

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT  
TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs R Belbin, P Drake, J Ranger, P Stockley, M Usherwood, P Walton

**Chair:** Cllr S Baynard

**Clerk:** Mrs S Davies

**Also present:** County Councillor Andy Canning and 6 members of the public  
PCSO Allison Donnison was present for the start of the meeting.

**15.171 Public Session**

Cllr Baynard welcomed PCSO Allison Donnison to the meeting. PCSO Donnison informed the meeting there had been a recent dog theft in Puddletown and a significant rise in the number of thefts from outbuildings in neighbouring villages. She has contacted DCC Highways to request the double yellow lines and zig zag lines near the school be re-painted.

There is a Cybercrime Event at Whiteman's Orchard, Piddletrenthide on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome.

Tony Gould informed the meeting that the Tolpuddle Village Meeting is taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the village hall. The roof of the church needs repairing with costs estimated at over £100,000. Plans are progressing well for the Martyrs Festival on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July. A seat has been installed at the recreation ground in memory of Louise Keogh and Marcus Lovell.

Cllr Walton asked County Cllr Andy Canning about the elections taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Canning confirmed the elections are for the Police & Crime Commissioner and also a referendum on the structure of WDDC. He also explained that discussions are underway regarding the possibility of creating a unitary authority in Dorset.

Cllr Canning confirmed 186 bus service had ceased and asked the public to use the X12 & 187 services or risk losing them in the next round of cuts.

**15.172 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M Cooke, P Cooke, A Sheppard and A Soderberg.

**15.173 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Ranger 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.

**15.174 Matters arising from the minutes – for report only**

There were no matters arising.

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

None received.

**15.176 To consider planning applications**

WD/D/16/000258 – Coombe Barn Farm (erect a pair of semi-detached agricultural workers dwellings).

No objections

Signed:

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WD/CA/15/000534 – Appeal against decision re Land Adjacent to Blandford Road

It was agreed the Parish Council should reiterate its objections to the application and also inform the inspector that a neighbourhood plan is in the process of being prepared and survey results strongly suggest that people are opposed to this area being developed.

### **15.177 To consider the accounts**

15.177.1 The following payments had been requested:

		<b>Precept</b>	<b>OM Reserve</b>
KP Ecology	Ecological survey for Recreation Ground	288.30	
C Johnson	Removal and reposition of bench - Orchard Meadow		52.00
C Johnson	March Grass cutting - Orchard Meadow	203.75	
Sarah Davies	Clerk's Salary & expenses	458.16	
DCC	February Bin Empties	45.34	
DCC	March Bin Empties	55.93	
SSE	Electricity Bill - Orchard Meadow		39.76
Irene Stockley	Outside toilet cleaning & litter collecting	367.00	
Rob Belbin	Reimbursement for PCPPP Website hosting	145.50	
Cole and Cole	PCPPP Site Survey	822.00	
	Total	2385.98	91.76

The total amount requested from the Precept is £2385.98. Cllr Walton proposed the payments be made. Cllr Usherwood seconded. All agreed.

15.177.2 To consider the reconciliation of accounts  
The reconciled accounts were noted.

15.177.3 It was agreed to appoint Rosie Darkin-Miller as the internal auditor for the next financial year.

15.177.4 Cheque Signatories  
It is hoped this issue is now resolved.

### **15.178 Tolpuddle Topics**

#### **1) Community Assets**

Cllr Usherwood explained that the Village Meeting committee had attempted to apply to WDDC to register The Martyrs Inn as a community asset (as agreed at the May 2015 village meeting). However, WDDC have rejected the application as it needs to be made by the Parish Council. It was agreed the Parish Council will submit the application.

Cllr Walton informed the meeting that Viridor have offered the Village Hall project a grant of £95,000.

### **15.179 Puddletown Matters**

#### **1) Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Ranger reported that over 25% of surveys had been returned. The surveys are currently being analysed and a summary will be provided.

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## **2) Play Park Improvement Scheme Update**

### a) Planning Permission update

Cllr Belbin confirmed that planning permission has now been applied for.

### b) Tender Process

The steering group is meeting to decide on the tender process.

A section of hedge (for the vehicle access) will be removed in the next few weeks.

## **15.180 Parish Council email address**

This has now been resolved and it was agreed to leave the email address as it is for now.

## **15.181 A35 Speed Review**

No response.

## **15.182 Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Cllr Drake reported that Two Drovers (near the A35/forest) has been repaired recently.

Cllr Drake will continue to liaise with David Ford to encourage him to carry out the widening of his footpaths through crops and to repair several gates.

## **15.183 To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set**

A letter from Hastoe Homes has been received regarding the affordable housing at Central Farm Lane. Details of the letter will be included in the Parish Magazine.

Further to the letter from Mary Miles (Chair of Governors, Puddletown First School), it was agreed the Parish Council will contact Highways and reiterate the request for the double yellow lines and zig zag lines to be repainted.

## **15.184 Communication**

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

Risks to outbuildings

May elections (and possible unitary authority)

Village Hall Grant from Viridor

Registration of Martyrs Inn as a community asset

Hastoe Homes letter

## **15.185 Items for the May meeting**

Letter from Puddletown resident about No 4 The Green.

Cllr Baynard informed the meeting that Cllr Usherwood is standing down from the Parish Council. He thanked Cllr Usherwood for his enormous contribution during his time on the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Date