

Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th May 2020, remotely via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs A. Sheppard (Vice-Chair), P. Walton (Vice-Chair), J. Ridout, J. Hubbuck, P. Drake, S. Salcedo and M. Brown.

Meeting Chair: Cllr P Churchill

Clerk: Anna Bendall

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, Jo Witherden (planning consultant for the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan) and Dorset Cllr Parker.

Minute Number **Comments**

20/001 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr N. Ling and PCSO Alison Donnison.

20/002 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

Cllr Ridout and Cllr Churchill declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan as a member of the steering group. It was noted that this is not a pecuniary interest.

20/003 **Public Participation**

A resident pointed out that there has been maintenance work carried out on The Green. Fences have been repaired and the grass has been cut. The Parish Council will soon attempt to open up discussions with landowner about potential public use.

Action: Cllrs Salcedo and Drake

20/004 **Confirmation of minutes of PAPC meeting held 14th April 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meetings held 14th April 2020 be approved. Due to social distancing measures in place, these will be signed at a later date.

20/005 **Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of the Action Log**

19/186 (community projects fund) – a further CIL payment has been received which brings the total CIL fund to £14228.20. The General Reserve is currently higher than it needs to be due to underspending during the last financial year and therefore it was agreed that £7500 could be made available from the General Reserve for community projects in addition to the CIL funds. A specific budget line within the Earmarked Reserves budget category will be created to host these funds. Amounts will be allocated to specific projects once they have been properly costed out.

19/249 (Covid-19 support group) – The group is continually active in the village supporting individuals, helping with surgery prescription deliveries, supporting the shop and supporting the surgery. Four additional volunteers have come forwards. It was raised that links between different groups would be useful as the group was at one point struggling to get enough volunteers and Dorset Council have also been asking volunteers to come forward, Cllr Parker was asked to mention this to Dorset Council and see if information could be shared. The group will further look to supporting people struggling with loneliness and mental health as many people have now been isolated for over a month.

Many actions are now on hold until social distancing measures are lifted. A copy of the updated action log is available online under additional documents or by contacting the Clerk.

20/006 **Puddletown matters**

The updated Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan (PNP) was presented, and the steps since completing the Regulation 14 consultation were explained. It was noted that should the Council approve the PNP documents that this would complete the Regulation 15 step, and the PNP would be submitted to Dorset Council to initiate the Regulation 16 consultation. Planning Consultant Jo Witherden was thanked for all her work in getting the plan to this stage. Members of the steering group and the Clerk were also thanked for their contributions. The draft plan along with all supporting documents were considered.

RESOLVED to submit the draft plan and supporting documents to Dorset Council for the commencement of the regulation 16 public consultation.

20/007 **Tolpuddle matters**

The Martyrs Festival has been cancelled for this year but event organisers look forward to next year's event.

Hall and Woodhouse have replied to the letter regarding the Martyrs Inn and indicate that there may be difficulties in reopening prior to the sale. Cllr Parker agreed to write to H&W to reinforce the message that the community desire the public house to remain open and would support it reopening as soon as possible. She will also write to MP Chris Loder to ask for his support.

Action: Cllr Parker

20/008 **Dorset Councillor's report**

Dorset Cllr Parker sent a report prior to the meeting, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

Cllr Parker has received an update on the oil well planning application (see minute 19/187). Insufficient information in relation to policy and ecology was included in the application and Dorset Council have asked applicant to provide further information. There are now delays relating to Covid-19 and so it is not known when a decision could be made.

Recycling centres are now open for the disposal of urgent waste.

Dorset council is due to meet to discuss inequality and the effects of Covid-19 on different groups.

Cllr Parker has said that she is not ever informed of pre-planning applications. However, it was agreed that in future the PAPC will inform Cllr Parker of all planning applications to which they object so that she be fully briefed.

20/009 **Police and community issues**

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

There has been a noticeable police presence in Puddletown Forest following a fire accidentally caused by unsafe barbecuing.

The incident of fly-tipping at Chine Hill mentioned in the report is in fact taking place along a public byway, not private land. The Clerk will inform the PCSO. **Action: Clerk**

20/010 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/20/000957 (application for a Certificate of Lawfulness)

Proposal: Use of existing outbuilding as ancillary accommodation.

Location: THE LODGE, TOLPUDDLE, DORCHESTER, DT2 7HD

RESOLVED to make no comment.

WD/D/20/000836

Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, in relation to outline approval WD/D/18/002347 for erection of a rural workers dwelling

Location: MANOR FARM, WATERSTON LANE, LOWER WATERSTON, DT2 7SS

RESOLVED to comment that the Parish Council has no objection other than that it expects the concerns raised the highways team to be considered and resolved.

Action: Clerk

20/011 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Tiles have fallen onto the bridleway from a roof at Camelot, Puddletown. The Clerk has attempted to engage with the landowner to have the tiles secured but has not been successful. The matter has been reported to the rights of way team at Dorset Council.

Speeding is even more of an issue than ever as there are less vehicles on the road and less speed cameras patrolling. It is hoped that the situation will ease as lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

Waterston Lane in Druce is to be temporarily closed from the 19th June to the 2nd July. Full details are available on the Parish Council website.

20/012 **Accounts**

RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £1058.44 in accordance with the schedule of payments requested, a copy of the schedule appears as **Appendix C** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

20/013 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Tuesday 9th June 2020, 7.00 pm. This meeting will be held remotely using Zoom. Details of how to access the meeting will be available at the bottom of the agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

.....Chair

Date:

Peter Churchill