

Minutes of the Tolpuddle Village Meeting, Tolpuddle Village Hall, Tuesday 19 June 2018

Present:	Nigel Pitman	Chair
	Stephen Baynard	Chair Parish Council
	Patick Cooke	Parish Councillor
	Jim Johnstone	Parish Councillor
	Shirley Langdon	Parish Councillor & temporary Parish Clerk
	Peter Walton	Parish Councillor
	Tony Gould/Julia Johnstone	Clerk
	63 members of the public	

Welcome: The chair welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Apologies: John & Ann Bacon, Julian Francis, Julie & Adrian Bonner, Hilly Coban, John Taylor and Diana Foreman

2. Election of chair: Nigel Pitman was nominated by Ray Kerslake and seconded by Peter Walton. There being no other nominations this was agreed unanimously

3. Election of clerk: The Chair reported that after 10 years as clerk Tony Gould had decided to stand down. Tony was thanked for all his hard work and presented with a gift in appreciation. Julia Johnstone's was the only nomination; this was proposed by Liz Gould and seconded by Jim Johnstone

4. Minutes of the last meeting (22 June 2017): These were proposed as correct by Paul Taylor and seconded by Jim Johnstone

5. Matters arising not on the agenda: No items

6. Festival/ Rally: Dawn Miller and other residents detailed their issues regarding the 2017 Festival. Tom De Witt (Museum & local TUC contact) will ensure all security staff are aware of the issues and he will be on site though the festival should there be any problems.

The possibility of leaving the street lights on overnight is to be investigated- ACTION POINT 1.

There will be a meeting in August to review the 2018 festival - ACTION POINT 2.

The festival newsletter is to be distributed shortly and copies on the noticeboards. The BBQ is to be on Wednesday 18 July rather than Thursday.

7a. Highways: David Clegg (DCC) detailed both the scheduled highways projects for the area and the long term proposals. The Ironman race is to be held on 23 September however the route isn't through Tolpuddle but Puddletown & Rhododendron Mile. Residents expressed concerns regarding road surfaces and road closures. Ian Styring is the Community Highways Officer (ian.j.styring@dorsetcc.gov.uk 01305228138) however David is happy to be contacted by residents.

7b. Report from Parish Council: Stephen Baynard reported that the Parish Council meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and encouraged anyone with local concerns to attend rather than wait for the Tolpuddle meeting. The Parish Council have ongoing discussions regarding the applications for a Slurry Lagoon at Southover and for 42 houses in Puddletown.

Jim Johnstone reported that after the last meeting daffodils had been planted, litter pick and drainage clearances carried out and fly tipping at the east lay-by cleared. A survey is being conducted by Highways to measure traffic speed either end of the village. If speeding is confirmed Speed Indicator Devices will be fitted - financed by the Parish Council

8a. Marathon 2018: There were several complaints regarding the 2017 marathon. Issues discussed include the local route, time length of time roads were closed and signage. Julian Francis and Michael Slocock have arranged a meeting with DCC on 28 June; the chair offered to attend as well - ACTION POINT 3?

8b. Slurry Lagoon: Several residents expressed concerns regarding this planning application. Issues included the number of traffic movements and the risk of damage to Southover Lane bridges. Alternative routes and the possibility of weight limits on the bridges were discussed. Jim White is to have a site meeting with the Planning Officer on 4 July.

At the Parish Council meeting it was agreed that Shirley Langdon would request additional time for the Parish Council to respond to the planning application and also submit several questions regarding the application; a response is awaited.

It was suggested that as a community we write a letter to Mr Cobb (signed by as many residents as possible) voicing concerns. ACTION POINT 4

9. Dogs: Not 'picking up' after dogs is still an issue. Jim Johnstone has put up additional signs but more were requested in Central Farm Lane. Shirley Langdon will write to the Dog Warden regarding enforcement and the provision of extra dog poo bins in the middle of the village. ACTION POINT 5.

10. St John's Church: Phillipa Francis provided details of the Sunday services, the Ride & Stride and Coffee & Chat mornings. There is no funding for a new roof however work is being completed to prevent water ingress. Funding is being sought for remedial electrical work.

It is hoped to provide a war memorial at St John's to the 6 WW1 and 1 WW2 casualties. A quote of £1,100 has been obtained. A local historian has offered to trace the families of those on the memorial.

Margaret Walton confirmed there would be an Armistice Day event (Sat 10 November) to include unveiling the memorial, an application for a grant of £250 has been made for the event. Suggestions as to how else to mark the occasion are welcomed.

Tony Gould added that St John's was managed as a living churchyard and so was not completely mown.

11. Rights of Way: Lynn Bailey said there were no issues other than seasonal growth which has been reported where necessary. Lynn encouraged the reporting of issues on the Dorset website 'Rights of Way Problem' interactive map.

12. Orchard Meadow: This is available for public events with applications via the Parish Council. Jo Cooke gave details of the working parties, Forest School and repair of equipment and expressed a hope that more local people would get involved in maintaining Orchard Meadow.

13. Old Chapel: A planning application has been submitted. There is a requirement to 'match funding' with the Lottery award and this is requested outside the local community.

14. Future Events: Farmers Market 8 July, Martyrs Sunday 22 July (volunteers contact Liz Gould), Village Show 11 August.
Village clean up is to be scheduled ACTION POINT 6

15. AOB:

1. Jan Hopkin is a member of the Puddletown Sugery Patients Group and would like any feedback.
2. Mev Harris reported on the funding and provision of the defibrillator. It is located outside the Martyr's pub. Training has been given to 45 villagers and further training sessions are planned.
3. The Village Hall AGM was held last Friday – report available from Peter Walton upon request. The committee would like more young people to join with a view to arranging events for the youngsters in the village. The refurbishment is almost completed; an issue with the electricity is to be resolved
A table-tennis table is now available for hire, booked via Diana Foreman
4. Jim Johnstone asked if it was possible to ask for compensation from event organisers in view of the increasing road closures. Comments were made about needing a balance between the disruption caused by organised events and the benefit to the village. Again complaints were made about the increasing road closures. David Clegg provided information on the criteria for events and suggested reporting concerns on the Dorsetforyou website

ACTION POINTS:

1. The possibility of leaving the street lights on overnight is to be investigated: Nigel & David
2. Meeting in August to review the 2018 festival: Nigel, Julia & Tom
3. Julian Francis and Michael Slocock have arranged a meeting with DCC on 28 June; the chair offered to attend as well: Nigel
4. It was suggested that as a community we write a letter to Mr Cobb (signed by as many residents as possible) voicing concerns: Nigel
5. Request to the Dog Warden regarding enforcement and the provision of extra dog poo bins in the middle of the village: Shirley
6. Village clean up is to be scheduled: Julia