

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Area Parish Council held at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Puddletown Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs A. Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Cllr 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**

A member of the public raised the following concerns at Greenacres: -

1. Shrubbery – residents have been struggling to keep this under control each year. If left it gets overgrown and shades the footpath.
2. Pedestrians using the footpath to the recreation ground often do not see the road that has to be crossed, a particular hazard for children. A suggested solution is a chicane type barrier for pedestrians to navigate through near the junction of footpath and road.
3. Parking at the junction of Greenacres and Dorchester Rd.

The Clerk will investigate these matters and forward them to the appropriate authority.

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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18/253	<b>Apologies for absence</b>
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Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Cooke, A. Thorne, P. Cooke and PCSO A. Donnison

18/254	<b>Confirmation of minutes of P APC Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
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**RESOLVED** that the minutes for the P APC Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

18/255	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 P APC Meeting</b>
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None not covered by the agenda.

18/256	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest</b> in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested.
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None received.

18/257	<b>County Councillor's report</b>
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Cllr Ireland reported on the following: -

- DCC 18/19 financial position is currently (February) £6.66m overspent with Child Services £11.5m over budget and Adult Services £0.38m over.
- Child Services has been steadily increasing whilst Adult Services decreased ... -£9.66m, -£10.4m, -£11.5m vs. -£1m, -£0.66m, -£0.38m Dec, Jan, Feb.
- New Dorset Council Child Services Director (Sarah Parker) assumed responsibility for that role within DCC on the 1st March.
- Dorset Council budget was approved by a majority vote at the last full Shadow Council meeting on the 20th February.
- Discussions ongoing regarding the parking situation outside the First School.

- Extraordinary meeting of Shadow Dorset Council to be held on 14th March to consider a motion submitted last week.

Cllr Ireland also gave a personal statement: -

“This is my final meeting as your Dorset County Council representative, although I will be present next month in my capacity as one of your Shadow councillors and I can represent you until the 6th May. I do intend to stand for the new Dorset Council. However, Linden Lea has been sliced into four separate Wards and I will be standing in “Crossways” since I live in Osmington. It’s been a pleasure to work with you all and I hope your new representative will be at least as useful as I hope I’ve been.”

18/258 **District Councillor’s Report**

None received.

18/259 **Police and Community Issues**

PCSO Donnison was unable to attend the meeting due to a last-minute emergency. However, a report was sent the following day and distributed to members by email. A copy of the report appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

18/260 **Planning Applications**

- WD/D/19/000063  
Proposal: Convert outbuilding to utility / shower room and erect link to main house. Erect replacement conservatory.  
Location: THE MARTYNS HOUSE, 9 THE SQUARE, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2
- 8SLWD/D/19/000064  
Proposal: Demolish conservatory. Erect replacement conservatory, convert outbuilding to utility / shower room and erect link to main house. Carry out associated internal and external alterations.  
Location: THE MARTYNS HOUSE, 9 THE SQUARE, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 8SL
- WD/D/19/000297  
Proposal: Insertion of mezzanine floor above bathroom in bedroom to form additional bedroom space, with access stair & balustrade.  
Location: 2 THE OLD SCHOOL, 38 HIGH STREET, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 8RY

**RESOLVED** that PAPC has no objections to any of these planning applications.

Planning approvals for WD/D/18/000300, WD/D/18/000209 and WD/D/19/000227 were noted.

18/261 **Puddletown Matters**

- Cllr Drake reported that the Clerk’s letter to the owner of Puddletown Forest had not generated a response, he therefore felt there was no point in pursuing Mr. Bishop’s suggestion of placing information boards and entry point signs in the forest. The idea had been to make the area more welcoming to visitors, but Cllr Drake felt that one of the biggest deterrents to visitors was the unacceptable behaviour of some men at access points along Rhododendron mile and Two Drovers. He called for a stronger police presence to deter these activities and requested the Clerk to write to the Community Police team. The council will invite a Police representative to the Puddletown Annual Parish meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Sheppard reported that he is awaiting planning approval for the skate park and that two ‘No Kite Flying’ signs are needed for the Recreation Ground.
- The Clerk gave an update on correspondence with Highways and the First School regarding parking outside of the school. It is intended to hold a 3-way meeting with the Parish Council, Highways and the School before the Easter school holiday.

18/262 **Tolpuddle Matters**

- Cllr Johnstone reported that residents at Fleur Court are liaising with Hastoe to locate a grit bin. The Clerk informed members that Hastoe's development team are looking into the question of providing some street lighting at Fleur Court.
- Cllr Johnstone also informed the meeting that there had been a very successful litter pick in the village.
- Members were made aware of an art exhibition on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, based on the Martyr's Tree.

18/263 **Communications**

- The website needs more material to be published if it is to attract people's attention. The Clerk requested that members review what has already been published and forward any contributions they would like to see added.
- The Clerk highlighted a few emails he thought would be of particular interest to members.

18/264 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Cllr Drake reported on the following items: -

- A layby on Long Lane which had been blocked with soil has now been cordoned off with bollards.
- He is applying for an 'Countryside Access' grant to create a footpath between Athelhampton and Tolpuddle.
- The bus stop at Athelhampton is severely overgrown. To be reported to the CHO. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Sheppard commented on the muddy state of the High St and footpath as a result of work on the small new development. The Clerk will raise the issue with the CHO again. **Action: Clerk**

18/265 **Local Elections**

The Clerk informed the meeting of the procedure for submitting election nomination papers and the election timetable.

18/266 **Reserved Funds**

The Chairman explained the proposals from the Finance Committee for re-allocating £20k from the general fund to reserved funds. New reserved funds for the Recreation Ground and Butt Close were created with £10k and £5k respectively and £5k was added to the Orchard Meadow Park reserve.

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve the Finance Committee's proposal.

18/267 **To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set for discussion and possible inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

None received.

18/268 **Clerk's Salary**

The Chairman presented a proposal to approve a pay award for the Clerk in line with the NJC National Salary Award 2019-20 new banding structure SCP £10.79/hr with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve the Chairman's proposal.

18/269 **Accounts**

To authorise payment of accounts – the payments requested schedule for March was circulated to Members prior to the meeting and appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** to approve payments totalling £5161.51 in accordance with the schedule of payments requested.

18/270 **Items for Next Agenda**

To be sent to the Clerk, deadline for submissions midday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

18/271 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.00 pm at Tolpuddle Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

**SIGNED ON ORIGINAL**

.....Chairman

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Stephen Baynard