

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of Puriton Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Puriton, commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th January 2017 when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillors J Fletcher (Chairman), S Tizzard, J Lunn, B Crow, together with the Parish Clerk Sam Winter.

5 member of the public were in attendance.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Julie Jones updated the Council on action required for emergency situations as per the Civil Contingency Unit.

Izzy Sylvester, Village Agent, introduced herself and her community work supporting isolated and vulnerable people in accessing help and services.

Nik Lewin updated the meeting on the progress with plans to improve the entrances to the village.

17.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Councillors Mr Simon Langley, A Barnaby, A Benson, M Healey

17.2 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda

16.174 JF & ST – dispensations to remain were given by the clerk in order to avoid business being impeded by the meeting becoming inquorate.

17.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Tuesday 13th December 2016

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

17.4 To receive the clerk's report for the purpose of information only

- 1) Grit bin at Downend bridge
- 2) Good Citizen Award
- 3) Neighbourhood Plan – Consultant
- 4) Youth club grant
- 5) Downend noticeboard
- 6) Clerk's employment
- 7) Casual Vacancy with PPC
- 8) Note venue for Feb meeting.
- 9) Village Welcome pack
- 10) Dog fouling
- 11) Christmas lights

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The clerks report was received (appended to these minutes).

17.5 To receive the bank statement and reconciliation for December

The bank statement and reconciliation were received and approved.

Planning

17.6 To consider and respond to the following new planning applications:

09/16/00026	Proposal: Erection of depot/workshop building (Class B2) with ancillary offices and sales; access, parking, vehicle washing facilities, associated engineering; landscaping; and, drainage works Location: Land To The South Of Rosedale And East Of, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4AW	Comments due 12/01/17 Resolved to object to the application.

Planning application noted as no response is invited.

17.7 To note the outcome of the following planning applications:

42/16/00043	Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to be used to store fodder and machinery Location: Rosedale, Bristol Road, Dunball, Bridgwater, TA6 4TN	Not contentious, response under delegated powers 16/12/16. No objections or comments. Awaiting decision.
42/16/00044	Proposal: Request for discharge of requirement relating to J23-14 River Parrett Flood Defence Improvements	Comments not invited Awaiting decision
42/16/00039	Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to side (South) elevation and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to porch and garage Location: 66 Puriton Park, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8BJ	Comments made by Extd meeting 29/11/16 Permission granted.
42/16/00040	Proposal: Lambardy poplar (T2) Reduce height by 5.5m to leave at height of adjacent Scot Pine. Location: 24, Hillside, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8AN	Comments made by Extd meeting 29/11/16 No objections or comments. Permission granted
42/16/00041	Proposal: Retention of replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to outbuilding Location: 3 Middle Street, Puriton,	Comments made by Extd meeting 29/11/16

	Bridgwater, TA7 8AU	No objections or comments. Awaiting decision.
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17.8 Enforcement

None

17.9 Appeals

To note the outcome of the following appeal:

42/15/00019	Proposal: Erection of a dwelling and creation of access thereto. Location: Land at, 10 Hillside Crescent, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8AP	appeal to Planning Inspectorate against refusal Awaiting outcome
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Resolutions

- 17.10** To resolve whether to support Puriton Playing Fields Committee by requesting enforcement action regarding Churchfield Drove planning Ref 42/15/00004.

Resolved to support PPF by writing to Sedgemoor DC Enforcements to express concerns and seek action regarding the land encroachment at Churchfield Drove.

- 17.11** To resolve to convey to Somerset County Council that Puriton PC is disappointed with the County Council's proposals for a cycle route between Puriton and Bridgwater for the following reasons:

- (1) the proposals require cyclists and pedestrians to cross the A38 on the north side of Dunball roundabout rather than providing a signalled crossing at the junction with Downend Road; and
- (2) there are no provisions for residents and those accessing employment at Dunball to safely cross the A38 south of the roundabout.

Resolved that the Parish Council will write to Somerset County Council to express its disappointment with the planned cycle and pedestrian route, and to seek that the matter is revisited to include community consultation.

17.12 Finance

- (1) **To approve the following items of expenditure due and those paid under delegated powers*:**

	Payee	Item	Total inv £	VAT £
(119)	*Chris Gulliford	Salary Dec	527.40	0
(120)	*Sam Winter	Salary Dec	874.37	0
(121)	HMRC	PAYE & NI Dec	147.35	0
(122)	*NEST	Pensions DD	8.55	0
(123)	Sam Winter	expenses Dec	9.45	0
(124)	Puriton Village Hall	hall hire Nov	17.00	0
(125)	Jerry Pope*	Rye wall repairs	4506.79	0
(126)	Chris Gulliford	expenses Dec	9.10	0
(127)	Wood En Stuff	new posts for noticeboard	45.00	0
(128)	PATA Payroll	Payroll services Oct-Dec 16	45.00	0
(129)	Sedgemoor DC	Grass cutting July – Sept 16	242.40	40.40
(130)	Staples	Stationery	7.49	1.25
(131)	PLusnet	Broadband DD Jan-Feb	24.60	4.10
(132)	Puriton Playing Fields	Hall hire Nov ext.meeting	15.60	2.60
(133)	Puriton Playing Fields	Youth club hire Nov	96.00	16.00

(134)	Puriton Playing Fields	Youth Club hire Dec	38.40	6.40
(135)	Rialtas	Annual accounts package	135.60	22.60
(136)	Unity Trust	Quarterly Service Charge	18.00	0

Resolved that the list of payments is approved.

17.13 To receive the following reports for information only

- (1) Village Hall
None
- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways
None
- (3) Puriton Playing Fields
Funds from Villages Together are proving inaccessible, so PPF will itself fund architects report. PPF hopes it will have better future success in obtaining VT funds.
- (4) SALC
CIO is leaving and CEO will take up the additional work and reassess structure in couple of months.
- (5) Parish Councillors
BC – will let Clerk have details of problems with accumulated litter and road defects at Hillside Knowle Hall have expressed a keenness to engage with the community.

JL – Revisited the Downend layby and the waste situation is no better. Photos taken.

ST – Perusing a complaint with Highways for closure of Middle St. without notice on busy Dec working day.
Great job being done with Rye triangle. More earth needed to create a sloped area around seat, rather than a drop as at present.
- (6) District & County Councillor(s)
None
- (7) Chairman
(JF) Ditch along the lane Woolavington Rd – Purewell is full of brambles, hindering flow of water.

17.14 To receive and consider the following letters and acknowledge receipt of e-mails (should you require a copy of any correspondence please request it prior to the meeting)

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| (1) | SCC | SID Report Nov-Dec 2016 | E |
| (2) | PPF | Request for support in enforcement action on Church Drove | E |
| (3) | Nationwide | Reduction of interest rate | E |
| (4) | Highways England, | M5 J23 works update | E |
| (5) | Somerset Waste | Increased recycling/3wkly rubbish collections | E |
| (6) | SCC | Civil Contingencies Unit newsletter | E |
| (7) | HPC | Look Ahead January | E |

17.15 Date of next Parish Council Meeting, 14th February 2017 commencing at 7:30pm **in the sports centre.**

PPC Clerk's Report 10/01/17

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12) Grit bin at Downend bridge

I have asked SCC Highways if I can go ahead and site a grit bin; whether this can be quickly achieved or whether I must first go through the application process for siting something on the highway. If possible, to save time, I would have liked to site it in Dec (before we hit really cold weather) and make any applications simultaneously. Awaiting response.

13) Good Citizen Award

As agreed, boxes have been made up for Mark to deliver to the Puriton Inn, Astrid to deliver to the Butchers and Sandra for the PO. A detailed description of the Award, and forms, were included in the December newsletter.

14) Neighbourhood Plan – Consultant

Before Christmas I asked Amanda Goddard whether she would be available to attend a neighbourhood planning exhibition with PPC on 25/02 (provisional on confirmation of PVH availability). I have explained that PPC plans to organise a fun and informative afternoon/evening when it hopes to encourage the community to get behind the concept of the NP and form a steering group. I have stated that this event is planned for 25/02 from about 3:30pm and the members would very much appreciate it if Amanda would attend for a couple of hours to be on hand to help get the positive message/benefits of a NP across. I have stated that, assuming we are successful at this event and get people on board, PPC will effectively have its mandate and can enter into an agreement for services with her.

Update - Amanda is willing to attend at her usual rate, plus mileage. PVH has confirmed hall availability and booked PPC for 25/02.

Sedgemoor made an error with the Puriton Neighbourhood Plan consultation. The notification email they thought had been sent out to all consultees remained in their email draft file and didn't go out. This means the email was sent out late will therefore extend the deadline to 2nd February to enable all consultees to see it. The Community Council for Somerset have offered their services in putting the NP together, so I have asked for their prices and a list of services they offer. Awaiting reply.

Highways England have stated that, whilst they have no objection in principle to the designation of a Puriton Neighborhood Plan area, future development at Hinckley Point and Huntspill Energy Park together with Sedgemoor Local Plan growth has the potential to impact on the operation of the strategic road network - in this case junction 23.

Highways England therefore state it is vitally important that they are consulted as the Neighborhood Plan develops. They want to ensure there is a satisfactory assessment of traffic impacts and mitigation requirements included within it. I would hope this means they could offer additional free support to the steering group.

15) Youth club grant

I have spoken with Kirstie Brown re: Puriton Youth Club. Kirstie confirms that PPC could enter into an arrangement to lease a youth worker from a neighbouring parish council. PPC could do it as though that PC was its youth work provider, rather than SRYP. This would have the same sort of arrangement, without employers' responsibility, but with an SLA. Of course, this would be dependant on how the other PC and their workers feel about it.

16) Downend noticeboard & village welcome signs

At the beginning of Dec I instructed SSC legal to go ahead with the formalities for re-siting the noticeboard. **Update – I have a letter from SCC dated 04/01/17 stating that no legal work will be undertaken without payment of £350, but to date SCC have failed to raise an invoice. I have requested an invoice and to speed up the process I have submitted the letter for approval of the payment under delegated powers when the invoice arrives.**

Gary Blackmore has provided new posts and delivered them to the sports centre with the stored noticeboard.

17) Clerk's employment

As of 12/01/17 I am leaving SALC and will instead be supporting Shepton Mallet Town Council with its projects and events. I will of course continue working with Puriton PC for 14 hours per week.

18) Casual Vacancy with PPC

As of 09/01/17 the notices of vacancy have been displayed for 14 days as required. Assuming there has been no call for an election, the PC will receive a notice from SDC to state PPC can seek to co-opt a councillor. I have received

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several very promising expressions of interest to whom I will send application forms when appropriate.

19) Change of meeting venue – Feb meeting

Please note that due to a village hall booking for the panto, the 14/02/17 meeting will be held in the sports centre.

Parish grant funding will be considered in Feb, so I will advertise for applications.

20) Village Welcome pack

Due to her imminent house move, Jenny Morgan will no longer be able to administer the village welcome pack. Jenny has clearly played a significant and positive role in the community and I have expressed thanks to her for the help she has given. Jenny tells me she has identified a successor to administer the pack and that person will be in touch soon.

21) Dog fouling

This continues to be an ongoing problem. I have received a complaint of dog fouling private land, which is seemingly more difficult to deal with than dog fouling on public land. The home owner is unwell and has suggested they might like PPC's support to pursue an ASBO (evidence would be required). I am addressing the action taken so far with the cllrs involved and will bring the matter to the Feb agenda. Further community action/highlighting might be required.

22) Christmas Lights

Simon kindly notified me at the end of last week of the winners of the 2016 competition. Unfortunately, I had no time to deal with the matter due to work commitments. I propose to post certificates and am aware that Jessica has photographs for the newsletter.