

**Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 10th November 2020, remotely via Zoom.**

Present: Cllrs Alan Sheppard (Vice-Chair), Peter Walton (Vice-Chair), John Ridout, Nicky Ling, Peter Redman, Lauren Tidbury and Julian Hubbuck.

Meeting Chair: Cllr P Churchill

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also in Attendance: One member of the public.

**Minute
Number** **Comments**

20/108 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Phil Drake as well as Dorset Councillor Emma Parker and PCSO Donnison. Cllr Mike Brown had experienced technical difficulties and sent apologies after the meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the non-attendance of Cllr Drake in line with S85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

20/109 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

None received.

20/110 **Public Participation**

None.

20/111 **Confirmation of minutes of PAPC meeting held 13th October 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC meetings held 13th October 2020 be approved. As the meeting is held virtually, these will be signed at a later date.

20/112 **Matters arising from previous minutes of the PAPC meetings and review of Action Log**

19/001 - The enforcement investigation against the old hairdresser's in Puddletown has progressed. A notice has been drafted which is being checked by the legal team at Dorset Council before being served.

19/005 - The complaint to a Planning Officer regarding infringements of Three Lanes Way planning approval conditions resulted eventually in a local resident lodging a formal complaint with the ombudsman. The investigation into this complaint is concluded and the Ombudsman considers that although there were some failings in the process, the impact is not severe enough to warrant any action. Councillors feel that there is no more that can be done regarding the complaint but still intend to meet contractors on site to ensure that the building work is carried out in line with the plan which Wyatt Homes sent to the Parish Council on 24th October 2019. This plan clearly shows no encroachment onto protected land unlike the plans submitted with the planning application.

19/102 - Dorset Council are reviewing their policies now. It is hoped that the Rural Roads Strategy produced by PAPC will be considered when highways policies are reviewed and that any changes to policy will be made in consultation with parish councils.

19/230b - Magna Housing have agreed to draft a lease for the Butt Close Play Area which PAPC can then consider.

19/233 - Councillors were asked to consider who in the local community would be an asset to the projects working group and could be invited to join the group. The projects group hopes to meet in some form by the end of the year.

19/099c - The main coordinator for the Tolpuddle telephone kiosk project has stepped down and the future of the project is uncertain. Cllr Ling will liaise with the Clerk to the Village Meetings to agree next steps.

A copy of the updated action log is available online under additional documents or by contacting the Clerk.

20/113 **Parish matters**

The Martyrs Inn

The buyer for the public house in Tolpuddle has pulled out and it is back on the market. It is hoped that a buyer will come forward but it may be months before there is any interest as national and local restrictions relating to Covid-19 have caused financial difficulties in the hospitality sector. The Martyrs Inn remains an Asset of Community Value and the Clerk was asked to check when this designation expires. **Action: Clerk**

Tolpuddle Village Survey

A return rate of 40% has been reported. Cllr Walton expressed his belief that early promotion was a factor in securing such a good response. The Parish Council expects to receive a report on the responses received in the new year. **Action: Cllr Walton**

Athelhampton and Burleston Survey

The questions relating to parking and heritage need altering. The survey will be promoted in advance during December and can then be printed and delivered in January. **Action: Cllr Churchill & Clerk**

Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan

PAPC is still awaiting the report from the external examiner. The Clerk will ask for an update. **Action: Clerk**

Trees on Blandford Road Verge

Following a residents request and offer of financial contribution, the Parish Council is arranging for the planting of five cherry trees along the wide Blandford Road verge. It was agreed that one of the trees will dedicated to Sandra Drake, who sadly passed away recently, and who had contributed greatly to the community. Anyone who would like to contribute to the memorial tree should contact the Clerk to confirm their pledge. The nearest properties have been consulted and Dorset Council are due to check for underground services. Once Dorset Council have carried out their check and provided consent, the planting can begin.

20/114 **Dorset Councillor's report**

A report was received from Cllr Parker and distributed to members before the meeting. This is available as **Appendix A** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents.

20/115 **Police and community issues**

A report was received from PCSO Donnison and distributed to members before the meeting. This is available as **Appendix B** of the Minute Book and is available online under additional documents. Councillors raised concerns about break-ins to village shops recently and asked that the Clerk ensure that the SPAR in Puddletown is aware of these cases. **Action: Clerk**

20116 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/20/002424 (notification of amended plan/description)

Proposal: Erection of car port and annex

Location: 4 HEATH COTTAGES, ILSINGTON ROAD, BOCKHAMPTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8QL

RESOLVED to make no comment.

Decision notices were received and Councillors raised concerns about applications being approved despite their objections. Councillors instructed the Clerk to write to Dorset Councillor Parker to express these concerns and ask that PC comments and objections are given full consideration when applications are assessed. **Action: Clerk**

20/117 **Recreation Areas**

A report of visual inspections at recreation areas was received. A piece of lead has been stolen from the roof of a shelter at Puddletown Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that this be replaced but with a suitable alternative that would not be targeted by thieves if possible.

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should draft a lease agreement for the strip of land to extend the recreation ground. But asked that the Cricket Club be contacted and asked to provide an update on funding and plans. Once the lease is agreed, the Parish Council will pursue consent for the bridleway diversion and then apply for planning consent. **Action: Clerk**

20/118 **Dorset Council Consultations**

Councillors agreed that in light of a lack of consensus between Councillors regarding the DC Climate Strategy, they would respond individually to the consultation as they saw fit and that the PC would not issue a joint response.

The Parish Council has no comments to make in response to the consultation on the future of DC's three Tourist Information Centres.

20/119 **Rights of Way, drains, hedges, and roads**

Cllr Hubbuck has previously expressed an interest in the role of Rights of Way Liaison Officer. Unfortunately, a technical issue led to the virtual meeting ending and Cllr Hubbuck was unable to rejoin. Councillors agreed that Cllr Hubbuck be appointed to the role subject to his agreement.

20/120 **Asset Register**

The asset register was reviewed. Councillors questioned the stated value and the Clerk confirmed that is standard to list the purchase cost and not depreciate this over time. It was agreed to add an insurance value to the register as well as some assets like the Sports Pavilion will increase in value. Councillors also requested that the Clerk maintain a register of leased assets as the Parish Council leases Orchard Meadow but intends to enter into two new lease agreements in the near future. **Action: Clerk**

20/121 **Finance and accounts**

Councillors noted the receipt of £11322.50 from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £3970.44 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.

20/122 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Tuesday 8th December 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.

Items to include a discussion regarding potential road markings in Tolpuddle and an update from the projects working group.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

.....Chair Date:

Peter Churchill

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