

Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 14th January 2020 at Puddletown Village Hall

Present: Cllrs P. Walton (Vice Chair), A. Sheppard (Vice Chair), J. Ridout, J. Hubbuck, S. Oakley, P. Drake, N. Ling, and. Cllr Salcedo (Cllr Salcedo arrived at 7:25pm, before minute 19/182).

PAPC Chair: Cllr P. Churchill

Clerk: Anna Bendall

In Attendance: 17 members of the public.

Minute Number **Comments**

19/174 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from PCSO Alison Donnison. Cllrs S. Salcedo apologised that she would be arriving late due to a work commitment. Dorset Cllr Emma Parker was not in attendance.

19/175 **Councillor resignations**

The Council noted the resignations of Councillors Martin Cooke and Paul Langdon who have both committed much time to the Parish Council. Martin Cooke's commitment to Orchard Meadow and Paul Langdon's contribution to the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan are particularly appreciated.

19/176 **To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested**

Cllr Drake declared an interest in item 9 as a member of the Cricket Club.
Cllr Walton declared an interest in item 21.2 as Chair of Tolpuddle VH Committee.

19/177 **Public Participation**

A representative from Extinction Rebellion called on the Parish Council to declare its position on climate change.

RESOLVED to add this as an item on the next agenda.

A resident queried the decision of the Council to object to a previous planning application for solar panels. The Parish Council does generally support applications for renewable energy developments but has to consider the merits of the individual application and will not support such applications based solely on the fact that they are for renewable energy production.

A resident who has volunteered to run the Community Speedwatch Group discussed next steps. It was agreed that she would contact the Clerk by phone to discuss.

19/178 **Confirmation of minutes of PAPC meeting held 10th December 2019**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meetings held 10th December 2019 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

19/179 **Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of the Action Log**

Action 19/003 (Greenacres shrubbery) – Although Dorset Council have cut back the shrubbery on the opposite side of the footpath to what was requested, the footpath is effectively cleared. This action is now resolved.

Action 19/004 (Bollard at Greenacres) – Clerk will chase this. **Action: Clerk**

A copy of the updated action log appears as **Appendix A** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

19/180 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Chair presented a report from Cllr Parker, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents. Cllrs asked that the Clerk write again to request that Cllr Parker makes an effort to attend more of the PAPC meetings. **Action: Clerk**

19/181 **Police and community issues**

The Chair presented a report from PCSO Donnison, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

19/182 **Puddletown Cricket Club**

RESOLVED to create a Facilities Use Agreement for the Cricket Clubs use of the recreation ground which will allow the cricket club use for the next 25 years. The Clerk will contact the Brymer Estate who donated the Recreation Ground to ensure that they are happy with such an agreement. **Action: Clerk**

RESOLVED to support in principal and pursue the development of a grass wicket at the new location suggested by the Cricket Club.

RESOLVED to consult with stakeholders with the aim of making an application to secure an additional strip of land and re-route the bridleway in order to achieve a larger space at the Rec.

RESOLVED that the requests from the cricket club for funding towards the project will be considered along with other ideas for use of PAPC funds (later agenda item).

19/183 **Tolpuddle matters**

RESOLVED to approve a request for the PCC Events Committee to use Orchard Meadow again for their annual Midsummer Party on Saturday 20th June 12pm to 9pm. **Action: Clerk**

It is thought that the lease to The Martyrs Inn is being surrendered from the end of February. It is not yet known whether Hall and Woodhouse intend to put a manager in temporarily or close the public house until it is sold. The Parish Council will continue to monitor this.

Cllr Ling has taken over from Martin Cooke as liaison for Orchard Meadow. Martin remains in contact to ensure a smooth handover.

19/184 **ICT at Village Halls**

Cllr Walton has received advice suggesting that a large screen television would be most appropriate in Tolpuddle Village Hall. A Computer can then be connected.

Cllr Walton is awaiting quotes to have Wi-Fi installed in the halls.

19/185 **Recreation/play areas**

Signage showing contact details at play areas

Signs have been collected by Cllr Ridout and the Clerk now has them. The Clerk will arrange for them to be installed.

Action: Clerk

Recreation and play areas – visual inspections

Inspection reports were received for December.

RESOLVED to accept quotes for work at Orchard Meadow, except the quote to replace fence posts to the west of the grounds as the Clerk and Cllr Ling are investigating ownership of that boundary.

Action: Clerk & Cllr Ling

19/186 **Community event feedback**

RESOLVED to establish a working group in order to define a set of projects for the Parish Council who will fund these projects from CIL money and reserves. The working group will carry out any additional work required in order to complete those actions once they have been approved by the Parish Council. The working group will be made up entirely of councillors and all decisions will be ultimately made by the Parish Council. The Clerk will draft terms of reference. **Action: Clerk**

19/187 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/19/002866

Proposal: Drilling of a single vertical well for the purpose of intercepting the Cornbrash, Bridport Sands and Sherwood Sandstone for the production of oil together with the establishment and construction of the site as well as the associated traffic movements to allow for the production of hydrocarbons

Location: Adjacent to Athelhampton Road.

RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application which would seriously impede the use of the bridleway which the applicant plans to use as the main route in and out of the site. The application would also damage the environment and biodiversity and, should the oil well be a success, would contribute to climate change. This should not be permitted, particularly at a time when both National and Local Governments have declared a climate emergency.

WD/D/19/002792

Proposal: Erect single storey storage building

Location: 27 HIGH STREET, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 8RT

RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application due to the effect on the conservation area and nearby listed buildings as well as the implications for parking and the impact on neighbours access and light. Concerns were also raised about the accuracy of the plans.

WD/D/19/002920

Proposal: The installation of solar PV panels and Ground Source Heat Pumps
Location: ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE, ATHELHAMPTON, DORSET, DT2 7LG
RESOLVED to SUPPORT to the application which is of good design and is sympathetic to nearby properties and the local environment.

Action: Clerk

19/188 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Mapping support for the 'Surgery Walks'

Maps are now all complete and have been presented to the surgery to use for their project.

Gate behind the Martyrs Museum on the bridleway leading to Dewlish

The landowner has agreed to remove the gate.

A gate on the bridleway near to The Kennels in Puddletown has been repaired.

19/189 **Items relating to Dorset Local Plan**

RESOLVED that Cllr Ridout would take the Rural Roads Strategy to contribute to the discussions at a meeting with Dorset Council and that he would pass on the Parish Council's request that Parish Councils be kept informed at every stage of the process.

Action: Cllr Ridout

19/190 **Response to the plans to create a National Park in Dorset**

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to the National Park Team to inform them that the Parish Council would not consider supporting the proposal unless the four parishes of Athelhampton, Burleston, Puddletown and Tolpuddle are included in the National Park Area. The Parish Council will seek a further public meeting with the team if and when the plan progresses to enable local people to have a say in the Parish Council's final decision.

19/191 **Response to the NALC consultation on 'strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments'**

RESOLVED that the Clerk would send a response based on the council's views.

Action: Clerk

19/192 **Regular updates in the Parish Magazine**

RESOLVED that Cllr Salcedo would write a monthly half-page update and send to the Clerk who will submit this after review.

Action: Cllr Salcedo

19/193 **Correspondence received for possible inclusion on the next agenda**

None

19/194 **Accounts**

A financial statement for the 3rd quarter of 2019-20 was received and discussed. The current spend vs budget was considered.

RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £6336.64 in accordance with the schedule of payments requested, a copy of the schedule appears as **Appendix D** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

RESOLVED that the Precept for financial year 2020-2021 shall be £44 880.96.

19/195 **Items for Next Agenda**

Items to be sent to the Clerk, deadline for submissions midday Monday 3rd February 2020.

19/196 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11th February 2020, 7.00 pm at Tolpuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

SIGNED ON ORIGINAL

.....Vice-chair

Date: 11th February 2020

Peter Walton