

Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th September 2021, in Puddletown Village Hall.

Present:	Cllrs Peter Walton (Vice-Chairman), Peter Redman, Lauren Tidbury, Harry Doe
Meeting Chair:	Cllr John Ridout (Vice-Chairman)
Clerk:	Anna Bendall
Also in Attendance:	7 members of the public.
Minute Number	Comments
21/066	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Alan Sheppard, Nicky Ling and Julian Hubbuck. Apologies also received from Dorset Councillor Emma Parker and PCSO Alison Donnison.</p>
21/067	<p>Co-option</p> <p>RESOLVED that Harry Doe be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council for the Puddletown Parish.</p>
21/068	<p>Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests</p> <p>None.</p>
21/069	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>A volunteer working on the Tolpuddle Information Kiosk Project has reported that costs for internal renovations will be lower than anticipated as savings have been made by re-using the back board and simply painting it. No electrician has yet been found to carry out electrical work internally. The adoption agreement with BT states that a NICEIC approved electrician must be used which is resulting in difficulties in contracting anyone for such a small job. The Clerk will continue to look for electricians and seek quotes. Action: Clerk</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns about mud left on the road by cattle near the sewerage station in Tolpuddle. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the farmer to request that the road be kept clean. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the condition of verges throughout the parishes which have not been cut for several months. The Clerk will contact Dorset Council to request that this is done. Action: Clerk</p> <p>There is some uncertainty about the ownership of the fence west of Orchard Meadow and a resident sharing that border has a copy of an agreement which differs from that held by the Parish Council. The Clerk will meet with the individual to compare contracts and try to resolve the issue. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Maintenance at Orchard Meadow was queried. The Clerk has an informal meeting booked in September to discuss this.</p>

21/070	<p>Confirmation of minutes of the PAPC meeting held 10th August 2021</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meeting held on the 10th of August 2021 be approved.</p>
21/071	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of Action Log</p> <p>The ash trees along the road near Orchard Meadow have been inspected by an arborist from Dorset Council who has agreed to carry out some work including ivy removal. He has determined that the trees are generally healthy and stable.</p> <p>Before a letter was sent to the new owners of the Martyrs Inn, the Parish Council was notified of the intent to sell it again. The Parish Council has listed the Inn as a Community Asset and, as a result, there is now an interim 6-week window to give eligible community groups (including the Parish Council) the opportunity to notify Dorset Council that they wish to be considered as a potential bidder for the pub. A notice was placed on the Tolpuddle noticeboard to this effect, but the Parish Council has received no correspondence from anyone wishing for the pub to be purchased and run as a community facility. There is a great deal of interest (as shown by the village survey) in getting the pub open again and it is hoped that a potential buyer will take note of this and purchase the pub to run privately. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.</p>
21/072	<p>Recreation Areas</p> <p>The quarterly play area safety inspection reports were received and considered. Most of the work required is already in hand, however the following needs doing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifting and re-laying grass mats at Orchard Meadow (volunteer work group to be asked if they could do this) • Chase up warning signs along the road near Orchard Meadow • Chase up Magna Housing regarding lease and repairs to fence • Get a new power cable warning sign on a rigid backboard. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p> <p>RESOLVED that contracted maintenance work at Orchard Meadow and Puddletown Play Park and Recreation Ground will be reviewed and then the contract will be re-tendered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors with responsibilities for the recreation areas will inspect work of the grounds maintenance contractor regularly and report back any concerns.</p>
21/073	<p>Parish matters</p> <p>RESOLVED to nominate the following as Assets of Community Value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puddletown Village Hall • Puddletown Village Shop • The Blue Vinny

	<p>RESOLVED to allow the Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust and its contractors to use the pétanque area in Orchard Meadow for metal storage units for use as a site office/storage area for a year whilst the chapel is restored.</p> <p>The Trust's contractor, Stachey, has agreed to pay all Orchard Meadow water and electric bills for the duration of their use. This will save the Parish Council the £260 which is annually budgeted for utilities at Orchard Meadow.</p>
21/074	<p>PCSO's report</p> <p>No report received.</p>
21/075	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>P/HOU/2021/02047 (householder application) Proposal: Erect a replacement single storey extension Location: 2 Sherrings Green Close, Puddletown, Dorset, DT2 8GZ RESOLVED to comment that the metal clad roof may not be the most appropriate in the conservation area and that the application lacks information about insulation.</p> <p>P/HOU/2021/02072 (householder application) Proposal: Remove chimney & reinstate roof Location: Old Bakery, 29 High Street, Puddletown, Dorset, DT2 8RT RESOLVED to make no comment</p> <p>P/HOU/2021/02123 (householder application) Proposal: Erect single storey extension Location: 1 Trent Close, Tolpuddle, DT2 7HA RESOLVED to comment that the application lacks information about insulation.</p> <p>P/HOU/2021/02490 (householder application) Proposal: Erect single storey side extension Location: 3 Trent Close, Tolpuddle, DT2 7HA RESOLVED to make no comment</p>
21/076	<p>Rights of Way, drains, hedges, and roads</p> <p>The Highways Authority have offered to repaint road markings in Lower Waterston and add new road markings as well as bend warning signs and supplementary maximum speed plates. They also suggested that the Parish Council invest in making more of a feature of the village gateways. Residents in Lower Waterston were consulted and felt that anything offered for free from Dorset Council ought to be gratefully accepted, but that gateway features will not have much of an impact on speed. The residents are arranging a petition to attempt to have the speed limit reduced in Lower Waterston after the Highways Authority initially refused. It is hoped that enough signatures can be gathered to get the case considered by the relevant Executive Member. It was agreed not to seek quotes for gateway features at this time but the matter will be kept under review and could be considered at a later date.</p> <p>A decision on agenda item 11.2 was postponed until the next meeting.</p> <p>Residents have requested a zebra crossing, speed bumps and a Speed Indication Device (SID) for the road near the first school in Puddletown and a zebra crossing near</p>

	<p>the middle school. The Parish Council is willing to pursue these crossings, but Dorset council first require that a consultation takes place. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements and also make enquiries about another post for a SID. Action: Clerk</p> <p>A Damory coach has hit a wall in New Street causing damage. This was reported to the Highways Authority with photographic evidence and the registration number of the coach as Dorset Council own the wall. The wall has initially been made safe while Dorset Council submit a claim for damages.</p> <p>Work on Doctors Lane has been instructed.</p>
21/077	<p>Code of conduct</p> <p>RESOLVED to adopt the new LGA Model Code of Conduct.</p>
20/078	<p>Finance</p> <p>The External Auditor Report and Certificate for financial year 2021-2021 was received with no matters being raised but the auditor.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £2298.78 in accordance with the September 2021 schedule. A copy of the schedule appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.</p>
21/079	<p>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th October 2021, 7.00 pm in Tolpuddle Village Hall.</p>

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm

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