

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT
THE PAVILION, PUDDLETOWN, COMMENCING 7pm**

Present: Cllrs R Belbin, J Johnstone, S Langdon, P Stockley J Ranger and P Cooke

Chair: Cllr P Walton

Clerk:

Also present: 13 members of the public. County Councillor Andy Canning, PCSO Ali Donnison

16.045 Public Session

PCSO Ali Donnison reported that there had been an increase in rural crime, in part due to the introduction of a recently formed rural crime team. This included criminal damage and theft of farm equipment and criminal damage and theft from a motor vehicle in Puddletown Forest. She advised the council of an anti poaching seminar to take place on 22 September. She encouraged everyone to report any suspicious activity and reminded everyone when leaving parked motor vehicles to remove all valuables. Information can be passed to the team by either telephoning 101 or leaving a message on the Dorset police website at 'Contact us'.

There was a discussion with members of the public and councillors about the effect of the recent Ironman event on the community. Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Cooke circulated an email requesting feedback to him which he would take to a councillors meeting to discuss what should happen next.

Tony Gould expressed his thanks on behalf of the TUC for the use of the village and the disruption caused to villagers at the Tolpuddle Festival in July. In 2017 the festival will take place over the weekend of 15/16 July.

Jim Wilson representing St Mary's church raised his concern over the changes to the agreed planning amendments suggested with the support of PAPC to the land on the former first school site.

Irene Stockley, caretaker of the Caravan Club reminded the committee that she had tendered her resignation earlier in the year and would be stopping her caretaking duties at the end of the season (end of September). Cllr Walton stated that the matter would be discussed at next months meeting when the chairman would be present.

16.046 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Baynard, M Cooke, P Drake and A Soderberg.

16.047 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 9th August 2016

A copy of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9th August 2016 had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Cooke proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Johnstone. The minutes were signed by the Vice-Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

16.048 Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

Cllr Walton informed the meeting that he had contacted the organiser of Tolpuddle Street Fayre and that there was no intention to hold a fayre in 2017. This information will be passed onto Colin Grist of the Dorchester Marathon.

Cllr Walton advised the meeting that Sarah Davies, clerk to the PAPC had resigned from her post due to personal reasons. Although she had only been in post a short time he wished to express his gratitude to Sarah for the work she had undertaken and stated that she had made a valuable contribution to the PAPC. This was proposed by Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Johnstone.

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

None received.

16.050 To consider planning applications

WD/D/16/000/457 – Camelot House, Three Lane Ends, Puddletown (demolition of existing single storey sheds & erection of 5 detached houses with associated access roadway, car parking and external works).

This planning application was discussed at length with comments being taken from the public as well as members. Although generally in favour of the development there were concerns regarding access, site boundaries and the density of the development.

16.051 To consider the accounts

16.051.1 The following payments had been requested:

		Precept	Play Park Funds
Countrywide Grounds management	August Grass cutting (Recreation Ground)	140.00	
Irene Stockley	Reimbursement for plumbing repairs (Caravans)	54.48	
DCC	Bin Emptying July 2016	46.03	
Sarah Davies	Clerk's Salary August , stamps & paper	433.75	
Mr A Thorne	Grass Cutting Orchard Meadow (August 2016)	300.00	
The Landscape Practice	Design and Production Fees		5760.00
		974.26	5760.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £974.26. Cllr Cooke proposed the payments be made. Cllr Johnstone seconded. All agreed. The payment to the Landscape Practice will come from the funds raised by the Play Park committee and not from the Precept.

16.051.2 To consider the reconciliation of accounts

The accounts were noted.

16.052 Puddletown Matters

- a) Review of land behind Kings Mead re suitability for future development
A map was circulated indicating the location of the plot. There was a short discussion concerning issues with proposed development on the site. Cllr Canning will seek to confirm if Dorset County Council own the site. Ann Soderberg had asked that this item be deferred to October's meeting when she is planning to attend.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan Update
Cllr Ranger invited Jane Cottingham to update the meeting on the results of the survey so far, she stated that the responses were representative of the population surveyed with regard to postcode information and therefore the results could be considered valid. Although there were still some responses to be analysed she suggested that the following results were representative.
75% of respondents wanted small housing or social / affordable housing. Comments on this question stated that there was a demand for small houses suitable for downsizing as well as for the young.
50% of respondents stated that they thought there was a need for family homes.

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More than 50% of respondents stated that they were happy with the level of growth since 2001 and this level of growth (99 new houses) should continue.

More than 50% would like renewable energy in new builds.

Facilities most often used were the shop, Post Office, footpaths and bridleways and the recreation ground. Those used occasionally were the Pub, Village Hall and Church Room. Although the survey responses said they never used the schools it was suggested that this was due to wording of the questionnaire and that a number of groups and organisations use the schools weekly which are well attended by the local community.

Responses to questions regarding traffic and parking were very dependent on the location of respondents' homes.

The church, old houses and the Green were frequently mentioned in the question asking what contributes to the character and identity of the Parish.

A significant number of respondents were in favour of an orchard and /or allotments.

Most responses came from residents in the 66+ age range followed by those in the 41-65 age range with very few responses in the younger age groups.

Cllr Ranger stated that several landowners had contacted the Neighbourhood group suggesting sites which they may wish to be considered for future development. She thanked Jane and Paul Cottingham for their work in analysing the data.

c) Play Park Improvement Scheme Update

i) Planning problems.

Clr Belbin reported that the planning officer assigned to the Play Park Project had asked for the skate park element of the park to be removed from the application so the rest of the application could be considered whilst concerns regarding the noise impact of the skate park on neighbours is investigated . The architect was arranging a meeting with the planning officer to discuss the issues.

ii) Work tender

2 companies had tendered for the work but Cllr Belbin expressed his concerns that continuing delays with the planning application may cause problems accessing funding which was due to be drawn down by January 2017.

iii) Street Fayre

The recent Street Fayre had made £1700.

d) Pavilion repairs

The quotes for the repairs were submitted at the start of the meeting.

16.053 Tolpuddle Topics

a) Orchard Meadow Grass Cutting Contract

Cllr M Cooke had received the tenders and following analysis would present to the committee at the next meeting.

b) Problem parking near Orchard meadow

There were still concerns over parking near Orchard meadow. Vehicles had recently been towed away prior to the Ironman event.

c) Village Hall

Cllr Walton informed the meeting that there had been a change in the design for the refurbishment of the Village Hall which may result in a price change. Contractors had not been appointed.

16.054 Councillor Training Course – 11th October & 24th November

A place had been reserved on the Councillor Training Courses for Cllr Langdon to attend.

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16.055 Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads

No report as Cllr Drake not in attendance.

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

None received.

16.057 Communication

The Clerk will summarise the minutes of the meeting for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

16.031 Items for the October meeting

Cllr Walton asked members to contact the clerk with items for the October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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