

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Area Parish Council held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 12th December 2017 at Tolpuddle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs, P. Walton, P. Drake, A. Sheppard, J. Ranger
P. Churchill, J. Johnstone, S. Langdon

Chairman (in Cllr Baynard's absence) P. Walton

Acting Clerk: S. Langdon

Public: 11 members present

Rachel Partridge joined the meeting at 7.55pm

Public Participation Time

A short democratic period for members of the public to raise issues of concern.

A Tolpuddle resident asked why there were no plans for a Neighbourhood Plan in Tolpuddle (having received the November Newsletter with details of Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan (PNP) and the community Café) He didn't feel the Community Café would be of value to Tolpuddle residents without their own transport and suggested there was need for a Community Shop in Tolpuddle. Cllr Walton explained that there had not been any enthusiasm/need for a NP for Tolpuddle when a survey of the village was undertaken a few years ago. If the village wished to explore the possibility of a community shop it could be supported. It was suggested that another survey of the village be conducted in 2018.

He also asked for progress on the Bus (Service 187) Consultation. This was covered under the County Councillors report (see below)

Hamish MacBeth of Cawdor Construction Dev Ltd attended the meeting to advise PAPC and members of the public on the proposed development at 2 Styles Lane. As Consultees the PAPC could not comment on the plans. Mr MacBeth was advised of the Draft Visions, Principles and Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan and to contact PNP to see if they would be willing to meet and discuss the proposals.

Tony Gould advised PAPC of the Annual TUC Rally and Festival which would be held 20-22 July 2018. It would be the 150th anniversary of TUC. The TUC were grateful of the support that Tolpuddle and its residents gave to the Festival each year.

He also wished to comment on the rubbish on the verges in Tolpuddle, particularly at the East end of the village. Cllr Ranger reported that Puddletown Society organised an annual litter pick in Puddletown, supported by villagers. By contacting the Waste Partnership equipment could be provided and rubbish would be collected after the event. It was suggested that the rubbish be monitored over the next couple of months.

Residents from Athelhampton had attended to raise concerns over Agenda item 8 and were advised they could contribute when it was discussed in the meeting.

Agenda Number

Comments

17/220 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr S. Baynard, M. Cooke and P. Cooke

17/221 **Confirmation of minutes of 14th November 2017 meeting**
The minutes were approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

17/202 **Matters arising from the minutes of the 14th November 2017 meeting**

No matters arising

17/223 **To receive Declarations of Interest** in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested.

No dispensations requested.

17/224 **County Councillor's Report**

Nick Ireland had sent apologies and had forwarded the following report:

- Budget overspend; at the end of October the overspend was over £4m but is expected to be £4.5m at the end of November There is a strong possibility that the final overspend will be approx £4m, due to both adult and child services overspend (currently £6m overspend whilst other directorates have underspent). Both interim directors have plans to reduce this overspend in the future.
- DCC portion of Council Tax has not been set but will include the final 3% Adult Social Care Precept and they are assuming the full 2% other no-referendum limit increase so in total will be 5% more than last year. The ASCP was worth £3.94m in 2016/17 (2%) and £6.9m (3%) in 2017/18. In 2019/20 (when potentially DCC also have to pay £10m from local taxes to central government – the revenue support 'grant' is negative then), there will be no ASCP input (£7m+) into an already overstretched adult services budget.
- Local Government Reorganisation – nothing decided until next month at earliest. The consensus outside of official proclamations is that at the only reason we are doing this is a sticking plaster solution which will result in yet more job losses and merely postpone the fact that local taxation levels in the absence of central government funding is inadequate to support the level of services that are required.
- Buses – X12 replacement still not sorted. It is likely to be sorted by March. A Saturday service isn't assured; DCC are balking at the additional cost (about £10k). Individuals and parish councils affected need to email or write to both the council leader Rebecca Knox and portfolio holder Daryl Turner as if we are subsidising a service, it should meet the needs of the residents at least Monday to Saturday and not someone's idea of what they can get away with.
- Road programme / repairs etc for next year has been published by DCC Highways; let me know if you didn't get a copy to circulate.
- No more news yet on any potential school expansion in Puddletown.

Clerk will contact RK and DT expressing concerns of PAPC and Tolpuddle resident

Action Clerk

17/225 **Police and Community Issues**

PCSO Alison Donnison was unable to attend and forwarded her report, there had been one report of a theft in Tolpuddle where cash and a charity box had been taken. There were details of the Stay Safe # This Christmas campaign. (attached)

Following discussion, it was agreed that the clerk would contact PCSO to ask if she had been able to review the reported parking problems near the First School and to give advice as to how residents could receive alerts about crime on their phones.

Action Clerk

Cllr Ranger reported that it is possible to subscribe to alerts via the 'Dorset for you' website.

17/226 **Style of PAPC minutes**

Cllr Walton asked for this agenda item to be discussed at the end of the meeting

17/227 **To consider planning applications:**

Application Number: WD/D/17/002570 ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE, ATHELHAMPTON ROAD, ATHELHAMPTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7LG Change of use of yard to mixed use depot/showroom; erection of office/shop building and fence; erection of 2 no. signs at entrance from highway.

The application was discussed, concerns raised by Mr Sugrue of Athelhampton had been circulated to councillors and were reviewed at the meeting alongside those of Julia Koppenhol and the views of the PAPC

A letter would be sent to Planning stating that the view of the PAPC was that the application was incomplete and did not address issues of concern to Athelhampton residents (letter at end of document)

17/228 **To consider the accounts:**

To authorise payment of accounts. The following payments requested had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting with a total of £1091.28 to be paid from the precept. The payments were proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Drake.

Payee	Reason	Amount
Andy Thorne	OM Grass cutting November 2017	157.50
DAPTC	Training course induction for new councillors AS Sept 2017 +Budget and Precept course SL	70.00
BDO	Audit fees	432.00
Paul Langdon	Neighbourhood Plan Expenses Nov	73.19
Shirley Langdon	Hard drive, toner, anti-virus software, stationary, postage. Flier printing November	315.59
DCC	Bin emptying November 2017	43.00

The following payments were noted by council

03.11.17	Feria Urbanism NP Design Forum Event Sept 2017	4590.00
21.11.17	DCC Bin emptying October 2017	43.00
12.12.17	British Heart Foundation (Defibrillator and training pack)	600.00

(a) To receive bank reconciliation. The accounts were noted

17/229 **Puddletown Matters**

a) Neighbourhood Plan Update / Community Café

PNP had been advised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment Review would need to be undertaken which would review all prospective sites and could take up to 6 months. It was anticipated that the Draft plan would be produced at the end of June 2018

Community café questionnaires had now been returned and if this showed there was sufficient support for a community café the Community Café Steering Group(CCSG) would like to ask the PAPC to allow them to erect a temporary building on the Recreation Ground and to apply to PAPC for a donation or loan to enable the CCSG to become a legal entity. 'Pop-up' cafes were planned for early part of 2018 to gauge support from volunteers and 'customers' and raise funds.

b) Recreation ground /Pavilion

There had been information that Travellers were in the area and if this became a real risk the Recreation Ground Carpark would need to be locked roadside.

Cllr Drake had asked for quotes for repairs to the outside toilets, and suggested that there would need to be a suitable budget allocation for 2018/19 for both bin emptying and toilet cleaning in the Recreation Ground
The decision regarding the Shutter repair (PAPC responsibility) was still awaited.

c) Play park update and sound survey

Rachel Partridge updated PAPC on the current situation, a sound survey was needed before a planning application for the skate park could be made.

PAPC accounts suggested a deficit which was not supported by PCP own accounts.

There was still a retention of approx £3000 to be paid to Parsons Landscaping Practice.

Clerk to review accounts with additional information from PCP and circulate to

Councillors so a decision could be made regarding funding the Sound Survey (approx. £1750)

Action Clerk

17/230 **Tolpuddle Matters**

Cllr Johnstone reported that following fundraising events organised by Ray Kerlake £10,703 was paid to The Cancer Scanner Charity at Poole hospital.

An additional £1881 had been raised by Tolpuddle residents who completed a sponsored cycle ride from Bath to Tolpuddle in September. This funded the purchase of a defibrillator to be located at the Martyrs Pub in Tolpuddle, and donations were also made to The Village Hall, Mid Dorset Mencap Group and the Cancer Scanner at Poole Hospital.

Following comments made in the Public Participation Survey a Tolpuddle survey would be considered in 2018.

17/231 **Highways, Byways and Rights of Way Matters**

Cllr Drake had asked the landowner of the hedge on the Blandford Road which was encroaching on the pavement to cut the hedge which had now been done.

17/232 **Correspondence**

Mr Roger Greet of The Rotary Club in Dorchester had contacted the clerk and met with PAPC prior to the meeting to present a cheque for £250 to PAPC in recognition of the support the villages had given the Dorchester Marathon earlier in the year.

He would like to attend a meeting in 2018 to receive any feedback from the 2017 Dorchester Marathon, and update PAPC on the event planned for 2018. He reported that the 2017 event had been very successful, and the Rotary Club would be happy to receive applications for Grants to support projects in the Parishes.

A letter had been received from Cawdor Construction Dev Ltd which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Hamish MacBeth had spoken during The Public Participation Time.

A letter had been received from E Amey which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. PAPC would acknowledge receipt of the letter and investigate his comments

A letter had been received from Lloyds Bank Foundation asking for bank details of PRIDE so that PRIDE may benefit Matched Giving Scheme organised by Lloyds Banking Group. Clerk to respond.

An email had been received from 'Life Education, Wessex and Thames Valley' which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Life Education Wessex asked for a donation to support an event planned for May 2018 to deliver health, well-being

and drug prevention education to children at St. Mary's School. It was proposed a contribution appropriate to the proportion of children at the school from the combined parish area could be made. i.e 16% of £550 = £88.

An email had been received from DAPTC advising councils on a change in the way personal data is held (coming in to effect in May 2018) which might include implications to a Parish budget and although DAPTC could not advise what to budget for they advised that councils should not cut back on their contingency reserve.

An email had been received advising PAPC of the new External Auditors who had been appointed for 2018.

17/226 **Style of PAPC minutes**

It was agreed that Minutes should be an accurate account of PAPC meetings, with where appropriate a brief synopsis of the item under discussion. Decisions made, or actions required would be recorded. Where a councillor objected to the decision made by the PAPC this could be recorded if requested.

Cllr Walton would like the option to record (if requested by the councillor) when a subject is raised at the request of an elector and to have comments or opinions made by councillors recorded when requested. Cllr Langdon did not agree that either of these were appropriate for the minutes and could lead to a distorted view of discussions unless all opinions were captured.

17/234 **Items for Next Agenda**

To be sent to clerk

17/235 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.00 pm at Puddletown Village Hall

Meeting finished at 9.30 pm

.....Chairman

Stay Safe # This Christmas campaign.

TOP TIPS

- Make yourself aware of common scams and talk to friends, relatives and neighbours so they know how to protect themselves
- If you're shopping online, use reputable retailers and check payments are secure
- Activate parental controls and/or privacy settings on new gadgets and register serial numbers with an online registry company like immobilise.com
- Drink and drug driving affects real people, real families. If you are out enjoying a drink, plan how to get home safely
- If you've been drinking, beware the morning after, you may still be over the limit
- Stay with friends you trust on a night out, drink responsibly and plan how you will get home safely
- Ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your property if you are going away
- Keep presents and other valuables out of sight; always lock your windows and door and keep your vehicles secure.
- There is no place for abuse, exploitation or neglect at any time of year. If you're concerned about any adult or child, please report it
- You can make non-urgent enquiries, report concerns or speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team via the 'do it online' function on the Dorset Police website
- Christmas is a busy time; help us by thinking before you call. Could your query be answered by a different agency

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18th December 2017

Dear Mr Cousins,

**Re: Planning Consultation
WD/D/17/002570 ATHELHAMPTON HOUSE, ATHELHAMPTON ROAD,
ATHELHAMPTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7LG**

I am writing on behalf of Puddletown Area Parish Council regarding the above planning application. The application was discussed at length at the Parish Council meeting held on 12th December 2017 when views of Athelhampton residents were considered.

Although members did not oppose the application it was felt that it did not correctly address issues concerning the application, which include:

- Adequacy of parking, loading and turning
Large lorries visiting the site are not able to leave in an easterly direction in a single manoeuvre without reversing along the highway
- Highway safety
Although the exit has been modified there is poor visibility particularly to the East of the exit and it is thought the visibility splays may not be adequate for vehicles leaving the site
- Traffic generation and Road access
The traffic generated to the site by customers is unknown but there has been an increase in heavy lorries visiting the site with associated issues (as above)
- Noise and disturbance resulting from use
Noise from vehicles visiting the site and that of machinery used on the site has been reported for extended hours over the summer months
- Smells from the use of bonfires on site over the summer months
- Trees have been felled at the entrance to the site which has also been modified
- Residents were concerned on the impact of the commercial business in the setting of a Listed Building

Yours sincerely

Shirley Langdon

Acting Clerk to Puddletown Area Parish Council