

TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday 19 February 2019

Present:	Nigel Pitman	Chair
	Peter Walton	Vice Chair Parish Council
	Jim Johnstone	Parish Councillor
	Julia Johnstone	Clerk
	24 members of the public	

1. Welcome and apologies: The chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Hilly Coban, Stephen Baynard , Martin Cooke, Dave Wilkinson and Lynn Bailey

2. Minutes of the last meeting (6 November) and matters arising:

The minutes were proposed as correct by Jim Johnstone and seconded by Peter Walton

Julia Johnstone confirmed that the PAPC has authorised the funding for an additional bin and agreed its location (on the grass outside the Martyrs pub) with Patrick Cook.

The village tidy up is to be on Saturday 2 March – meet at 2pm outside Orchard Meadow.

Nigel Pitman confirmed that the Slurry Lagoon and the second West Farm application had been passed. Mr King's Whitehill application was going to appeal and as such would-be reviewed out of the County.

3. Central Farm Lane and Fleur Wood Court lighting and grit bin

Jim Johnstone has been approached by residents regarding the provision of lighting and a grit bin. The provision of a grit bin has been agreed by the PAPC and Highways. As it needs to be on a concrete base the Village Hall car park has been suggested. Peter Walton is to discuss this with the village hall committee. There are two other possible locations but it is not known who owns the land.

Jim Johnstone has asked the views of Central Farm Lane and Fleur Wood Court residents regarding street lighting. Only 10 responses were received – 5 in favour and 5 against. Hastoe Housing has been approached about the provision of low level lighting on the Fleur Wood Court development.

4. Parish Council report: Peter Walton

All Parish Councillors must step down prior to elections on 2 May. Anyone interested in the role should contact the Parish Clerk

The Parish Council website has been updated; more user friendly with lots of information available.

Puddletown neighbourhood plan is on hold.

There are concerns regarding traffic access to the new development opposite the Puddletown school.

New Parish noticeboards are being provided – larger and lockable

Speed indicator devices are rotating through 3 sites

Orchard Meadow is to receive an upgrade over the next 12 months

5. St John's Church: John Taylor

Services are at 9.30 every Sunday; a monthly 'Messy Church' has been introduced at 4pm with craft activities followed by a hot meal

The PCC AGM is to be on 3 March after the service –to which all are welcome.

Upcoming events are listed in the Parish magazine but include a Skittles evening on 2 March to launch the 'Sparks Campaign', Coffee & Chat on 14 March and involvement in the Street Fair and Martyrs Festival.

A Midsummer Party, dog show and BBQ is on 22 June at Orchard Meadow - anyone interested is welcome to a meeting at the pub on 13 March. The Benefice Fete is on August 26th (venue tbc) and Ride & Stride in September

6. Village Hall: Peter Walton

The refurbishment is finished; there are regular users of the hall but scope for more events/meetings/private functions. It is hoped to improve commercial use with appropriate investment.

A Quiz and Chips evening is on 22 February and Bingo on 15 March.

There is the usual involvement with the Street Fair, Martyrs Festival and Craft Fair and it is hoped to hold a Village Jazz Brunch. A table tennis table is available for hire and a village table tennis event is being considered.

7. Orchard Meadow: Martin Cooke provided the following report.

Thank you to all that attended the Orchard Meadow consultation on the 19th January. We received great support and useful comments and ideas. We are going ahead with a small bid to the National Lottery Awards for All to help replace some of the play equipment and will be meeting in the next couple of weeks with a small group of residents who expressed interest in becoming involved. If you wish to find out more about becoming involved in the management of Orchard Meadow please contact Martin Cooke

8. Village Website: Julia Johnstone

There is a village website but it hasn't been updated for several years which is a pity in view of the many activities taking place. There was support for it being updated and used by the various groups in the village to promote social and business opportunities. Nigel Pitman is to contact the previous administrator regarding access to the site. Anyone interested in submitting information on behalf of their organisation was asked to email Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com

9. Future Events:

Ian Cray is organising the Live Stage at the Street Fair and asked that anyone interested in appearing contacts him at 41 Main Road or via ian.cray@maidenvideo.co.uk

Tony Gould is attending a Festival planning meeting and requested resident input. Tom de Witt is to be invited to the next Tolpuddle meeting.

Jim Johnstone said the Village Show is to be held on 13 July with refreshed, more flexible content in the hope of encouraging greater participation.

10. AOB

No further issues

11. Date of next meeting: AGM to be held on Tuesday 21 May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall