PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 14th January 2020

in the Village Hall, Puriton commencing at 7:15pm when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT - Councillors S Langley (Chairman), J Fletcher, J Lunn, J Coleman, D Saunders. S Tizzard, B Crow, V Crow

Cllr M Healey arrived at 8.20pm

Parish Clerk S Diaz.

Prior to the meeting Chairman Simon Langley presented prizes to the winners and runners up of Puriton's best Christmas lights competition 2019, ~Mr Edney of Puriton Park won first prize and Mr Fowler of Hillside Crescent was runner up with Mr Watala of Greenacres achieving third place but did not attend.

A resident from Pawlett Road presented concerns on the volume of speeding traffic using the road as a short cut to prevent queuing in traffic on the A38, and requested support from the Parish Council to deal with the ongoing issue.

The Puriton WI presented their plans for the VE Day celebrations.

20/1A **To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Cllr M Healey informed the Council he would be arriving late as he was attending another meeting.

20/1B **To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

20/1C **To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2019**

It was resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on 10th December 2019.

20/1D **To receive the clerk's report**

Villages Together application for the shelter-The application has been amended and the next Villages Together meeting is on 22.1.20.

Puriton Manor-No change at present as the Conservation Office has been unable to communicate with the Owner.
There is a proposal that can resolve the wall and the trees that involves a structural engineer, an arboriculture technician, a highways engineer and a stonemason.
This solution will involve the Conservation Officer, the tree officer and highways as the solution will require to remove trees and rebuild the wall. This will unfortunately require a road closure, a listed building application and a licence to remove protected trees.

A letter to Highways regarding the Parish Plan queries has been sent.

Purewell steps-Cost will be £2700+Vat +footpath closure application £1000. Further communication required with Highways to discuss this further.

The Parish Paths Liaison Officer has reported the following to SCC-
Large tree fallen over the footpath by the wooden steps of footpath BW28/2A. There is a dead tree, still standing next to the footpath by the fallen tree. Churchfield drove. BW28/13 is almost impassable at the top end behind the new estate, Greenacres. During autumn the path was muddy but it was passable. The thick layer of soil someone has added increases the potential of falls. Lastly, the designated route for path BW28/2 closed because of the development of the new road is causing some confusion. Sedgemoor District Council have been asked to clarify if it does go through the field which leads out onto Hillside. The public are using it but it's not officially marked on the path, only on the notices pinned onto streetlights.

Funding
There is funding available for trees and road safety. The clerk has asked the road safety contact if we could apply for funding for a pedestrian crossing. She informed me we have to liaise with highways first to see if it is feasible before applying. The clerk is awaiting to hear back from Highways as I have requested a meeting in the village.

War memorial costs will be £431.40 including VAT
Remove & Refix Memorial: £340.00
New Lettering (Arthur John Sales): £19.50, VAT @ 20%: £71.90. The clerk will ask for another quote.

The revised dog poo posters will be £15+VAT each on a white background or £28+VAT on a fluorescent background. There will be a £30+Vat artwork fee to add to this as well. Ten posters of fluorescent design will be ordered,

20/1E **To consider the following planning applications:**

Planning application number	**Details**
42/19/00024	**Proposal:** Erection of garden shed/store (part retrospective)

	Location: Batch Cottage, 7 Batch Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BY **It was resolved that the Parish Council would like to request planners visit the site and inspect the area as there is a query on its purpose and what will be stored on site. Once the Parish Council has received this information they will be able to comment on the application.**

20/1F **To note the outcome of the following planning applications:**

There are no outstanding applications.

20/1G To approve the following payments and bank reconciliations

Payee	Item	VAT	Total
Puriton Playing Fields	NP room hire	3.90	23.40
EON	Electricity Supply	0.43	8.99
J Cather	Newsletter editing		90.00
Wedmore IT	IT support		15.00
SALC	VAT training		60.00
J Fletcher	Frames/printing	1.58	9.49
Plusnet	Broadband PPF	5.80	34.80
Bank Charges			18.00
Staff costs		7.64	1649.09

It was resolved to approve the payments and bank reconciliation.

20/1H **To consider the deposit and earmarking of the justgive funds raised to support the Pump Track to the Parish Council Unity Account**

It was resolved to deposit and earmark the justgive funds raised to support the Pump Track into the Parish council Unity Account.

20/1I **To consider the National Energy Campaign.**

It was resolved to agree in principal to the National Community Energy Campaign.

20/1J **To consider the VE day celebrations.**

It was resolved to support the Puriton WI group with their VE day celebrations with a financial donation of £2000.

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20/1K **To consider a professional clear of the culvert in Purewell.**

It was resolved to obtain two quotes by Sedgemoor District Council and a local contractor to clear the culvert in Purewell

20/1L **To consider if the Parish Council should lay suitable loose chippings/scalpings/other suitable surface on footpath BW28/4, from junction with Old Puriton Hill to just before the entrance to Puriton Primary School (where the tarmac surface begins) .**

It was resolved to ask if the landowner has any objection to laying suitable chippings/scalpings or suitable surface on The clerk will request a quote to supply and lay the stones and consult with County Highways.

20/1M **To consider asking Taylor Wimpey to resolve the issue of deep mud at the top of Churchfield Drove where it links with Greenacres development.**

It was resolved to contact Taylor Wimpey to resolve the issue of deep mud at the top of Churchfield Drove where it links with the Greenacres development.

20/1N **To receive the following reports for information only**

Village Hall- There is a vacancy for a new booking clerk, an application from Villages Together has been made for the next stage of work at the hall.
Puriton Playing Fields- Redecoration of the Committee Room is progressing (slowly). We now have new kitchen units and the room should have been repainted this week. We have submitted a preliminary application (expression of interest) for an HPC grant for Phase 1 of the refurbishment. We also intend to apply to Villages Together.
A group from Bridgwater U3A are interested in restoring and using the boules piste at the Village Hall.
A new daytime yoga class has started.
Puriton Party in the Park/Puriton Players have requested permission to site a container behind the Sports Centre to store scenery and equipment. We have yet to agree terms.
Annual service of boiler and intruder alarm system have both been carried out.

Parish Councillors- Concerns over unsafe parking on the zigzag lines near the school. The clerk will request the sign to display no parking on these lines. Information of the Tidal Barrier will be gathered by Cllr Crow for the next meeting.
District & County Councillor(s) – Report sent prior to the meeting
Chairman- The Parish Council wished to express their deepest sympathy for the Strawbridge family over the loss of their son ex parish councillor Oliver Strawbridge. The Strawbridge family wished to thank the Parish Council for sending flowers.

20/1O **Items for the next agenda**
Defibrillator renewal, Church funding, Pawlett Road, Purewell Steps and Tidal Barrier.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7pm at the Village Hall conference room.

End of minutes

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