

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2016 AT
PUDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7pm**

Present: Cllrs M Cooke, P Cooke, P Drake, J Johnstone, S Langdon, P Stockley J Ranger and, P Walton

Chair: Cllr S Baynard

Clerk: S Davies

Also present: 4 members of the public and PCSO Ali Donnison

16.059 Public Session

Cllr Baynard welcomed Rachel Partridge to the meeting. Rachel informed the meeting that Planning Permission has been granted for the Play Park. The skate park element has been removed to enable planning permission to be granted but a separate application for this will be submitted soon once further information had been obtained. The tendering process had been completed and the play park committee were in a position to appoint a contractor. It was agreed an extraordinary Parish Council meeting will be arranged with the architect where the contract can be discussed and agreed.

PCSO Alison Donnison informed the meeting that there has been a further male exposure near the shop in Puddletown. She encouraged members of the public to report any suspicious activity and vehicles. There has been an increase in scam phone calls including persons pretending to call from the Inland Revenue and the Police.

16.060 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr R Belbin and County Cllr A Canning.

Cllr Baynard informed the meeting that Cllr A Soderberg has resigned from the Parish Council as she is moving away from the area.

16.061 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 13th September 2016

A copy of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13th September 2016 had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Walton proposed the minutes 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.

16.062 Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

There were no matters arising.

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

None received.

16.064 To consider planning applications

WD/D/16/000/001919 – 45 Butt Close, Puddletown (erect a single storey car port)

There were no objections to this application.

WD/D/16/001984 – White Cottage, Athelhampton Road (Hall/porch extension and new external brick chimney)

Concerns were raised by a neighbour that the new chimney would be below the neighbouring property's ridge line and the materials being proposed were not in keeping with the property. It was agreed the Parish Council will feedback these concerns to WDDC and ask for clarification on the height of the chimney.

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WD/D/16/001989 – 6 Heath Cottages, Ilington Road, Bockhampton (Change of use of land and the siting of two mobile homes within residential curtilage for use as tourist accommodation)

There were no objections to this application.

16.065 To consider the accounts

16.065.01 The following payments had been requested:

		Precept	Play Park Funds
Countrywide Grounds management	September Grass cutting (Recreation Ground)	140.00	
Knighton Plumbing & Heating	Plumbing Repairs – Caravan Site	54.48	
DCC	Bin Emptying August 2016	46.03	
Sarah Davies	Clerk's Salary September	412.00	
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration renewal	35.00	
SSE	OM Electricity Bill		47.27
	Total	687.51	47.27

The total amount requested from the Precept is £687.51. Cllr P Cooke proposed the payments be made. Cllr Walton seconded. All agreed.

16.065.02 To consider the reconciliation of accounts
The accounts were noted.

16.065.03 To consider merging the Precept account and cheque account
It was agreed the Clerk will arrange for the two accounts to be merged.

16.065.04 To appoint a new member of the Finance Committee
Cllr Langdon agreed to join the Finance Committee.

16.066 Puddletown Matters

- a) Review of land behind Kings Mead re suitability for future development
Cllr Langdon confirmed that County Cllr Andy Canning had reported back that the land was owned by DCC and they had no plans to sell the land for development as they are retaining it for possible future expansion of the schools.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan Update
Cllr Baynard informed the meeting that Cllr Ranger no longer wished to lead the Neighbourhood Plan project and Cllr Soderberg is moving away from the area. Paul Langdon is considering taking over the project and will let the Parish Council know by the next meeting.
- c) Play Park Improvement Scheme Update
Discussed earlier in meeting.
- d) Future of the Caravan Site
The future of the caravan site was discussed at length. Cllr Baynard explained that Irene Stockley is retiring at the end of October and it would be very hard to replace her. It was agreed the caravan site should be closed for the time being until the play park scheme is completed. The situation will be reassessed at a later date. The supply to the electric hook-ups will need to be isolated to prevent them being used. The outside toilets will be closed for the winter once the last caravans have left the site. The Clerk will investigate the plumbing work that needs to be completed before closure including the installation of push button taps to prevent water wastage.

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- e) Pavilion repairs
The quote of £1,100 that was submitted prior to the meeting was accepted and the clerk will arrange for the repairs and redecoration of the pavilion and outside toilets to be carried out. It was agreed the toilets should be painted before closure so that they are left in a good state of repair in case they are re-opened in the summer.
- f) Recreation Ground grass cutting costs
Cllr Drake explained he had asked the grass cutting contractor to provide a price for including strimming and spraying at the recreation ground. The annual price of £2,430 was agreed. Cllr P Cooke suggested Cllr Drake obtain a quote for spiking the ground in spring and also the spraying of selective weedkiller.
- g) Old School Development
Cllr P Cooke has not had a response from the Planning Officer regarding the erection of a fence instead of a wall. The Clerk has not had a response either.

16.067 Tolpuddle Topics

- a) Orchard Meadow Grass Cutting Contract
Cllr M Cooke circulated a summary of the three quotes that had been received for the Orchard Meadow grass cutting contract. The three contractors were listed as A, B and C. Once members had reviewed the summary, Cllr M Cooke proposed Contractor C be accepted. All agreed.

Cllr Walton informed the meeting that work on the village hall refurbishment has begun and will take approximately 10 weeks. The first phase will be to knock down the rear extension and replace with a weather tight extension. The remaining works will be carried out once further funding has been secured.

Cllr Walton had attended a meeting with the TUC regarding the 2017 Martyrs Festival. It was agreed that roads may remain closed for a little longer to allow people to reach their cars and homes more safely. Car Parking had worked well and next year there may be a £10 charge per car with all proceeds going to St Johns Church.

Cllr Johnstone reminded members that the Craft Fayre takes place on 28th/29th October in St Johns Church.

Cllr M Cooke informed the meeting an Orchard Meadow Working Party was taking place on Sunday 30th October.

16.068 Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads

Cllr Drake reported the rights of way past The Kennels had been cut back by DCC.

Cllr M Cooke reported the drains outside Orchard Meadow have been repaired by DCC and hopefully the problem has been solved.

16.069 Formulate a response to the “Reshaping your Councils” survey

It was agreed Cllr Walton will formulate a response to the survey.

16.070 To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set and possible inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

None received.

16.070 Communication

The Clerk will include the following in the summary:

Report from PCSO, Caravan Site and Recreation Ground Planning Permission

16.071 Items for the November meeting

Cllr Baynard asked members to contact the clerk with items for the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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