

DRAFT MINUTES OF PUDDLETOWN AREA PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER 2016
AT
THE VILLAGE HALL, PUDDLETOWN, COMMENCING 7pm

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

Chair: Cllr S Baynard

Clerk: Cllr Langdon acted as minute taker for this meeting

Also present: 2 members of the public. County Councillor Andy Canning, PCSO Ali Donnison

Public Session

PCSO Ali Donnison reported an incident of diesel theft from a Tolpuddle farm, there had been a recent similar theft in a neighbouring parish.

She informed the meeting that there had been an increase in scam telephone calls some were purporting to be from the HMRC others suggested that they were the police offering a home visit to review security.

Cllr Andy Canning reported that the consultation on the proposed reorganisation of 9 Dorset councils had now closed. There had been a good response with online questionnaires and road shows obtaining views from the public. The councils would meet on 8 December 2016 to review the results and along with other evidence make a final decision as to whether they will propose to central Government a change in local government structures in Dorset. If this is decided the councils will work together on a final proposal to put to the Government in January 2017. The transition period would be a year and the new organisation would take effect from 2019.

Following the Ironman event which had taken place in September Andy Canning reported that a committee of independent councillors would be investigating the issues which had caused problems for businesses, farmers and people on the day of the event.

Andy Canning confirmed that the County Council did not wish to release the land behind Kings Mead; although the recently published Local Plan had identified potential sites for 750 houses a year until 2030 the Planning Inspector had asked that this be extended to 2036, requiring more areas suitable for development to be considered across Dorset. School capacity would be reviewed with the probability that Puddletown Middle School would need to expand in the future. A number of sites will be reviewed in Dorchester, Crossways and possibly Sherborne, Beaminster, Bridport and Weymouth but it was also expected that villages would recognise their role by looking carefully at their capacity to expand through Neighbourhood Plans.

Mary Miles asked if there had been any results from the survey to assess the need for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Baynard confirmed that the survey had shown there was insufficient ratio of traffic to pedestrian to warrant a crossing.

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16.075 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M Cooke and P Cooke.

16.076 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 11th October 2016 had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Baynard 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 Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

A copy of the minutes from the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20th October 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 Langdon. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

16.077 Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

There were no matters arising.

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

Cllr Walton asked for dispensations regarding Planning applications WD/D/16/002068 and WD/D/16/001959

16.079 To consider planning applications

WD/D/16/002068 – Tolpuddle Manor, Main Road, Tolpuddle
Conversion of garage to book and print store
There were no objections to this application.

WD/D/16/001959 – Tolpuddle Manor, Main Road, Tolpuddle
Installation of an external oil boiler
There were no objections to this application.

WD/D/16/002109 – 22 High Street, Puddletown
There were no objections to this application.

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16.080 To consider the accounts

16.080.1 The following payments had been requested:

		Precept	OM Reserve	PCPPP
		2836	2844	
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	October Grass cutting (Recreation Ground)	140.00		
Sarah Davies	Clerk's Salary October + stamps	418.60		
DCC	Bin Emptying September 2016	45.89		
Tolpuddle Village Hall	Grant	3,000		
Andy Thorne	September & October Orchard Meadow Grass Cutting	500.00		
Epic Printers	PCPPP Street Fayre Programme & Flyers			90.00
DAPTC	Essential Councillors Course	65.00		
BDO	External Auditor Fee	360.00		
		4529.49	0.00	90.00
				4619.49

The total amount requested from the Precept is £4529.49. Cllr Baynard proposed the payments be made. Cllr Langdon seconded. All agreed.

16.080.2 To consider the reconciliation of accounts

The accounts were noted.

16.080.3 To consider External Auditors Report

This item had been included on the agenda to review any outstanding items from the External Auditors Report.

As no clerk was present at the meeting this will be reviewed at the January meeting.

16.080.4 Renewal of Insurance

As no clerk was present at the meeting this will be reviewed at the January meeting

16.081 Appointment of new Parish Clerk

Rod Curtis who has recently retired as Wareham town clerk is to be appointed as P APC clerk from 15 November 2016.

16.082 Puddletown Matters

a) Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Baynard updated the meeting ; Paul Langdon had agreed to take on the role of Chairman of NP.

b) Play Park Improvement Scheme Update

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Cllr Baynard reported that the contract letter had been signed. A number of items had been removed (which were indicated on an accompanying letter) to keep the overall price within the current available budget.

Cllr Belbin stated that the contractor would start work on Monday 21 November and plan to complete by Friday 24 February 2017. The Play Park Group Committee were due to meet on Thursday 10 November and would discuss organising a press release which may reinvigorate fundraising. Cllr Belbin would contact the Carnival Committee to find out if there would be any funds available from the remaining Carnival funds.

- c) Consider installing a seat near Puddletown sign near the traffic lights
Cllr Drake had been approached by a resident about the possibility of a seat, there were a couple of seats which it might be possible to relocate. Cllr Drake will investigate and report back.
- d) Recreation Ground – maintenance of grass
A quote had been received for the work recommended in October but it was suggested that this work should be carried out in the spring.
- e) Churchyard wall
Cllr Drake updated the meeting on the current situation with the boundary between the development of the old First School and the extension to the churchyard. Despite an amendment to the Planning application for the development that a wall should be constructed this had not been done by the developer. Cllr P Cooke had written to the Planning Officer and Cllr Drake suggested that the PAPC should also send a letter. Cllr Baynard will ask Rod Curtis to do this once appointed.

16.083 Tolpuddle Topics

- a) To approve grant of £3000 for Tolpuddle Village Hall
The grant was approved.
- b) The Craft Fair had been very successful; 900 people had visited the fair, £800 had been raised which would be shared between the Village Hall and the Church. There were plans for another Craft Fair in the church next year.

16.084 Insurance Renewal – consideration of quotes

As no clerk was present at the meeting this will be reviewed at the January meeting

16.085 Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads

Cllr Drake reminded the meeting that if uncleared fallen leaves were causing a problem the District Council could be contacted either directly or through Cllr Drake.

It had been reported that a warning Chevron road sign was missing at Burleston. Rod Curtis will be asked to send a letter regarding this once appointed.

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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

Cllr Walton will summarise the minutes of the meeting for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

16.031 Items for the October meeting

Cllr Baynard asked members to contact the clerk with items for the January meeting which would include suggestions for the budget

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

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Date