

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10th MAY 2016 AT
PUDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs R Belbin, P Cooke, P Drake, J Ranger, P Stockley, P Walton

Chair: Cllr S Baynard

Clerk: Mrs S Davies

Also present: Darren Ayling (Headteacher, Puddletown Middle School)
16 members of the public

15.186 Public Session

Cllr Baynard read his Chairman's report for the year 2015/2016 (copy attached)
There were no comments from the public.

15.187 To elect a Chairman

Cllr Drake proposed Cllr Baynard as Chairman. Cllr Walton seconded. There were no other nominations.
Cllr Baynard signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairperson.

15.188 To elect a Vice-Chair

Cllr Baynard proposed Cllr Walton. Cllr P Cooke seconded. There were no other nominations.
Cllr Walton signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Baynard welcomed Darren Ayling (Headteacher of Puddletown Middle School) to the meeting. Mr Ayling informed the meeting he had been in post since September and was keen to meet members of the community and encouraged people to contact him if there were any issues they would like to discuss with him. Cllr Baynard asked for Mr Ayling's help with the recruitment of Parish Councillors and it was agreed that a member of the Parish Council would attend the school's parents evening in October.

15.189 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Soderberg, Cllr M Cooke and County Cllr Andy Canning.

15.190 To elect Councillors to serve on working groups: Planning and Finance

Planning: Cllr Walton, Cllr Soderberg, Cllr Stockley, Cllr Baynard and the Clerk.

Finance: Cllr Walton, Cllr P Cooke, Cllr Baynard and the Clerk.

15.191 To elect Councillors to serve as Parish Council representatives

Tolpuddle Village Hall: Cllr Walton

Puddletown Village Hall: Cllr Stockley

Rights of Way & Transport: Cllr Drake

DAPTC Representative: Cllr Ranger

PRIDE Management Committee: Cllr Baynard, Cllr Drake and Cllr Stockley

Orchard Meadow Liaison: Cllr M Cooke

PCPPP Liaison: Cllr Belbin

Puddletown Charity: No PC representative. Jim Wilson will continue to keep the PC updated.

15.192 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested

None received.

Signed:

Date

15.193 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2016

A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 12th April 2016 had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Walton proposed them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Drake. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

15.194 Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

There were no matters arising.

15.195 Puddletown Matters

c) The Green

As several members of the public were in attendance to hear the discussion about The Green, Cllr Baynard brought forward this item on the agenda.

Cllr Baynard informed the meeting that a letter had been received from Wooley & Wallis (agent for the Ilington Estate) regarding The Green. Further to the Parish Council's request to possibly have greater involvement in the management of The Green, Wooley & Wallis proposed that the Parish Council occupy The Green either under Licence or Tenancy for one year at a peppercorn rent with the Parish Council being responsible for the maintenance and public liability insurance.

There was lengthy discussion about the cost implications of the maintenance but also the benefits it would bring to the community.

Cllr Baynard asked all present if anyone objected to the proposal. There were no objections.

It was agreed that Cllr Baynard would go back Wooley & Wallis and discuss the proposal further. The Clerk will confirm with the insurance company any cost implications and what the Parish Council's liability would be.

The ongoing problem of rusted, broken down vehicles and rubbish outside No 4 The Green was discussed. Residents highlighted their concerns and explained they had tried to resolve the issue amicably with the homeowner. Cllr P Cooke requested a petition be put together with approximately 50 signatories if possible, that he can take to the enforcement officer at WDDC and request the property is looked at again with the view to issuing an order under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

15.196 To consider planning applications

WD/D/16/000758 – Land South of 17-27 High Street, Puddletown (develop land by the erection of 7 dwelling, associated garaging and the construction of a new access road)

Cllr Baynard took several comments from the public who expressed concerns about the plans. It was agreed a separate meeting would be held to discuss the plans.

WD/D/16/000658 – 31 Butt Close, Puddletown (erect single storey extension)

No objection

WD/D/16/000532 – The Kennels, Puddletown (erection of freestanding garage and gravel hardstanding)

No objection

WD/D/16/000546 – Puddletown Recreation Ground – Play park improvements

The Parish Council supported this application.

WD/D/16/000487 – White Cottage, Athelhampton (erect detached timber clad, cart-shed style garage)

No objection

Signed:

Date

15.197 To consider the accounts

15.197.1 The following payments had been requested:

		Precept 2836	OM Reserve 2844	NP Grant	PCPPP
C Johnson	March Grass cutting - Orchard Meadow	203.75			
Sarah Davies	Clerk's Salary & expenses for April	458.16			
	Reimbursement for Website Hosting & DCC				
Sarah Davies	Bin Emptying (the bins weren't being collected as the payment run did not coincide with the invoicing)	75.33			
DCC	April Bin Empties	55.00			
Puddletown PCC	Hire of Church Room - NP meeting			15.00	
Janet Ranger	Reimbursement for NP costs			89.99	
Phil Drake	Reimbursement for key cutting for Rec Ground	8.00			
DAPTC	Councillor's Course	65.00			
The Landscape Practice	Professional services in relation to PCPPP				1440.00
PRIDE	Reimbursement for Planning Application Fees				385.00
		865.24	0.00	104.99	1825.00
				Total	2795.23

The total amount requested from the Precept is £865.24. Cllr P Cooke proposed the payments be made. Cllr Walton seconded. All agreed.

15.197.2 To agree the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016.

This was deferred to the June meeting as the internal audit is still taking place.

15.198 To review the Risk Assessment

This was deferred to the June meeting.

15.199 Puddletown Matters

1) **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Ranger reported that analysis of the surveys is ongoing; the second data analyst has the surveys. When complete, the results will be compiled in a format that will simplify extraction of information for a report. There will be a "Brunch event" held in the hall to explain the survey and also to gather further ideas from villagers.

There were concerns from members of the public present at the meeting about the survey and the NP generally - this was discussed at length.

2) **Play Park Improvement Scheme Update**

Cllr Belbin informed the meeting that unfortunately the Sport England bid had been unsuccessful. However, WDDC has confirmed that £24,363 is available from S106 monies.

15.200 Tolpuddle Topics

Cllr Walton reminded those present that the Street Fayre is taking place on Sunday 29th May.

Signed:

Date

15.201 Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads

Cllr Drake asked the Clerk to write to the owner of the property who has recently carried out building work near "Doctor's Lane" (between Backwater and Blandford Road) to ask him to reinstate the right of way that has been badly churned up by the contractors.

15.202 To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set and possible inclusion next month.

A letter had been received from Mrs Irene Stockley confirming she will be standing down from her role as Site Warden for the Caravan Site. Cllr Baynard asked Cllr Stockley to pass on the Parish Council's very grateful thanks for all her hard work over the last 20 years.

The Clerk informed the meeting that DCC had turned down the request made by the Parish Council to re-paint the yellow lines near the crossroads as they are not sufficiently worn. DCC has also refused to install bollards to stop parking on the grass verge adjacent to the entrance to the First School but has provided a quote of approx. £900 to install them at cost. It was agreed that if the First School could contribute towards the cost, the Parish Council will discuss the issue at the June meeting.

15.203 Communication

The Clerk will include the following in the article for the Parish Magazine:

Cllr Baynard's appointment as Chairman
The Green and the proposal from Wooley & Wallis
Neighbourhood Plan brunch meeting
Parish Councillor Vacancies

15.204 Items for the June meeting

Co-option of Councillors

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed:

Date

Chairman's Report 2015/2016

I am pleased to be able to report to the Council what I believe has been another successful year for a small Parish Council in what has seen a fair amount of diverse activity.

The Parish year started with a new Parish Clerk. It is never easy to assume the reins from a long standing incumbent but I am delighted to say the transition, although not smooth, was successful and we are all delighted with our new Clerk.

At our first meeting of the year, in May last year, we took the decision to abandon our attempt at producing a Neighbourhood Plan. This as a result of general apathy, lack of interest and general support.

The Play Park scheme was initiated and Viridor approached for scheme funding. Also during May last year, Cadbury came to town and we were renamed for the day, twinning us with Bourneville and bringing a very generous cheque of £15,000 towards our Play Park.

In Tolpuddle, Hastoe Housing initiated a housing plan for much needed affordable houses and we are all delighted that these houses are now in the course of development.

Two months after the abandonment of the Neighbourhood Plan and probably as a result of unwelcome development planned for a site on the Blandford Road, a new Neighbourhood Plan steering group was formed under the Chairmanship of our new Councillor Janet Ranger with Ann Soderberg giving much needed expertise and guidance.

In July the proposed Play Park scheme was successful in obtaining a grant of £94,000 from Viridor. Congratulations for this must go to Rob Belbin and his team for this excellent achievement.

In Tolpuddle, there was yet another very successful Martyrs Festival bringing in the Public from far and wide. Once again very well organised, much enjoyed and I believe trouble free.

In August development plans for a small greenfield site was causing much consternation for local residents and despite the Council also objecting to this development the matter has yet to be finally decided.

Late in the year the old Puddletown First School resurfaced with development plans received from Landmark Estates. The scheme to convert the existing building to create 4 dwellings and to erect a new detached dwelling was approved with minor amendments. Ultimately they will provide 2 x 2 and 3 x 3 beds maintaining the façade of the old listed building. The Council managed at the same time to gain additional land much needed for burial purposes adjoining the Church.

In November last year, and to the delight of all concerned residents, the plan to erect industrial sized wind turbines was withdrawn. That short sentence cannot in any way portray the level of relief expressed by so many.

In December, the Play Park scheme made a bid to Sport England for £70,000 and we are still awaiting the outcome of this bid.

In 2016, Symonds and Sampson attended the Parish Council outlining potential plans to develop land behind Greenacres. This was the most widely attended of our meetings with some 30 members of the public. Not surprisingly there was a complete lack of support for this potential development. This doesn't of course mean it won't raise its head in the future for this unsuitable piece of land.

Early in the New Year Andy Canning our County Councillor announced that the 186 bus route would be ceasing due to lack of funding and that other cuts were imminent.

Better news followed with Viridor once again coming to our rescue offering a grant of £95,000 towards the cost of updating Tolpuddle Village Hall. Congratulations to all those involved with submitting that bid. It's a pity they don't support rural bus services we might have more success there.

Production of the Neighbourhood Plan continues and results of the survey are now being analysed. Some 25% of all canvassed returned their surveys not a bad result considering how the year started. I do believe that with continuing

Signed:

Date

support of Janet, Puddletown will eventually get a Neighbourhood Plan. I hope it's not too late to stop unwanted development.

Almost finally we have some good news regarding land at The Green which suggests that the owners will allow local residents to use this land, subject to conditions as a recreational site. Details of this are still to be discussed.

Finally, as you have heard, for quite a small area Parish Council there has been much activity once again this year. My thanks go to you all for your support and hard work and for the time you have devoted to make all this happen. Thank you.

Stephen Baynard – 10th May 2016

Signed:

Date