

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm on the 1st floor at Puriton Sports Centre

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, S Tizzard, J Lunn, D Saunders, J Coleman, B and V Crow, parish clerk S Diaz and four members of the public.

23/10A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillor Healey did not attend.

23/10B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda
Councillor Lunn declared an interest in item 23/10H.

23/10C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2023.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2023.

23/10D To receive County Councillors report.
The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

23/10E To receive the Clerks report

The clerk reported back on the meeting with the Police at the Clist Room on 2.10.23. This is the report added to Councillor Tizzard's on Puriton People:

Please do not email or call the PCSO to report an incident, this must be done via 101 or on the online portal.

Once reported the incident will be given a crime number this can be sent to our local PCSO's or the Parish Clerk who will forward the details to PCSO's Georgia and Ben, so they are aware of on-going incidents in the village if they are off duty.

When reporting an incident please take photos or a video on your phone of the incident showing the culprits. The Police need evidence and without it they are limited on their actions. An incident that has been witnessed by 2 people who can identify the perpetrators will also provide the Police with adequate evidence. The Police confirmed that it is **lawful** to film anyone (even if they are a minor) who is causing danger in a public place and you are not breaking any law by doing so, whatever the individual doing damage or causing danger is. The Police can do very little without evidence.

Please document any anti-social behaviour and report it to the Police, this is the only way this behaviour will stop. The Police are aware of the anti-social incidents and the robbery that has taken place. They will patrol the village more often. The clerk will look into the availability of self-defence classes for those who wish to attend. They will only report back to the victim of the crime, due to GDPR they are not able to inform the village as a whole but the Parish Council will remain in regular contact for a general report and what has taken place.

The Police have recommended a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and the Parish Council welcome volunteers who would be interested in starting one or co-ordinating the group.

The more evidenced reports received the higher the prospect of ending the mindless chaos the village is experiencing.

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The insurance company will pay for the bench and its assembly less the £100 excess which I have agreed. Councillor Fletcher and I met last week to look at the damage to the patio and repair needed. As the work is weather dependent, we will obtain quotes.

Cost of the winter planters will be around £120-130.

The defibrillator is being installed on Thursday 12.10.23 late afternoon. Defibrillator training is available and will be advertised for residents who wish take part.

A resident has contacted me to say they are willing to help with planting if the Council take on Rowlands Rise grass area.

23/10F To consider the speeding concerns and erratic driving on Hillside.
The traffic engineer has erected speed data signs on Hillside, Woolavington Road and Puriton Hill and will be in place for a week. The results will be discussed at the next meeting. The clerk will ask the traffic engineer if further data collection will be scheduled. Residents will be asked if they would be interested in setting up a community speed watch scheme on social media and the newsletter.

23/10G To consider the possibility of taking over responsibility for the grass area within Rowlands Rise, behind Riverton Road, and to discuss what could be done to make it more attractive. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask if Somerset Council would pollard the trees before any agreement is made. The clerk will ask the ranger and local arborist for costs to maintain and time frames.

23/10H To consider the grant application from the Village Hall for £2782.80.
It was resolved to approve the grant for CCTV from the Village Hall of £2782.80.

23/10I To consider the following planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
42/23/00011	Adjacent To A38 And North Of Dunball Roundabout, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6	Variations of Conditions 3, 6 and 28, and the removal of conditions 8 and 31 of Planning Permission 42/20/00031 (Variations of Condition 28 of Planning Permission 42/18/00014 (Hybrid application (full and outline) seeking; (a) full planning permission for the erection of a petrol filling station (PFS) with an ancillary A1 / A5 use and 2no. drive thru units with associated car parking, circulatory routes, landscaping, access (including internal roads), servicing and other associated works and; (b) outline application with some matters reserved for Use Classes B1, B2, B8 and trade counter (Sui Generis)) to vary the drive thru and delivery.) to not construct A39 access and have all vehicular movements accessed via A38. Puriton Parish Council would like to know when the landscaping will take place as nothing has been carried out to date and needs to be done as the area is very unsightly. When will the B1, B2 and B8 trade counters be open?

23/10J To note the outcome of the following planning applications:
The decisions were noted.

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Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
42/23/00006	Primrose Cottage, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BQ	Outline planning application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 3no. detached dwellings Hybrid Application (Outline & Full), Outline planning application for the erection of 2no. detached self-build dwellings. Full application for the erection of 1no. detached bungalow with associated garage, driveway and garden.	Awaiting Decision Amended application
42/22/00034	Adjacent To A38 And North Of Dunball Roundabout, Puriton, Bridgwater,	Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 12no. units for Use Classes E(g), B2, B8 and trade counter (Sui Generis).	Awaiting Decision
42/22/00029	Land Off, Batch Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7	Change of use of land to private gypsy and traveller site, including 3no. pitches each with 1no. mobile home, 1no. utility/ dayroom and 1no. tourer caravan. Also with, parking provisions and associated works (retrospective).	Awaiting Decision
04/22/00009	Land to the North West of, Knowlehill Farm, Crancombe Lane, Bawdrip, Bridgwater, TA7	Redevelopment of the site for the erection of 6no. dwellings with integral garages and parking provisions. Also with improved access from Crancombe Lane and landscaping.	Awaiting Decision
42/22/00034	Adjacent To A38 And North Of Dunball Roundabout, Puriton, Bridgwater,	Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 12no. units for Use Classes E(g), B2, B8 and trade counter (Sui Generis).	Awaiting Decision

23/10K

To approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

It was resolved to approve the payments, budget and bank statements at the November meeting, the clerk will send the bank statement and invoices to Councillor Saunders to validate.

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Date	Payee	Description	Amount
4.9.23	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fees	£504.00
25.8.23	SALC	Training seminar	£60.00
31.8.23	S Chick	Assault course maintenance	£150.00
31.8.23	S Chick	Installing assault course sign	£140.00
31.8.23	S Chick	Pump track maintenance	£275.00
15.9.23	Somerset Council	Flail cuts	£168.00
11.9.23	Media Edge UK	Newsletter printing	£726.00
15.9.23	Puriton Allotment Association	Village grant	£813.90
8.9.23	BT	Broadband at Sports Centre	£54.54
8.9.23	Puriton Church	Hire of Clist Room	£10.00
26.9.23	EDF	Electric supply	£7.85
19.7.23	RT Signs	Nature Reserve sign	£463.70
30.9.23	Unity Bank	Bank charges	£18.00
31.8.23	Staff Costs	Total	£2095.43
		Total	£5486.06
Equals Card			
1.9.23	Clook	Website hosting	£10.79
31.8.23	Amazon	Hedge trimmer	£150.95
		Total	£161.74

- 23/10L To exclude the members of the public to discuss staffing matters.
It was resolved to exclude members of the public and the Council agreed that after a successful appraisal the clerk would receive an increase by one point on the SCP pay scale to be back dated to June.
- 23/10M To discuss the recent criminal damage at the playing fields and consider preventative measures to protect the area.
The Parish Council will get legal advice from Somerset Council and Somerset Association of Local Councils regarding the arson attack. The clerk will also obtain costs of a security company.
- 23/10N Councillor reports.
Councillor Saunders asked if the residue from the branch and vegetation removal can be cleared. The clerk will ask the ranger to remove it and the black bags from the skip at the sports centre.
Councillor Lunn reported that lorries are going through the village instead of using the link road and vehicles are queuing outside of the Redrow site on Woolavington Road. The clerk will contact Redrow.
Councillor Fletcher advised that the lift project is in progress at the Sports Centre and will need to be completed by 12.12.23. The Sports Centre are looking for an administrator to manage the website and have received interest.
Councillor Tizzard reported that there is a build up of silt on Church path and the clerk will ask the ranger to remove it. There are cars parking near the green bridge and racing on the link road during the evenings. The clerk will inform the PCSO.

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Councillor V Crow reported that the grass on the roundabout at junction 23 is overgrown and the litter bin is overflowing on the layby of the A39. The clerk will report this to Highways and Highways England.

Councillor Langley reported that a resident has asked if double yellow lines can be extended on Riverton Road opposite Newlyn Crescent as visibility is restricted as vehicles are parking opposite the junction. The clerk will ask the traffic engineer for guidance.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7pm. End of minutes.