anything in the Neighbourhood Plan that the External Examiner has not either already inspected or has directly recommended. The Steering Group had asked for a phrase that would require that the separate developments be phased to avoid traffic and parking issues. Councillor Churchill, as Chair of the Steering Group was asked to go back to Dorset Council and ask them to reconsider given the potential impact on the community.

Action: Cllr Churchill

Forest use

Local residents have noticed an increase in the number of people travelling from outside of the area to use Puddletown Forest. It was agreed that PCSO Donnison would be asked to patrol to encourage people to think more carefully about the guidance to exercise locally where possible and not travel unless necessary.

Grit Bin

The grit bin in Tolpuddle near Central Farm Lane has not been filled. Dorset Council will be asked to fill it and the Clerk will confirm the exact location as previously officers have been unable to locate the yellow container.

Action: Clerk

20/150 **Dorset Councillor's report**

A report was received from Cllr Parker and distributed to members before the meeting. This is available as **Appendix A** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

Cllr Parker pointed out that the Dorset Council Local Plan consultation will shortly begin and will close on the 15th March. The Parish Council will consider a response but local residents are also encouraged to respond individually.

Cllr Parker asked if it would be helpful to receive a regular report from MP Chris Loder and the Council agreed that this would be appreciated.

20/151 **Police and community issues**

A report was received from PCSO Donnison and distributed to members before the meeting. This is available as **Appendix B** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents. The report highlights recent cases of motorbiking in the forest areas and residents are reminded to report this to the police with as much detail as possible. Numberplates are particularly helpful.

There has been an increase in scam calls, emails and texts relating to the coronavirus vaccine. It was agreed that information will be publicised widely to inform residents of what to look out for.

Action: Clerk

20/152 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/20/002612

Proposal: Demolish existing UPCV conservatory and erection of garden room extension.

Location: 3 ORFORD MEWS, ORFORD STREET, PUDDLETOWN, DT2 8UG

RESOLVED to support the application.

WD/D/20/002588

Proposal: Erection of extension to existing agricultural barn

Location: NORTHBROOK FARM, NORTHBROOK, PUDDLETOWN, DT2 8TF

RESOLVED to support the application.

Decision notices were received without comment.

Notification was received of a new Tree Preservation Order:

TPO WD 991

Tree: T1 – Silver Birch

Location: 61 Main Road, Tolpuddle

20/153 **Recreation Areas**

A report of visual inspections at recreation areas was received. The rope leading up to the multi-play slide at Butt Close has been repaired in house with no cost incurred.

The quarterly play area safety inspection reports were received and considered. A trip hazard at the entrance to the toddler play area at Puddletown Community Play Park has been identified. It is suggested that the surface of the path is raised by laying more compacted gravel or that the wood is reduced. The Parish Council casual general workers will be asked to see to this.

Action: Clerk

The report suggested that more social distancing signs are required at the recreation ground. It was agreed to ask if Dorset Council have anything generic that can be used, otherwise the Clerk will laminate some printed signs and put them around the area.

Action: Clerk

The report suggested that "No climbing" signs were needed at the kickwall because the size of the holes makes it extremely easy to climb. These will be prepared and put up by the Clerk.

Action: Clerk

It was again mentioned that a sign was needed outside Orchard Meadow to alert drivers that there are children playing nearby. Dorset Council have previously been approached about this but have not responded yet. Clerk to chase.

Action: Clerk

The seat near to the boules area needs replacing as it has become rotten and the matting under the large play structure has become compacted and ideally needs relaying. Clerk to gather quotes.

Action: Clerk

A price was provided with the report for replacing the small climbing net which has become worn.

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £285 to supply and fit the net.

Action: Clerk

20/154 **Climate and Environment Working Group**

It was agreed to establish a climate and environment working group who would initially be tasked with creating a strategy and plan for the Parish Council to consider adopting. The group will consist of the following members: Cllrs Tidbury, Brown, Redman and Dan Weiss. The Clerk will arrange the first meeting in consultation with members.

20/155 **Community Projects Working Group**

The projects group currently comprises the following members: Cllrs Walton, Ling, Churchill, Tidbury and Ridout. It was agreed that Cllr Katie Weiss would join the working group which would meet on the 26th January.

20/156 **Rights of Way, drains, hedges, and roads**

A number of slates have come loose at Camelot house and have fallen onto the bridleway. This matter was reported to the Building Control team at Dorset Council who have removed any loose and dangerous slates and put up warning signs. Councillors asked that the Clerk write back about the windows, many of which are smashed to see if anything can be done. **Action: Clerk**

20/157 **Finance and accounts**

One quote was received for work that is required at Orchard Meadow as well as the installation of noticeboards. Other quotes were also sought. Councillors agreed that the work was not urgent and further quotes needed to be considered before spending such a large amount and so the decision was postponed to the next meeting. The Clerk will chase up other quotes.

Action: Clerk

RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £3859.59 in accordance with the schedule of payments requested, a copy of the schedule appears as **Appendix C** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

The financial statement for the 3rd Quarter of 2020-2021 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED that confirmation of the budget and precept would be postponed to the extraordinary meeting to be held 19th January as the work required on the trees may have an impact on the budget.

20/158 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Tuesday 19th January 2021, 7.00 pm. This meeting will be held remotely using Zoom. Details of how to access the meeting will be available at the bottom of the agenda.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm

.....Chair Date:

Peter Churchill

