

Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Puddletown Village Hall

**Present:** A. Sheppard (Vice Chair), J. Ridout, J. Hubbuck, S. Oakley, P. Drake, N. Ling, and. Cllr Salcedo (Cllr Salcedo arrived at 7:15pm, before minute 19/202).

**Meeting Chair:** Cllr P Walton (Vice Chair)

**Clerk:** Anna Bendall

**In Attendance:** 9 members of the public as well as Dorset Cllrs Emma Parker and Jane Somper.

**Minute Number**      **Comments**

19/197      **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Churchill (Chair) and PCSO Alison Donnison. Cllr S. Salcedo apologised that she would be arriving late due to a work commitment.

19/198      **To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested**

Cllr Drake declared an interest in items 9.2 and 9.3 as a member of the Cricket Club. Prior to the meeting Cllr Drake requested a dispensation to participate in discussions only and not vote on these matters, this was approved by the Clerk before the meeting in line with Standing Orders.

19/199      **Public Participation**

A resident asked about the Three Lanes Way development and when work it is expected to commence. Wyatt Homes have not yet been able to confirm a start date.

A resident raised the issue of planning applications and asked if councillors could attend committee meetings where applicable and otherwise meet with the planning officer. The response from the Council was that this may be possible in certain circumstances but councillors cannot meet with the officer in every case as this would involve a huge commitment. The council often receives notice when an application is going to the Planning Committee just a week in advance and meetings are usually in Sturminster Newton if not even further afield. The Council will reflect on what more could be done and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

A member of the public asked if a councillor would attend the meeting for the Athelhampton oil well application. No notice has been received that this is going to be considered by the Planning Committee but if it is then Councillors will consider their availability at the time.

19/200      **Confirmation of minutes of PAPC meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes for the PAPC meetings held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

19/201 **Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of the Action Log**

Action 19/004 (Bollard at Greenacres) – The Clerk has chased this up but has not yet had a response from the Highways team at Dorset Council.

19/007 (Speedwatch) – awaiting response from Tolpuddle meeting.

Expansion of recreation ground – this is in hands of cricket club who will approach and involve the Parish Council as and when appropriate.

It was agreed that the Clerk would review the action log and have autonomy to chase up any actions that are in the hands of other groups or individuals as and when appropriate.

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

19/202 **Dorset Councillor's report**

Planning Applications – Cllr Parker could speak to a planning officer if needed or attend a committee meeting but cannot do anything that could be considered to be lobbying. Cllr Parker does not automatically get notice of all local planning applications but does forward any relevant information that she receives to the Clerk.

Climate change – An event was held for Parish Councillors in November last year. Unfortunately, none of the PAPC councillors were available. The Dorset Council 'Call for Ideas' still open and anyone with thoughts on how Dorset Council might tackle climate change can submit their views. The Climate Change Advisory Panel meet monthly, council offices are working to reduce plastic waste, members of public are always welcome to attend Dorset Council meetings to find out more, a Climate Emergency Strategy is to be created and the aim is to have it ready for May.

Rural roads – A meeting is to be arranged between Cllr Walton, Dorset Cllr Parker and a Highways Officer.

19/203 **Police and community issues**

None received.

19/204 **Tolpuddle matters**

Enforcement Investigation WD/ENF/19/00205 – The conclusion is that planning permission is not required. There are concerns among some members of the council and public that this sets a precedent .

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact the planning team to request information about restrictions that are in place in planning policy. **Action: Clerk**

Orchard Meadow – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will obtain a copy of the lease. The cost of this will be £7. The Council will then consider replacing the whole of the perimeter fence. The Clerk will request quotes for hedge trimming along with grass cutting so that the council can consider whether to include this in the maintenance contract. **Action: Clerk**

Road markings to reduce speed in Tolpuddle – Clerk to approach Tolpuddle Meeting Clerk to have this discussed at their meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Sale of the Martyrs Inn – No further information is available at this time.

19/205 **Puddletown matters**

Parking – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact the PCSO requesting enforcement action and to report illegal use of parking cones. **Action: Clerk**

A draft Facilities Use Agreement for the sports clubs to use the recreation ground was considered and amendments were agreed. The Clerk will amend accordingly and send the agreement to PRIDE for comment/agreement. **Action: Clerk**

**RESOLVED** to accept a grant from Sport England on behalf of the Cricket Club for the improvement work to be carried out at the Recreation Ground. **Action: Clerk**

A resident has raised a concern about the hedges along the footpath that runs alongside the first school. Hedges cutting is the responsibility of the landowner. If Dorset Council are forced to intervene to clear a right of way then the landowner can be charged accordingly.

19/206 **Athelhampton/Burleston**

**RESOLVED** to purchase 2 x noticeboards for Burleston and Athelhampton at a cost of £651 each. These are of a similar style to the ones in Puddletown and Tolpuddle and will be large enough for 8 x A4 sheets. The Clerk will establish whether permission is needed to install these. **Action: Clerk**

Speeding is an issue through the parishes. A SID was discussed but the overall cost is extremely high. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact highways to request that they visit and recommend suitable options to combat the problem. **Action: Clerk**

19/207 **Recreation/play areas**

**RESOLVED** to purchase one additional sign at a cost of £40.15 for Puddletown Community Play Park so that there is one at each entrance to the play area. **Action: Clerk**

**RESOLVED** that sand would be topped up in Puddletown Community Play Park in March.

19/208 **Volunteer**

The Parish Council gratefully accepts the offer of a local resident to help with odd maintenance jobs that the Council may require. The Clerk will liaise with the individual as and when appropriate. The name of the volunteer is held in a confidential meeting note for insurance purposes.

19/209 **Climate Emergency**

The Parish Council is currently looking into upgrading IT facilities in the village halls which will enable the Parish Council to have paperless meetings. The Puddletown

Neighbourhood Plan aims to support environmentally friendly transport and eco-friendly developments. The Parish Council is also looking into online banking which will eliminate the need for cheque payments which are usually posted.

**RESOLVED** to recognise the government's and Dorset Council's declarations of a climate emergency, to keep this in mind when making any future decisions and to continue looking into ways to reduce the Parish Council's carbon footprint.

19/210 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/19/003002

Proposal: Demolish existing agricultural buildings and erect 4no. dwellings

Location: WEST FARM, MAIN ROAD, TOLPUDDLE

**RESOLVED** to object to the application as there are concerns about safe access.

WD/19/003088

Proposal: Interior alterations for form Audio Visual Room for visitors

Location: ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE, ATHELHAMPTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7LG

**RESOLVED** to support the application as the plan has been well thought out and will enrich experiences for visitors.

WD/D/19/003127

Proposal: Installation of French casements with Juliet balcony

Location: 11 WHITE HILL, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 8SB

**RESOLVED** not to comment.

WD/D/19/003191

Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural building

Location: MUSTON FARM, PIDDLEHINTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7SY

This application was received after the agenda was set and is not in the Parish Council Area. **RESOLVED** to make no comment.

19/210 **Flood warden**

**RESOLVED** to appoint Evie Holcombe as a Volunteer Flood Warden.

The Parish Council will now have a Flood Warden for Tolpuddle and Burleston and another one for Puddletown and Athelhampton with each of them acting as each other's deputies. They will both coordinate and manage additional volunteers where necessary.

19/211 **Community resilience**

**RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Hubbuck to be responsible for community resilience.

19/212 **VE Day**

Cllr Hubbuck will investigate possible options for an event and bring a full proposal back to the Parish Council.

19/213 **Dorset Local Plan**

Whilst Athelhampton, Burleston and Tolpuddle are small enough to not be named in the settlement hierarchy suggested, Puddletown certainly will be included and some development will likely therefore be considered in Puddletown. The completion of the

Neighbourhood Plan will enable the Parish Council to maintain some control over this and have more say over the level, rate and type of development.

19/214 **Puddletown Community Café funds**

**RESOLVED** to hold reserve funds for Puddletown Community Café.

19/215 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Concerns were raised about the drainage arrangements at the bottom of the driveway to the new Weatherbury Place development in Puddletown.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Wyatt Homes to express concerns and request that they evaluate their drainage solutions and consider improvements.

**Action: Clerk**

Concerns were raised about the condition of the footpath next to the new Sherwoods Green development in Puddletown. Cllr Drake will speak to the contractors about restoring the footpath.

**Action: Cllr Drake**

There is a blocked Drain near to the Blue Vinny. The Flood Warden is liaising with highways to have it cleared.

19/194 **Accounts**

**RESOLVED** to approve payments totalling £2629.90 in accordance with the schedule of payments requested, a copy of the schedule appears as **Appendix B** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

19/195 **Items for Next Agenda**

Items to be sent to the Clerk, deadline for submissions midday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

19/196 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7.00 pm at Puddletown Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.22pm

.....Chair

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Peter Churchill