

**Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 9th March 2021, remotely via Zoom.**

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

Meeting Chair: Cllr P Churchill

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also in Attendance: Dorset Councillor Emma Parker and one member of the public.

Minute Number **Comments**

20/184 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Nicky Ling.

20/185 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

None declared.

20/186 **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised a concern about the width of the right of way connecting Blandford Road with Styles Lane following its reinstatement once the adjacent small development is completed. The Clerk has already raised this with Dorset Council and the Senior Ranger has agreed to investigate.

20/187 **Confirmation of minutes of PAPC meetings held 9th February and 5th March 2021**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meetings held on both the 9th of February and 5th of March 2021 be approved. As the meeting is held virtually, these will be signed at a later date.

20/188 **Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of Action Log**

Tree works at both The Coombe and the recreation ground in Puddletown are underway. The contractor is leaving stacks of deadwood to support and enhance biodiversity and signs will be placed at both locations to advise of this. **Action: Clerk**

Forms have been sent to volunteers who are interested in being involved in the Community Speedwatch group for Puddletown. Once forms have been collected back in from 6 volunteers, the group can be registered. Cllr Hubbuck and the Clerk will chase volunteers for the forms. **Action: Cllr Hubbuck and Clerk**

20/189 **Recreation Areas**

An alternative option for extending the recreation ground was discussed. It may be possible to extend to the west into the adjacent field subject to an agreement with the landowner. This will mean that the hardstanding and basketball net would need to be relocated but it will be a quicker solution than applying for a Public Path Order to divert the bridleway to the north and extend in that direction.

Councillors agreed to consider both options once full costings have been obtained for each of them. The Clerk will work with the Cricket Club to gather estimates. Should the Council

choose not to go ahead with either option then the Cricket Club could still install a new wicket but nets may be needed at some point in the future to safeguard users of the bridleway to the north and the road to the south.

A report of visual inspections at recreation areas was received. It was agreed that sand could be purchased to top up the sand pit in Puddletown Community Play Park. The cost will be under £300.

It was agreed that toilets could open at the recreation ground again from Friday 2nd April until October with daily cleaning once again undertaken by the Council's Casual General Workers. The risk assessment, and local Coronavirus case rate will be monitored to decide if enhanced cleaning is required for the whole season.

20/190 **Parish matters**

Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan

It is looking likely that the referendum on the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan will take place on the 6th May. Only electors in the Parish of Puddletown will be able to vote on the matter. The steering group will arrange suitable promotional material.

Action: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Coombe Road traffic / school busses

School busses are once again being forced away from Coombe Road due to parking problems. The Clerk will ask the PCSO to speak to the owner of one particular vehicle which frequently causes an obstruction.

Action: Clerk

Martyrs Inn, Tolpuddle

It is thought that the pub may be under offer again. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

20/191 **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 agreed to endorse the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan at Dorset Council meetings.

20/192 **Police and community issues**

None. No police report received.

20/193 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/20/002928

Proposal: Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension

Location: 1 Home Farm Buildings Mill Street Puddletown Dorset DT2 8FS

RESOLVED to object to the application due to the loss of garden space in what is already a small garden, and the fact that the design is not in keeping with the character of the area. A resident has also said that the plans have not been drawn accurately. The Planning Authority will be asked to investigate this and re-consult if the plans are changed.

WD/D/20/003150 (full planning app.) and WD/D/20/003151 (listed building consent)

Proposal: Conversion of building to create 1no. dwelling

Location: Barn Adjacent Forge Cottage Main Road Tolpuddle Dorset

RESOLVED to support the application which seeks to preserve a historic building by keeping it in use.

WD/ENF/18/00200 (Enforcement Appeal)

APPEAL REF: APP/D1265/C/20/3265870

LOCATION: Camelot, The Green, Puddletown, Dorchester, DT2 8SN

RESOLVED to comment that extending the deadline for the landowner to comply with the notice served is acceptable but that the situation does need to be addressed.

20/194 **Rights of Way, drains, hedges, and roads**

Following Environmental Health investigations into the condition of Camelot House, it has been suggested that the Parish Council reports this to the planning authority and requests that a notice is issued under S215 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

RESOLVED to report the matter to the enforcement team and request that a notice is served.

Action: Clerk

20/195 **Dorset Council draft Local Plan consultation**

RESOLVED submit the response prepared by the Clerk following an extraordinary meeting to discuss the matter. A copy of the response appears as **Appendix B** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

Action: Clerk

20/196 **Dorset Council Community Governance Review**

A leaflet will be delivered in May to all residences explaining the options available and seeking comments. Cllrs Walton and Churchill will support the Clerk in preparing the leaflet.

Action: Clerk and Cllrs Walton and Churchill

20/197 **Parish and Parish Council meetings**

DAPTC have warned that it is unlikely that the legislation which allows local councils to hold virtual meetings until the 7th May, will be extended. Councils are strongly advised to plan and prepare for this.

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meetings will be held in April via Zoom as these must legally be held before the start of June; that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which must be held in May, shall be held on the 4th May this year instead of the 11th in order to enable it to be held as a virtual meeting. The Parish Council will return to face-to-face meetings in June but will investigate the possibility of members of the public being able to still attend remotely should they wish to. A risk assessment for face-to-face meetings and they will be held as safely as possible.

20/198 **Finance and accounts**

As a revised solution is now needed for the boules area at Orchard Meadow, new quotes will be sought and brought back to the next Parish Council meeting. There is a bench and wooden post in need of urgent repair. Quotes will also be sought to carry out this work and warning signs will be placed there in the meantime.

RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £1510.24, and a transfer to reserves 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.

20/199 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Tuesday 13th April 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 8:35pm

Signed

.....Chair

Date:

Peter Churchill

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