

Minutes of a meeting of the Puddletown Area Parish Council held at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday 9th January 2018 at Puddletown Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs, P. Walton, P. Drake, M, Cooke, J. Ranger  
P. Churchill, J. Johnstone, S. Langdon, P. Cooke

**Chairman:** S. Baynard

**Acting Clerk:** S. Langdon

**Public:** 2 members present, Paul Langdon joined the meeting at 7.10  
County Councillor Nick Ireland

### Public Participation Time

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

Julian Hubbuck and Gordon Booth presented an outline proposal to P APC to raise funds for Puddletown First School, Puddletown Play Park Committee, and to raise funds for improvements to toilets at the Recreation Ground. They suggested 14<sup>th</sup> April as a suitable date for the event. The P APC were happy to support their proposal pending further details being supplied.

Agenda Number	Comments
18/001	<b>Apologies for absence</b> were received from Cllr A Sheppard.
18/002	<b>Confirmation of minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 meeting and the extraordinary meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2017</b> The minutes for 12th December 2017 were approved and signed in the presence of the meeting. The minutes for the extraordinary meeting were not available and would be brought to the February meeting.
18/003	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 meeting</b> 17/232 The clerk had confirmed with Lloyds Foundation that the intended charity to benefit from Lloyds Matched funding was PRIDE.
18/004	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest</b> in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested. No dispensations requested.
18/005	<b>County Councillors report</b> Nick Ireland reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no update on the changes to bus services X12 and 187</li> <li>• There was no update on the Budget overspend and the Budget for 18/19 was not yet approved, savings of £16m were needed.</li> <li>• Broadband was now available in Higher Waterston</li> <li>• The decision on Local Government Reorganisation is anticipated to be made at the end of February. There is expected to be 82 councillors, the boundaries of the new unitary authorities would be confirmed at the end of July, and it is estimated there would be 3-4000 electors in each ward.</li> </ul>
18/006	<b>Police and Community Issues</b> PCSO Alison Donnison was unable to attend and forwarded her report; There had been one report of criminal damage to a car parked overnight on a drive in Butt Close in December.

There was a general increase in scam phone calls just prior to the Christmas period. Dorset Police have a process to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud. If anyone is aware of any individuals or groups that would benefit from a visit from PCSO Donnison please contact her via 101 or on the Dorset Police website, 'Contact Us' section. (Full report found at end of document).

She also responded to the request from last month regarding parking issues at the First School and said she would make it a priority for her patrols over the next few weeks, although she reported that it is a general problem around local schools and due to the large area she covers it is difficult for her to patrol on a regular basis.

In December residents asked how to register for crime alerts: The Dorset Alert link is [www.dorsetalert.co.uk](http://www.dorsetalert.co.uk) which can be used to register directly for crime alerts.

18/007 **To consider planning applications:**

**WD/D/17/002742 TROY TOWN ROUNDABOUTS, JUNCTION OF TWO DROVES & A35, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER**

**WD/D/17/002744 NORTHBROOK JUNCTION SOUTH, JUNCTION OF A354/A35, PUDDLETOWN, DORCHESTER**

**WD/D/17/002753 NORTHBROOK JUNCTION NORTH ROUNDABOUT, BLANDFORD ROAD, PUDDLETOWN**

No objections

18/008 **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 £504.99 to be paid from the precept. The payments were proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Drake.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Martin Cooke	OM expenses	81.24
Countrywide	Rec Ground Grass cutting December 2017	270.00
Life Education	Donation to health, well-being and drug awareness education day	100.00
DCC	Bin emptying December 2017	53.75

The payment to Life Education was agreed by Councillors and could be made under Section 137 of LGA 1972

To receive bank reconciliation.

The accounts were noted.

18/009 **To note the audit 16/17**

The audit for 16/17 had been returned qualified due to late submission. The appropriate documentation had been posted to the website.

18/010 **Budget Approval for 18/19**

The Budget had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that the budget should be set at £44000. The increase in precept was to fund continuing work on the NP and for work that now needs to be paid for which had previously been carried out voluntarily.

18/011 **Puddletown Matters**

a) Neighbourhood Plan Update / Community Café

A Housing Needs Analysis will be provided through central funding and contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan which is now expected to be delivered at the end of 2019.

75 Questionnaires had been returned for the Community Café and were still being analysed, but suggested there was support for the initiative,

b) Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been ordered and the training pack had arrived, Cllr Langdon would arrange training sessions.

c) Recreation ground /Pavilion

Dog fouling was becoming an increasing problem. A new dog order (The West Dorset Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2017), can be found [here](#). This had been introduced in October 2017, signs would be ordered to advise dog walkers of their responsibilities in the Recreation Ground

**Action Clerk**

The cost of the shutter to be replaced was £980 + VAT which was agreed by the PAPC

**Action Clerk**

It is planned to open outside toilets for public use but some updating of the toilets would be needed and a 'lengthsman' appointed who could open / close / clean facilities

**Action Clerk**

d) Play park update and sound survey

A further £7500 was now available for the playpark from a previously unpaid WDDC Grant but this still left insufficient funds for a sound survey (approx. £1750). PAPC asked that further information to include costs and potential funding would be needed before the PAPC could agree to release money for the sound survey to be completed.

**Action Clerk**

18/012 **Tolpuddle Matters**

- The site at Creech Holding had now been cleared
- Following complaints regarding rubbish in Tolpuddle at the December meeting Cllr Johnstone had investigated the road sweeping provision and found that it must be requested (now done)
- Noted increased fly tipping in South layby on east exit from Tolpuddle. Clerk to notify Waste Partnership. **Action Clerk**
- Following the discovery of a water leak at Orchard Meadow an unusually large water bill (£360) had been received. M. Cooke to draft letter for Clerk to send to water2business regarding high water pressure as a possible cause of the leak. The water supply was now turned off.

**Action Clerk / M. Cooke**

- At Orchard Meadow a fallen tree had been cleared by volunteers and volunteer working parties for Orchard Meadow were planned for 28/1 and 11/2.

18/013 **Highways, Byways and Rights of Way Matters**

Trees had been felled in a plot of land alongside the Blandford Road

18/014 **Correspondence**

An email had been received from Chris Leonard thanking PAPC for the donation to the Village Hall which helps the VH Committee cover increasing costs and moderate hire charges, and allows discounted rates to local organisations.

A letter had been received from Stephen Buck which thanked the PAPC for the donation to the Community Library which had now been open for 5 years.

18/015 **Items for Next Agenda**

To be sent to clerk

Recruitment of new clerk to be discussed at 6.30pm prior to public meeting at 7.00pm

18/016 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 13 February at 7.00 pm at Tolpuddle Village Hall

Meeting finished at 9.00 pm

.....Chairman

**Police Community Support Officer Report**

**Tolpuddle & Puddletown Parish Council 9th January 2018**

Crimes Reported:

15/12/2017 Criminal Damage to Vehicle in Butt Close – occurred overnight while parked on drive.

Other:

There was a general increase in scam phone calls just prior to the Christmas period.

Dorset Police have a process to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud. It focuses on the protection of the elderly and vulnerable members of our communities, through awareness and prevention. Fraud is a hidden and underreported crime with victims often in denial or unaware.

Increasingly fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people. Technology is enabling fraudsters to carry out attacks more quickly and employ more complex behaviours to remain undetected.

The nature of fraud victimisation is not only financial. The emotional impact is significant and includes guilt, misplaced trust and diminished confidence, resulting in detrimental effects on physical and mental health and increased social isolation.

If anyone is aware of any individuals or groups that would benefit from a visit from myself please contact me via 101 or on the Dorset Police website, 'Contact Us' section.