

Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th March 2022, in Puddletown Village Hall.

Present:	Cllrs Peter Walton (Vice-Chairman), John Ridout (Vice-Chairman), Peter Redman, and Mike Brown.
Meeting Chair:	Cllr Alan Sheppard (Chairman)
Clerk:	Anna Bendall
Also in Attendance:	One member of the public and Dorset Councillor Parker attended via Zoom.
Minute Number	Comments
21/157	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Harry Doe and Lauren Tidbury as well as PCSO Alison Donnison, and Dorset Councillor Emma Parker.</p>
21/158	<p>Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests</p> <p>Cllrs Ridout, Sheppard and Walton declared interests in the agenda item related to payments for authorisation as they are involved in PRIDE and the village hall committees.</p>
21/159	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>None.</p>
21/160	<p>Confirmation of minutes of the PAPC meeting held 8th of February 2022</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meeting held on the 8th of February 2022 be approved.</p>
21/161	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to chase up enforcement case WD/ENF/18/00200 to find out if the back garden was cleared.</p>
21/162	<p>Dorset Councillor Report</p> <p>A report was received from Dorset Councillor 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.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to add Dorset Councillor reports to website when they are available and post a link on Facebook.</p>
21/163	<p>Recreation areas</p> <p>Rotten fence posts at Orchard Meadow require replacing. ACTION: Clerk to get a quote for replacement posts.</p>

Parish Matters

Volunteers

The Parish Council recognises the valuable contribution of all community volunteers and more recently, those who have worked hard on the Tolpuddle information kiosk project which has seen the tired old K6 phone box (formerly a listed building) transformed into a community asset.

Due to legislation restricting the ways in which the Parish Council spends its money, there is no way that the Parish Council can directly authorise spending to reward volunteers. In any case, the list of those who contribute to the community is a long one. The Parish Council will support volunteer groups financially wherever it can, for example by reimbursing costs associated with pre-approved projects, providing equipment and refreshments for the Orchard Meadow working party, and offering grant aid to properly constituted charitable groups within the community. All such spending must be approved by the Parish Council in advance.

Recreation ground car park

A note was left on a camper van in the recreation ground car park, appearing to be from the Parish Council. It has been confirmed that this was not left by any member or officer of the Council.

Although overnight camping is not permitted, there are no size or weight restrictions to prevent camper vans from using the car park during the day. The Parish Council reserves the right to review parking restrictions in its car park and should the car park become a more popular stopping place for camper vans, a size limit may have to be considered.

Power supply problems in the community

ACTION: Cllrs Walton and Redman to draft letter to SSEN regarding concerns after frequent power cuts. Clerk to send.

Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon

Recent breaches of planning conditions related to the slurry lagoon were discussed at an emergency meeting of the liaison group. Discussions are ongoing. Councillors are aware of the community concerns regarding Southover Farm vehicle movements and speeds. The liaison group will continue to seek resolutions with the landowner. Any member of the community wishing to make comments to their representatives on the liaison group, should initially contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Oil exploration, Puddletown Parish

To clarify, the recent application for an oil well to the northeast of Puddletown was not an application for fracking.

Community Engagement

A local resident asked if the Parish Council would consider having a publicly accessible office for the Clerk so that members of the public could visit to raise issues. It was agreed that the Clerk is not employed for enough hours for this to be practical. As an alternative, Councillor/Clerk drop ins at community events such as church coffee mornings were considered and it was agreed that these would be carried out on an ad-hoc basis and advertised in advance.

21/165	<p>PCSO's Report</p> <p>A report was received from PCSO Donnison and read out at the meeting. This is available as Appendix B of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.</p>
21/166	<p>Rights of Way, drains, hedges, and roads</p> <p><u>Request for parking along the road in Lower Waterston</u> Some concern was raised regarding the proposed location (near a bend) and safety as residents parking would need to cross the road to get to their properties and the speed limit is 60 mph along this stretch. Some letters or emails have been sent from local residents stating that they have no objection to the proposal, but it does not appear that there are many people in Lower Waterston who feel strongly that they want parking. It was agreed to hold any decision until a later date in case further people make representations.</p> <p><u>Parking problems on the junction of Beech Road and Butt Close</u> ACTION: Clerk to ask PCSO Donnison to take a look and speak to drivers parking dangerously. Clerk to request that white lines on junction are repainted and that new white lines are added across the dropped curbs to keep these clear for pedestrians.</p> <p><u>Camelot House</u> The building control team have recently removed loose slates that were falling off of the roof adjacent to the bridleway. ACTION: Clerk to ask Building Control to visit and consider any action that can be taken to reduce the risk to the public as there are broken windows alongside the bridleway.</p>
21/167	<p>Community Governance Review</p> <p>RESOLVED to submit no comment.</p>
21/168	<p>Policies and Procedures</p> <p>The policies and other documents listed below were all reviewed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and adopt the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Register • Financial Regulations • Standing Orders • Continuity Plan • GDPR Policy • Asset Register
21/169	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Financial Statement for the 3rd quarter of financial year 2021-2022 was received and discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that consideration of a grant related to the Queen's Jubilee would be delayed until April so that all grant applications related to the Jubilee can be discussed and considered together.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £5,265.57 (including the below grant awards to community groups) in accordance with the March 2022 payment schedule. A copy of the schedule appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.</p> <p>The following grants were awarded to community groups to help towards their ongoing costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolpuddle Village Hall - £315 • Puddletown Village Hall - £420 • PRIDE - £690 • Tolpuddle Church - £680 (specifically for churchyard maintenance) • Puddletown Church - £680 (specifically for churchyard maintenance) • Puddletown Library - £570 <p>The Local Government Sector Pay Increase (backdated) - Covering 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, as agreed by the National Joint Council for local government services on the 28th February 2022, was noted. This is automatically applied in accordance with the Clerk's contract of employment.</p> <p>Emergency tree work for Orchard Meadow was approved at a cost of £195 (ex. VAT) after a tree was damaged by a storm.</p>
21/170	<p>Minutes numbering error</p> <p>The Parish Council notes that due to an administrative error, there are no minutes 21/094 to 21/110.</p>
21/171	<p>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda</p> <p>The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 12th April 2022, 7.00 pm in Tolpuddle Village Hall.</p>

Meeting closed at 8:16 pm

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