

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14th JUNE 2016 AT
TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7pm**

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

Chair: Cllr S Baynard

Clerk: Mrs S Davies

Also present: 7 members of the public

16.001 Public Session

There were no comments from members of the public.

16.002 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs R Belbin, A Soderberg, P Walton and County Councillor Andy Canning.

16.003 Co-option of Puddletown and Tolpuddle Councillors

Cllr M Cooke proposed Jim Johnstone be co-opted on to the Parish Council as a Tolpuddle Councillor. Cllr P Cooke seconded.

Cllr Drake proposed Shirley Langdon be co-opted on to the Parish Council as a Puddletown Councillor. Cllr P Cooke seconded.

Both new members completed the declaration of acceptance of office forms.

16.004 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 10th May 2016

A copy of the minutes from the Puddletown Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2016 had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Drake proposed them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr P Cooke. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

A copy of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting of one change to the minutes since circulation which was item 15.191, the role of Orchard Meadow Liaison had been changed to Orchard Meadow Supervision. Cllr Drake proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Stockley. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

16.005 Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

Cllr Baynard confirmed he had spoken to a consultant at Wooley & Wallis regarding The Green. It had been suggested by the consultant that the Parish Council take on the licence for a year and maintain the area on a regular basis. It was agreed that Cllr Baynard, Cllr Drake, Cllr Langdon and Cllr Ranger would meet to discuss the issues that may arise from the PC taking on responsibility of the land and look at any areas that need work before the agreement is made.

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

None received.

16.007 To consider planning applications

WD/D/16/000995 - The Reading Room, Puddletown (installation of wood burning stove, hearth, air vent & associated flues).

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It was agreed the PC should have no objection to this application.

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

This planning application was discussed at great length with comments being taken from the public as well as members. Cllr Baynard proposed the Parish Council object on the grounds of the effect on listed buildings & conservation area, loss of privacy, road safety and the effect on the High Street of extra parking as well as the indication from the emerging Neighbourhood Plan that the majority of those who returned the NP survey objected to infill development. 5 agreed with Cllr Baynard's proposal. 2 members abstained.

16.008 To consider the accounts

16.008.1 The following payments had been requested:

		Precept	OM Reserve	NP Grant
Sarah Davies	Clerk's salary & expenses for May	418.48		
DCC	May Bin empties	46.03		
Janet Ranger	Reimbursement for printing, stationery & stamps			72.75
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance for April & May (Recreation Ground)	280.00		
Darkin Miller Limited	Internal Audit Fee	416.59		
Playsafety Limited	Play Area Inspections	239.40		
Wessex Water	OM Water Bill		136.59	
Martin Cooke	Materials for fixing kick board at OM		22.32	
		1400.50	158.91	72.75

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,400.50. Cllr Drake proposed the payments be made. Cllr Stockley seconded. All agreed.

16.008.2 To agree the accounts for the year ended 31.3.16
Cllr P Cooke proposed the accounts be agreed. Cllr Stockley seconded. All agreed.

16.008.3 To review the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement 2015/2016
Although the Annual Governance statement had been circulated prior to the meeting, Cllr Baynard read the statements to the meeting and members were asked to respond to each statement. The Accounting Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr P Cooke proposed the Annual return be approved. Cllr Drake seconded and all agreed.

16.009 Tolpuddle Topics

Cllr M Cooke confirmed there had been a water leak at Orchard Meadow which has now been fixed.

Grass Cutting Contract for OM

Cllr M Cooke explained that the current contractor had informed Cllr Cooke that he no longer wanted to carry out the grass cutting at Orchard Meadow. Cllr Cooke has reviewed the contract and specification and made a few small changes. Members had received copies of the revised details prior to the meeting. All agreed the changes were acceptable and the Clerk should go ahead and advertise the opportunity to tender for the contract.

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Date

Other Tolpuddle topics:

The Clerk will contact Highways regarding the blocked drains at OM.

The Clerk confirmed the broken kerbstones near the Green have been repaired by DCC.

Cllr Johnstone informed the meeting that a large amount of fat has been deposited on the road and needs cleaning. The Clerk will contact WDDC.

The Clerk will invite the organisers of the Dorchester Marathon to the next Tolpuddle meeting in August to discuss the potential clash between the marathon and the Tolpuddle Fayre.

16.010 Puddletown Matters**1) Request for a pedestrian crossing (light controlled) at the crossroads**

For the benefit of the public present, Cllr Baynard read out the letter received regarding the proposal for a pedestrian crossing. Members had received the letter prior to the meeting. Cllr Baynard explained that over 354 people had signed the petition attached to the letter.

Cllr P Cooke proposed the Parish Council support the proposal and make a formal application to DCC. It was agreed that the support of County Cllr Andy Canning and Oliver Letwin MP should also be sought.

2) Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Ranger confirmed that the data is still being analysed. Once finished, the results of the survey will be published.

3) Play Park Improvement Scheme Update

The Clerk passed on Cllr Belbin's thanks to everyone that attended and/or helped with the Play Day which was a great success.

16.011 Public and School Bus Review

It was agreed the Clerk will respond to the questionnaire.

16.012 To discuss the idea of contributing financially to the Parish Magazine in order to have a monthly slot dedicated to Parish Council news.

Cllr Baynard informed the meeting this issue has been resolved with no need for a financial contribution.

16.013 Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads

Cllr Drake reported on the following items:

- The owners of The Myrtles are very happy to restore the damage down to the footpath on Doctors Lane and also enhance the area when the contractors have finished.
- DCC has been asked to look at the very wet areas on the path that runs past The Kennels.
- DCC has also been reminded of the problems on Charminster Lane just west of the bypass, Athelhampton to Admiston just north of the wood and Ilsington Wood, north of the pond.
- There are ongoing problems with the crop and gates on the bridleway south of The Kennels.
- An unsigned complaint has been received from 'The Styles Lane Residents' concerning the amount of vegetation from the Weatherbury Vet's premises growing into the Lane. The group of residents has requested an enforcement order but Cllr Drake will first approach the property owner in person.
- The Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust, in addition to the work on the building, are proposing a 'Martyrs' Path to the Shire Hall, Dorchester.

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Cllr Stockley requested the Clerk contact the owner of the hedge between the Kingsmead and the First School and request the hedge is cut back.

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

None received

16.015 Communication

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

16.016 Items for the July meeting

Cllr Baynard asked members to contact the Clerk with items for the July agenda.

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

Signed:

Date