

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Area Parish Council held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 8th January 2019 at Puddletown Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs A. Sheppard (Vice Chairman), P. Walton (Vice Chairman), J. Johnstone, P. Cooke, P. Drake,
Chairman:	Cllr S. Baynard
Locum Clerk:	Mr C. Hampton
In Attendance:	1 member of the public, DCC Cllr N. Ireland
Public Participation Time	
No points raised.	
Minute Number	Comments
18/214	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Cooke and A. Thorne. The Chairman took this opportunity to report that Mrs Shirley Langdon had resigned from the council. He thanked Shirley for all her hard work during her time as a councillor, particularly for the period when she took on the additional role as Clerk to the council, which was purely voluntary. He said that Shirley would be greatly missed.</p>
18/215	<p>Confirmation of minutes of PAPC Meeting held 11th December 2018</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC Meeting held 11th December 2018 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.</p>
18/216	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the 11th December 2018 PAPC Meeting</p> <p>Cllr P. Cooke expressed astonishment at the way the December minutes had been challenged by a member of the public and requested that changes be made. The Chairman clarified the process for approving the minutes and explained why in this instance it had been agreed to amend them. It was suggested that future minutes of meetings should be more concise and that once agreed by the Chairman and members for factual accuracy and completeness then no further amendments ought to be made prior to approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Drake asked for an update from Cllr P. Cooke on progress with the enforcement order against the Old Hairdressers at The Green, Puddletown. Cllr Cooke explained that action is in hand, a letter from a resident had been very helpful and he had taken photographs himself of the problem to present to the enforcement officer. He has requested that the enforcement officer report to the next planning committee meeting. Cllr Drake expressed concern that planning enforcement is not being applied in the village.</p> <p>The Clerk read through progress on a list of actions from the December minutes.</p>
18/217	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested.</p> <p>None received.</p>
18/218	<p>County Councillor's report</p> <p>Cllr Ireland reported on the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow Dorset Council approved/noted the Tier 2 appointments at a salary of £135k each.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Monitoring Officer (Jonathan Mair) has now left to take up his Dorset Council role; his deputy has taken over the statutory role for DCC. Since this change requires Full Council approval (next scheduled for the 28th March), the Chief Exec has used delegated special powers to enact. • Attended Affpuddle Parish Council the day after the last Puddletown Area PC to listen to their concerns over the Southover slurry lagoon application. DCC officers Charlotte Rushmere and Mike Garrity were present and the discussions lasted 90 minutes. Exchanged emails with Charlotte today and the outcome hasn't changed i.e. she is likely to approve. Conditions will apply but they don't relate to use of the public highway. The proposed conditions are 9-4 weekday working and no export of slurry. There is likely to be a liaison group established to interface between parish councils, residents and the applicant. • Petition with reference to The Coombe speed limit reduction. This will be heard on the 5th February, 2:15pm at County Hall. • Shadow Dorset Council will consider the approval of the new Dorset Council constitution later this month; there were some mistakes and corrections made (now on v.13) but all seems OK now apart from an issue I raised today. • Dorset Council budget. This is proving to be problematic and there will be a large savings requirement going forward. Currently the budget isn't balanced without some unexplained or substantiated 'finger in the wind' numbers.
18/219	<p>District Councillor's Report</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
18/220	<p>Police and Community Issues</p> <p>None received.</p>
18/221	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>None received</p>
18/222	<p>Puddletown Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation grounds – Cllr Sheppard reported that to address one of the pick-up items from a recent inspection report, sand would need to be purchased at a cost of approximately £160.00. This was approved. He is also investigating whether Butt Close could obtain a grant from Pocket Parks Plus, a government funded initiative. • The Chairman enquired about a JCB that has been regularly parked on the High Street by The Green in recent weeks. It was explained that the owner has been working with the JCB close by. • The Sport England database was discussed and it was agreed that the information it holds on PAPC sports grounds should be kept updated. Action: Clerk • Cllr Drake reported that the information boards in the Puddletown are in a poor condition and asked if anything could be done to update and improve them? Mr Ridout from the Puddletown Society offered to investigate.
18/223	<p>Tolpuddle Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Johnstone reported that he will be attending an on-site meeting at Central Farm Lane with representatives from Highways and Dorset County Council, to discuss the siting of a grit bin and provision of street lighting. • Cllr Johnstone announced that the next Tolpuddle Parish meeting will be held 19th February in the village hall and on the 2nd March there will be a sponsored litter pick in the village.
18/224	<p>Noticeboards</p> <p>RESOLVED that the 3 noticeboards should be dark green in colour with Puddletown Area Parish Council as the main heading on 2 boards with Tolpuddle and Puddletown below respectively. The 3rd board would be headed Puddletown Recreation Ground. Total cost £2744.40 inc. VAT.</p>
18/225	<p>Protocol for Approaching Developers Regarding Community Benefits</p> <p>A draft protocol was presented for consideration by the Clerk. Members felt that any approach by the council to potential developers could be easily misinterpreted and that the negotiation of community benefit should be left in the hands of the local authority planning department. It was agreed that the protocol should be adopted for future reference.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED to adopt the draft protocol for approaching developers regarding community benefits.</p> <p>A letter from Mr P Churchill inviting the Chairman and Clerk to a meeting on the 17th January regarding community support from developers was subsequently discussed and it was agreed that PAPC would not be represented at the meeting. Clerk to reply. Action: Clerk</p>
18/226	<p>Litter Bins</p> <p>The quotation from Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) to replace/supply new litter bins was considered. It was agreed to provide bins to Butt Close, the Recreation ground and Tolpuddle village at a total cost of £1000.00.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept DWP's quotation to supply litter bins as specified.</p>
18/227	<p>Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
18/228	<p>To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set for discussion and possible inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. eMail from Mr. Cox dated 7th January regarding Puddletown councillor vacancies. It was agreed that there should be advertising in advance of the May elections, but not to leaflet every household as suggested by Mr. Cox. 2. Letter from St. Mary's Middle School asking the council to promote the need to fill vacancies at the school for Foundation Governors. 3. The Clerk highlighted the financial report for the 3rd qtr. of the financial year that he had promulgated to all members. He explained that it had not been possible to include it on this month's agenda due to the late arrival of a bank statement but invited any comments on the report in advance of it being formally accepted at the February meeting. The Chairman pointed out that the general fund could be reduced by transferring money to reserve funds earmarked for specific purposes. It was agreed that the Finance Committee meet to draft proposals early March for consideration at the March meeting of the full council.
18/229	<p>Accounts</p> <p>To authorise payment of accounts – the payments requested schedule for January was circulated to Members prior to the meeting and appear as Appendix A of the Minute Book.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £2132.24 in accordance with the schedules of payments requested.</p>
18/230	<p>Items for Next Agenda</p> <p>To be sent to the Clerk, deadline for submissions midday Wednesday 5th February 2019.</p>
18/231	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 12th February 2019, 7.00 pm at Tolpuddle Village Hall</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 8.25pm</p>	

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Date:

Stephen Baynard