

Minute of a meeting of the Puddletown Area Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at Tolpuddle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs P. Churchill, P. Drake, A. Sheppard, J. Johnstone, S. Langdon, J. Ranger, P. Walton, P. Cooke
Chairman: S. Baynard
Locum Clerk: C. Hampton
Public: 5 members of the public. DCC Cllr N. Ireland.

Public Participation Time

1. Mr P. Langdon enquired how community benefits for local amenities are dealt with, Cllr Churchill replied that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is administered by the Local Authority with 25% of CIL distributed to Parish Councils where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place or 15% without a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr P. Cooke suggested that an approach to developers during the planning consultation period could produce amenity benefits directly from the developer. The Clerk was tasked with consulting other councils on their experiences.

Action: Clerk

2. Mr P. Langdon also enquired how Puddletown RFC might obtain a brown sign to the club ground as Highways had refused permission for one. Cllr P. Cooke explained the rationale behind decisions on brown signs and that it was unlikely that the RFC would qualify.

3. Dorchester Marathon – although this was Agenda item no.9 the Chairman agreed to a request from Cllr Walton to bring it forward to the public session. The Chairman explained that he had spoken to Roger Greet at the Rotary who said there would be little or no change to the route and that it may not be run at all in 2019. Mr J. Francis said there were numerous complaints regarding road closures and the route but at a meeting he attended the organisers had disagreed with the concerns. Cllr Churchill reported that he had held a straw poll in Puddletown and found little objection to the marathon. Cllr Walton replied that in Tolpuddle there were many objections. The Clerk was tasked with writing to the organisers requesting that the route be changed and that roads are closed earlier and for a reduced length of time.

Action: Clerk

*11/9/2018
 Addition - the Parish Council agrees to support the marathon*

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 P. SHEPPARD*

Minute Number	Comments
18/124	Apologies for absence Cllrs M. Cooke, A. Thorne
18/125	Confirmation of minutes of PAPC Meeting held on 10th July 2018 RESOLVED that the minutes for the PAPC Meeting on 10 th July 2018 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.
18/126	Matters arising from the minutes of the 10th July 2018 PAPC Meeting None.
18/127	To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested. Cllr Sheppard requested a dispensation for agenda item 17.2 because a cheque for approval was made out to him. The Clerk explained this was an error as it should be paid to Clive Barnett, who had purchased the items being reimbursed. Cllr Sheppard



has agreed to receive the cheque and transfer the payment to Clive. Dispensation was granted to speak and vote.

18/128 **County Councillors report**

- Local Government Reorganisation to form 2 unitary authorities in Dorset continues. The appeal by Christchurch Borough Council against the decision to allow LGR has been rejected.
- Consultation on the Local Boundary Commission warding arrangements for Dorset continues.
- His request to DCC to investigate alternative routes to the Southover Farm slurry lagoon at an on-site meeting resulted in an investigation into 3 alternative routes, none of which were deemed suitable.
- The local Parish Council has no objections to the Woodford Quarry planning application.
- A meeting held with Highways regarding the Dorchester Marathon suggested that the race will start earlier and roads opened more quickly.

18/129 **District Councillors Report**

The marathon having been discussed, there was nothing further to report.

18/130 **Police and Community Issues**

PCSO Donnison was unable to attend and sent a report which unfortunately was received after the meeting had been held. A copy of the report has been subsequently distributed to all councillors and a copy appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

18/131 **Planning Applications**

8.1 WD/D/18/001424 Proposal: erection of single storey extension and front porch, installation of chimney and relocation of oil tank.
Location: 8 Trent Close, Tolpuddle, DT2 7HA

RESOLVED no objections to this application.

8.2 WD/D/18/001530 Proposal: erection of two detached dwellings with garaging and car parking.
Location: East Farm Cottage, White Hill, Tolpuddle, DT2 7EP

Deferred to the 11th September PAPC meeting. Planning office extension for consultation approved.

8.3 WD/D/18/001616 Proposal: importation of aggregate for storage, bagging and sale at the existing aggregate bagging plant at Woodsford Quarry.
Location: Woodsford Farm, Woodsford, Dorchester.

RESOLVED no objections to this application

8.4 & 8.5 WD/D/18/000737 & 000738 Egdon, 25 Main Rd, Tolpuddle DT2 7EN

Both applications have been **APPROVED** by the WDDC planning office.

18/132 **Dorchester Marathon**

At the discretion of the Chairman this item was discussed during the Public Participation session at the beginning of the meeting.

18/133 **Puddletown Matters**

10.1 Community Café

Cllr Churchill reported that 6 pilot openings went well. It has been decided to open the café on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from October to December, to be reviewed at the end of the year. Responding to a question from the Chairman, Cllr Churchill said that the number of times the café would be open is being restricted by a lack of volunteers and Village Hall availability.

Cllr Churchill also advised the council that he had temporarily taken over Chairmanship of the Neighbourhood Planning Group from Mr Langdon, who has stood down for a few months for personal reasons.

10.2 PRIDE AGM

Cllr Drake gave a report of the 19th AGM. He said that more usage of the facilities needs to be encouraged. It is also necessary to find a use for the upstairs half of the pavilion.

Cllr Sheppard enquired about a matched funding donation from Lloyds Bank that should have been paid into the PRIDE account for the playpark. Cllr Langdon explained again that the donation has not been received and that enquiries need to be made with the bank as all the relevant information had been supplied to them.

Cllr Sheppard also reported that another wasp's nest needs to be removed from the playpark. The Chairman agreed to contact the pest control service used previously.

18/134 Tolpuddle Matters**11.1 SID update**

Cllr Johnstone reported on the traffic survey by Dorset Highways Safety in Tolpuddle and Puddletown. The survey demonstrated that traffic speed in Tolpuddle justified a SID, but not in Puddletown. There was scepticism of the speeds recorded in Puddletown, Cllr Johnstone undertook to share the survey results with other councillors.

Posts for the SID are now being installed and volunteers are needed to rotate the SID around the various locations in Tolpuddle and keep its batteries charged.

11.2 Road closures for events – Cllr Johnstone withdrew this item as it has already been widely discussed.

Cllr Johnstone raised resident's concerns regarding vehicles parking on pavements and blind corners. It was recognised that little could be done to stop this practice in general although where vehicles are parked dangerously the police should be informed.

It was reported that the Martyr's Festival appeared to be successful, despite reduced attendance. The extra security worked well. The festival will be reviewed by the Tolpuddle Committee later.

The Clerk submitted a report on Orchard Meadow received from Cllr M. Cooke, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book.

The Clerk was asked to forward the PAPC letter sent to farmers and the reply received, regarding standards of tractor driving to Brianspuddle PC, who are receiving similar complaints.

Action: Clerk

18/135 Standing Orders

The NALC Standing Orders England 2018 template amended by the Clerk for PAPC was considered for adoption. A query from Cllr Churchill regarding some of the grammar and the applicability of some of the orders to PAPC was discussed, after which Cllr P. Cooke proposed acceptance of the Standing Orders as presented.

RESOLVED that the amended NALC template be adopted as PAPC Standing Orders 2018.

18/136 **Communications**

The July/August PAPC Newsletter had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting for their information. Cllr Churchill requested for more volunteers to help with distributing the Newsletter.

It was agreed to remove Communications as a standing agenda item.

18/137 **Rights of Way, Drains, Hedges and Roads**

Cllr Drake drew the council's attention to a letter from the Public Rights of Way and Land Access Consultancy Service who are acting on behalf of DCC regarding a modification order to change the use of a bridleway between the parishes of Puddletown, Dewlish and Cheselbourne to a byway open to all traffic (BOAT). It was reported by the Clerk that Cheselbourne would object to this application, even though the consultation was only looking at historical records and indications of usage. Cllr Drake felt that any change would be restricted by DCC but as there is no guarantee of that then PAPC would also object.

Action: Clerk

18/138 **Bus Services**

Cllr Churchill followed up on a letter received from a resident of Winterbourne Whitechurch regarding the precarious existence of rural bus services in this part of Dorset. Cllr Ireland reported that there are currently only 7 subsidised rural services and they are under threat. An initiative to open school bus services to the public failed when the County Council didn't include it when allocating school bus contracts. It was agreed to write to other Parish Councils with PAPC's concerns.

Action: Cllr Churchill/Clerk

18/139 **To consider any correspondence received since the agenda was set for discussion and possible inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

None to consider.

18/140 **Accounts**

17.1 To receive a financial statement for the 1st qtr. of FY 2018-19: the Clerk presented the quarterly financial statement for acceptance. During discussions it was agreed that that reserved funds needed to be reviewed and that spending from the Orchard Meadow fund should also be reviewed. The Clerk suggested that the two bank accounts should be merged to give better access to the OM fund. He also suggested that the PAPC should agree to electronic banking, including making payments by BACS. The Clerk was tasked with investigating both suggestions and reporting to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

RESOLVED to approve and accept the financial statement for the 1st qtr FY 2018-19.

17.2 To authorise payment of accounts - payments requested for August were circulated to members prior to the meeting and appear as Appendix C of the Minute Book.

RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £2745.41 in accordance with the list of payments requested.

18/141 **Items for Next Agenda**

To be sent to the Clerk.

18/142 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11th September 2018, 7.00 pm at Puddletown Village Hall

Meeting finished at 9.05 pm

A. SHEPPARD.....Chairman

Date: *11-09-2018*