

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Area Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at Puddletown Village Hall

Present: Cllrs S. Baynard (Chair), P. Walton, P. Drake, A. Sheppard, J. Ranger, S. Langdon

Acting Clerk: S. Langdon

Public: 5 members present

Public Participation Time

Proposed changes to the approved planning application for the High Street housing development were discussed following an e-mail from Hamish Macbeth of Cawdor Construction Devs Ltd. Sandra Shaw was concerned about the potential impact to parking in the High Street if the revisions were approved. The Council reported that no comment would be made until a formal application is submitted to WDDC.

Mary Miles reported concern over pedestrians, especially children, crossing Three Lanes Way and that children often seem unaware they are crossing a road. Cllr Sheppard suggested that in the next phase of the Play Park development it could explore the provision of a barrier to warn pedestrians of the road.

Simon Banfield reported that he was attending a meeting with the race director of Ironman to review the impact of the event on the farming community.

Agenda

Comments

17/200 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs M, Cooke, P. Cooke, J. Johnstone and P. Churchill.

17/201 **Confirmation of minutes of 10th October 2017 meeting**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/202 **Matters arising from the minutes of the 10th October 2017 meeting**

Matters arising would be dealt with as they appeared under the Agenda items.

17/203 **To receive Declarations of Interest** in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested.

No dispensations requested.

17/204 **County Councillor's Report**

Nick Ireland had sent apologies. His report was read out to the meeting:

- There was a predicted County Budget overspend of approx. £6 million which it was hoped would be reduced by the end of the financial year
- The replacement bus service for X12/187 is expected to start next Feb/March. There were concerns over the proposed new timetable which Nick Ireland is investigating.
- Superfast broadband in Higher Waterston had been delayed due to objections to the planned power outage required to perform the cabling work. Now due for completion end of January 2018.
- South West Railways consultation period still open. Reported that DCC would object to the service reductions.
- Local Government reorganisation now proceeding to a six-week consultation period and it is thought that April 2019 may still be achievable.

.....Chairman

17/205 **Police and Community Issues**

PCSO Alison Donnington had sent apologies. Her report was read out to the meeting:

- 22-10-2017 Burglary at Duck Farm Bockhampton Commercial Unit.
- Trading standards are investigating a case where a resident had an excessive amount of work done at their property at what appeared over inflated prices.
- There were 13 reports of HMRC scams in North and East Dorset on Thursday 9th November 2017. Residents were being asked to buy iTunes vouchers in payment for any unpaid tax. Unfortunately, vulnerable or elderly residents don't always challenge requests like these.

Alison Donnison asked that everyone be aware of vulnerable and elderly individuals in the area and report any concerns to the police either via 101 or the Dorset Police website "Contact Us" Section.

17/206 **To consider planning applications:**

(a) Application Number: WD/D/001713 Puddletown First School, Dorchester Road, Puddletown DT2 8FZ Erect Replica Iron Age Roundhouse

No objections

17/207 **To consider the accounts:**

(a) To authorise payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Payee	Reason	Amount
Andy Thorne	OM Grass cutting October 2017	355.00
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Rec Ground grass cutting Oct + Nov 2017	540.00
DCC	Bins emptying September	53.75
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	1591.74
Eyre investments	Orchard Meadow rent	1.00
Paul Langdon	Neighbourhood Plan Expenses Sept and Oct	226.20
Martin Cooke	O M Volunteer clean up expenses	217.54
Ian Geddes	Chipping OM Oct 2017	50.00
R Curtis	Salary OCTOBER 17	417.00

The total amount requested from the precept was £3452.23 The payments were proposed by Cllr Walton and seconded by Cllr Drake.

(b) To consider the reconciliation of accounts

The accounts were noted.

(c) To consider the payment of grants

A list of proposed grant payments had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and were proposed by Cllr Walton and seconded by Cllr Drake, these are shown here:

Recipient	Amount
Puddletown VH	400.00
PRIDE	600.00
Tolpuddle Churchyard Maintenance.	650.00
Puddletown Churchyard Maintenance.	650.00
Library	550.00
Tolpuddle VH	300.00

The total amount requested from the precept for the grants was £3150.00

The total amount requested from the precept (payments requested and grants) was £6602.23

.....Chairman

17/208 Insurance Renewal

The policy had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for review. A long-term agreement was in place with Zurich. Councillors approved the renewal.

17/209 Budget Approval for 18/19

Budget Proposals for 18/19 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The additional money needed to deliver the Neighbourhood Plan could cause a significant increase in the precept, as well as budgeting for payment of items which have previously been carried out by volunteers.

Cllr Walton wished to have it recorded in the minutes that he felt there should be funds to carry forward from the current financial year which could be used to reduce the inevitable increase in precept and that the draft budget was heavily tilted towards Puddletown expenditure, understandable given the Neighbourhood Plan; he felt there should be some flexibility within the Projects head to support worthwhile initiatives in other parts of the wider parish.

It was agreed to finalise the budget in January 2018."

Action: All

17/210 Puddletown Matters**(a) Neighbourhood Plan Update / Community Café**

In Cllr Churchill's absence Paul Langdon, Chair of PNP, updated the Council. An extraordinary meeting of the council was scheduled for Tuesday 21 November to consider the 'Visions, principles and objectives' of the PNP including potential housing developments produced by the PNP Steering Group. Main concerns raised in feedback received after the Design Event were noise, flooding and traffic issues.

Cllr Ranger wished to have it recorded in the minutes that Stephen Baynard had apologised to her at the Design Event for the comments he had made about her role as Chair of PNP in his Chairman's Report in May 2017.

The Community Café steering group were applying for funding through 'Bright Ideas' with the assistance of the Plunkett Advisor and were planning to distribute a questionnaire to all residents in the Area parish.

(b) Defibrillator

Cllr Langdon had contacted British Heart Foundation and would apply to BHF for support to purchase a defibrillator for the village. £1480 received from donations and fundraising had been paid into the PAPC account.

Cllr Ranger raised the possibility of using the telephone box in the Square for the defibrillator or to acquire it for use as a community facility.

(c) Approval of commissioning of sound survey

Cllr Sheppard reported that the Playpark committee were asking the PAPC for a loan of approximately £2000 to carry out a sound survey which was required before a planning application for the proposed skate park could be considered.

The council did not agree to the loan as they would need to see a Business Plan for the skate park. Cllr Baynard agreed to contact Cllr P Cooke to ask him if the planning application due to be considered on 24 November could be deferred without incurring additional expense

(d) Recreation Ground / Play areas

Cllr Drake reported that the matting underneath the swing in the Butt Close play area had been repaired, but further maintenance to the area would be needed in the future.

Arising from the October minutes Cllr Drake reported that the gates to the Recreation Ground were now being kept locked except when there was an event taking place.

.....Chairman

17/211 **Tolpuddle Topics**

A bonfire party had been held which had raised £900

Work was still on going but the Village Hall was open again for clubs and bookings

17/212 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Arising from the October minutes Cllr Drake reported that he had reported the overgrowth of Hedgerow at Backwater to Highways but they did not feel it caused any obstruction to vehicles.

It was agreed that the clerk would send a letter to DCC Public Rights of Way concerning the encroaching of footpath S39/36 between the two schools by a resident in Kingsmead.

Action: Clerk

17/213 **To consider the dates for the 2018 PAPC meetings**

The clerk had produced a list of dates of second Tuesdays in the month alternating between Puddletown and Tolpuddle Village Halls. The dates would be confirmed with the Village Halls, loaded to the website, and circulated to councillors.

Action Clerk

17/214 **To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set for discussion and possible inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

- a) E-mail from Hamish Macbeth read out at start of meeting
- b) Letter from S Harris regarding vehicles parking on grass verge near The Green and suggested ways to stop this happening. Clerk will send reply that reflects the council view; if vehicles are not parked illegally there is no action to be taken. It was not thought suitable to install bollards as suggested.

Action Clerk

It was discussed whether the PNP may be able to provide some parking solutions for the village.

17/215 **Communications**

Cllr Ranger asked that next year the PAPC would consider displaying large poppies in the Parish in recognition of Remembrance Day.

As suggested at the October meeting a newsletter had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was agreed to produce one for circulation ASAP to ensure Puddletown residents and residents in the Area Parish were aware of the Extraordinary meeting to discuss the PNP.

It was suggested that a newsletter may be circulated regularly by the PAPC.

Action Clerk

17/216 **Items for the December meeting**

Any items for the December meeting to be sent to the clerk.

Meeting finished at 8:50pm

.....Chairman