

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

**Present:** Cllrs A. Sheppard (Vice Chairman), J. Johnstone, P. Cooke, P. Drake, A. Thorne, M. Cooke

**Chairman:** Cllr P. Walton (Vice Chairman)

**Locum Clerk:** Mr C. Hampton

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public, DCC Cllr N. Ireland

**Public Participation Time**

No points raised.

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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18/232	<b>Apologies for absence</b>
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Apologies were received from Cllr S. Baynard.

18/233	<b>Confirmation of minutes of PAPC Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
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**RESOLVED** that the minutes for the PAPC Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

18/234	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 PAPC Meeting</b>
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18/228.1 - it was noted that the email from Mr Cox regarding vacancies on the council had been answered by the Clerk. Notification of the local elections in May would be well publicised, but there would not be a leaflet drop to every household as suggested.

18/235	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest</b> in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested.
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Cllr Thorne declared an interest in agenda item 10.1.2 as he had submitted quotations for the work being considered. The Clerk advised that he should not be allowed to speak or vote on this item and that members may wish him to leave the room whilst discussions topic took place. Members felt this was unnecessary.

18/236	<b>County Councillor's report</b>
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Cllr Ireland reported on the following: -

- DCC 18/19 financial position is currently (January's) £7.2m overspent with Child Services £10.4m over budget and Adult Services £0.6m. Currently a spending and recruitment freeze in place.
- First major tranche of redundancies associated with LGR starting. 220 posts deleted and hence all these have been notified of potential redundancy. 95 new posts created. Small overlap with some existing roles and a total of 117 staff will have to go. Voluntary redundancy available to (just) those staff but on a case by case basis. If not enough people jump, then there will be a formal selection process. Next phase concerns Corporate and that will start in March - approx. 65 jobs to go there. After Dorset Council begins, there will be another tranche concerning individual contributors - Matt Prosser wouldn't be drawn on the total but likely to be another two hundred.
- Shadow Dorset Council considered the approval of the new Dorset Council constitution earlier this month; two issues raised at the Shadow Exec were changed before it was presented to Council (electronic voting visibility & Executive public/councillor questions & statements). Two amendments were proposed on the day - chairmanship of scrutiny committees by minority parties and adopting the parish/town council planning input from WDDC. The first was rejected, the second approved.

- Dorset Council budget. This is proving to be problematic and there will be a large savings requirement going forward. Currently the budget is balanced but no detailed breakdown below high level and with some dubious numbers. Budget briefing today. Meeting with DCC deputy CFO and Shadow Council CFO tomorrow (separately).
- Council tax increase for Puddletown, Tolpuddle etc. residents (for just Dorset Council and ignoring parish, police, fire etc) will be £76.66 for Band D - a 5.07% increase over last year's combined WDDC and DCC precepts. (NDDC 6.29%, Wey 6.33%). For reference, Fire is going up 2.99% and Police about 11.66%.
- Petitions panel held at County Hall to consider reducing the speed limit at The Coombe. Glad to report that this was approved. Proximity to school was a big factor. TRO list for 19/20 now full so nothing will happen next year. I suggest the parish council nudge my successor in October to chase this up. Additional signage work and a speed survey will however go ahead this year.

Cllr Ireland was asked to comment on an email circulated following the planning committee's approval of the 3 Ways Lane planning application. At the meeting a DCC Highways Officer had reported that as a consequence of the PAPC submission in response to the planning application, he had visited the First School site and found the drop off point clearly had cars parked that were not just "dropping off". Cllr Ireland said he would raise it with Highways. The Clerk was asked to write to the First School and Highways as well.

**Action: Cllr Ireland/Clerk**

18/237 **District Councillor's Report**

Nothing to add not covered by the agenda.

18/238 **Police and Community Issues**

None received.

18/239 **Planning Applications**

- WD/D/19/000227 (permitted development)  
Proposal: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwelling-houses (2 dwellings) (Use Class C3) and for associated operational development.  
Location: NORTHBROOK FARM, NORTHBROOK, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 8TF.
- WD/D/18/002912  
Proposal: Erection of grain store.  
Location: LAND KNOWN AS WATERSTON FARM, SLYERS LANE, WATERSTON.
- WD/D/18/001530  
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78, TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
Erection of two detached dwellings with garaging and car parking  
EAST FARM COTTAGE, WHITE HILL, TOLPUDDLE, DORCHESTER, DT2 7EP.

**RESOLVED** that PAPC had no comment to make on the three planning applications above.

- WD/D/19/000389  
Proposal: Erect concrete lined, below ground level skate bowl with associated minor earthworks and fencing as an extension of the existing play park area.  
Location: PUDDLETOWN RECREATION GROUND, DORCHESTER ROAD, PUDDLETOWN.

**RESOLVED** that PAPC supports this planning application.

18/240 **Puddletown Matters**

- The Old Hairdresser's, The Green, Puddletown – Cllr P. Cooke reported that enforcement proceedings have been instigated against the owner of this property He warned that it could be a long process to get the matter resolved satisfactorily.
- Cllr Sheppard presented a report on the play park and the success of various fund-raising activities that have taken place to support the park. He also announced that 800 trees and hedges had been planted with the significant help of volunteers plus Amey and Tivoli businesses. He thanked all those

who had contributed and thanked to Clive Barnet for all his endeavours in maintaining the play park. Cllr Sheppard also informed the meeting of progress on the Butt Close play park. He has received two quotations from a specialist company and is awaiting for an amended plan based on feedback to the company before approaching the council for funding approval.

- The Clerk was asked about progress on replacing the litter bins in various recreational areas. He replied that they have been ordered from DWP and he will chase delivery. **Action: Clerk**
- Installation of the new noticeboards was briefly discussed, Cllr Drake suggested an alternative site to the existing recreation ground position. To be finalised on receipt of the boards.

#### 18/241 **Tolpuddle Matters**

- Cllr M. Cooke presented an inspection report of the Orchard Meadow Park equipment and facilities, which highlighted a number of items for maintenance and repair.
- Cllr M. Cooke presented quotes and estimates from Mr. A Thorne for carrying out the work identified by the report which amounted to a total of £1900 plus materials. A quotation from Mr Ken Hussey was also presented for support rail and warning power line signs at a total cost of £127.75.

**RESOLVED** to approve expenditure on repairs and maintenance as detailed.

- Cllr M. Cooke also asked for approval to submit an application to Awards for All for new equipment and play areas which will need to be match funded.

**RESOLVED** to approve the application to Awards for All.

- A request from St John's Church to hold a Village Midsummer Party, including a dog show, at Orchard Meadow Park on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, was submitted for approval.

**RESOLVED** to approve the request from St John's Church to hold a Midsummer Party at Orchard Meadow Park. Prominent signs are to be displayed to the effect that dogs are only allowed at the park for this particular event.

- Cllr Johnstone reported that he had canvassed residents on Central Farm Lane regarding the issue of street lighting with the result that they are evenly split for and against. Those wishing to have street lighting installed were from the Fleur Court area. It was agreed that the Fleur Court developers, Hastoe Group, should be approached in the first instance to provide lighting. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Johnstone also informed members that the only suitable location for a grit bin to service Central Farm Lane was the Village Hall car park. Cllr Walton agreed to investigate. **Action: Cllr Walton**
- Cllr Johnstone reported that the Southover Lane sign had gone missing. The Clerk will contact Highways for a replacement. **Action: Clerk**

#### 18/242 **Financial Report 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr FY 2018-19**

**RESOLVED** that the report submitted by the Clerk in January is approved and accepted.

#### 18/243 **S137 Grant Application**

A grant request from Mr Paul Langdon on behalf of Citizens Advice Dorset was considered. It was agreed to go back to Mr Langdon to ask for more details before making a final decision on the application.

**Action: Clerk**

#### 18/244 **PRIDE**

Cllr Drake delivered a report from the PRIDE Committee meeting held in January. Improvements are being made to the Pavilion in both the top room and kitchen areas and good use is being made of the top room by a keep fit group. Mr Peter Churchill has been co-opted to the committee and has taken on the role of co-ordinating the future development of the Pavilion.

18/245 **Community Meeting**

A report of the Community Meeting in Puddletown, led by Mr Peter Churchill, was discussed. It was felt by Puddletown members to have been a useful get-together of the many and varied groups in the community. The Chairman concluded discussions by noting the report.

18/246 **Petition Hearing on the 30mph Zone Extension at the Coombe**

See County Councillor’s report Min.18/236

18/247 **Communications**

- The new PAPC website was reviewed and considered a big improvement. The Clerk reported that it was much easier and quicker to upload basic information. He asked members to supply him with information they wanted to see on the website. He hoped it would become a go-to site for the PAPC area.
- The Clerk highlighted a few emails he thought would be of particular interest to members.

18/248 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Nothing to report. Cllr Drake pointed out that many people are now using the DorsetForYou website forms for reporting problems, which means they are usually actioned much quicker.

18/249 **To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set for discussion and possible inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

The Clerk drew councillor’s attention to an email which had just been received from Keep Britain Tidy, promoting their annual litter pick and asked if it was something for consideration at next month’s meeting. It was pointed out that both Tolpuddle and Puddletown already have arrangements in place to take part in the campaign which did not require the council’s involvement.

18/250 **Accounts**

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

**RESOLVED** to approve payments totalling £2259.49 in accordance with the schedule of payments requested.

18/251 **Items for Next Agenda**

To be sent to the Clerk, deadline for submissions midday Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

18/231 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.00 pm at Puddletown Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**SIGNED ON ORIGINAL**

.....Chairman

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Stephen Baynard