

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Tolpuddle and Burleston, in Tolpuddle
Village Hall, Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 6:30pm**

Meeting Chair:	Cllr Alan Sheppard (Chairman)
Present:	9 members of the public
Clerk:	Kelly Haggett
Apologies:	Julia Johnstone
Minute Number	
22/001	<p>Approval of minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting 22nd May 2021</p> <p>Councillor Alan Sheppard explained that due to covid, last years Tolpuddle and Burleston Parish meeting was held online, no members of the public attended, therefore the minutes were amalgamated with the main Puddletown Area Parish Council Meeting from May 2021.</p>
22/002	<p>Parish Council update</p> <p>Councillor Alan Sheppard read out his Chairs Report, which will be available online under additional documents. He reiterated that there are currently vacancies for Councillors in the Tolpuddle and Burleston areas and encouraged anyone interested to contact the PAPC Clerk. The Chairs report detailed several areas in which the Parish Council had supported Tolpuddle and Burleston, such as grant funding for IT equipment in the village hall and supporting the Martyr's Inn to become a Community Asset. Cllr Sheppard thanked the residents for all of their support over the last year and looks forward to another successful year of collaborative working.</p>
22/003	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>The PAPC was thanked for all the work that goes on 'behind the scenes', such as general and routine maintenance of the areas' open spaces. Discussion ensued over the retendering of the ground's maintenance contract, with Cllr Sheppard confirming that the Parish Council are due to recommission this contract later in 2022 and will work with the local Councillors to ensure agreed specifications.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to utilise Dorset County's various online forms to make contact about specific issues such as planning enforcement or to report problems. This appears to generate quicker responses.</p>

Meeting closed at 6:46 pm

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