PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th October 2024

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

Public questions: One resident raised concerns on a potential planning development application and will forward details to the clerk. The other resident raised concerns on illegal parking in the village and the feasibility of opening a community pub.

24/10A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillor J Maher did not attend, and Unitary Councillor M Healey sent his apologies.

24/10B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda
There were no declarations of interest.

24/10C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2024.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2024.

24/10D To receive Unitary Councillors report.
Councillors Healey and Aujla sent their report prior to the meeting

24/10E To receive the Clerks report
The clerk advised that a resident had reported illegal parking which she will forward to the PCSO's to patrol as often as possible and address the vehicles in question. There had been three responses from residents on how to spend CIL funds. The traffic engineer has agreed the location of the village sign near the roundabout on Enterprise Way/Woolavington Road. A new mower will be purchased for the ranger to continue work as the existing mower is unable to be used and too costly to repair. The clerk is still awaiting to hear from Somerset Council on maintenance carried out in the parish.
The three individuals involved in the arson attack at the Sports Centre have been ordered to pay £100 each compensation and have so far paid £122.

24/10F To consider transferring the existing savings account to CCLA.
It was resolved to transfer the existing savings account to CCLA

24/10G To consider the following planning applications

42/24/00016	White Gables, Downend Crescent, Puriton,	Erection of porch to East elevation and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to rear extension.

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	Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TH	It was resolved to support this application as it is in keeping and enhances the property.

24/10H To note the outcome of the following planning applications:
The decisions were noted.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
42/24/00017	Puriton Manor, 2 Rye, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BZ	Remove 8No. split and hanging branches in mid to lower crown from 1No. Monterey Cypress (T3) (TPO Ref A1) and raise remaining crown to 5.5m above ground level by removing secondary branches of below 150mm in diameter or below only.	Granted
42/24/00013	Romany Rise, Downend Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TJ	Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission Application No. 42/12/00016 (Change of use from agricultural land to site 2 mobile homes, day room and associated works) to amend the approved plans listed in schedule A.	Awaiting decision
2/24/00007	Springhead Farm, 17 Canns Lane, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8AY	Erection of 4no. dwellinghouses and conversion of existing barn to 1no. dwellinghouse, demolition of existing barn, formation of a new access into Middle Street and associated landscaping works.	Awaiting decision
42/24/00010	Gravity, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset	Full planning application for construction of pedestrian and cycle route including landscapeing and associated infrastructure.	Awaiting decision
42/24/00006	17 Canns Lane, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8AY	Erection of a linked garage building with first floor office space and the change of use of land to residential curtilage.	Granted
42/23/00018	Gravity, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerse	Variation of Condition 7 of Planning Permission Application No. 42/22/00007 (Variations of Conditions 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 & 13 of Planning Permission 42/11/00017 (Engineering works to facilitate the remediation including earthworks and the demolition of existing buildings) to facilitate the remediation including earthworks and the demolition of existing	Awaiting decision

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		buildings). to amend the Surface Water Management Strategy.	

24/10I To approve the budget, bank statements and payments. All payments and bank reconciliations to date have been verified.

Receipts £85379.29 from Agratas, advertising income £180.00

The payments, bank reconciliation and budget were approved.

Seed of Hope	Nature reserve maintenance	£240.00
S Chick	Pump Track inspection Assault course inspection Manse Lane inspection Maintenance to posts	£220.00 £200.00 £180.00 £50.00
Somerset Council	Grass cutting	£253.38
Seed of Hope	Nature reserve maintenance	£240.00
BT	Broadband at Sports Centre	£74.00
Opus	Electricity for Rye	£21.63
Becky Walsh training	Website support	£75.00
Media Edge	Newsletter printing	£775.00
Somerset Council	Relocation of dog bin	£132.00
Wedmore IT	IT support for microsoft	£30.00
A Scott	Planters	£64.00
Seed of Hope	Nature reserve maintenance	£240.00
Staff Costs	September	£2215.88
Unity Bank	Service charge	£18.00
Amazon	Exterior wood paint	£8.77
Microsoft	Month subscription	£12.36
Amazon	Printer ink	£15.71
Amazon	Postcrete to secure posts	£15.99
Amazon	Printer ink	£15.49

24/10J To consider Highways and general maintenance provision for 25-26.

The Parish Council agreed that each member would compile a list of tasks required and they would send them to the clerk by Wednesday 16.10.24. The clerk would start to obtain quotes for the next meeting.

24/10K To consider ideas for village improvements using CIL funds.

The Parish Council have agreed to arrange a public event for residents to share their views. The clerk will liaise with the Village Hall regarding availability. Once public feedback has been given the Council can focus on the most popular issues and decide how to best use the funds available.

24/10L Councillor reports.

Councillors V Crow and D Saunders met with Tim Williams from Agratas and discussed road issues, speeding and maintenance of the bund. Enterprise Way has not been adopted as yet as Gravity have not completed their snagging list. Councillor V Crow also reported that

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speeding continues in the Parish and litter is an ongoing issue. The hedge at the top of Hillside has brambles protruding as it is longer at the top than the lower part. The clerk will contact the landowner's agent. Signage at the motorway roundabout is obscured by foliage and the clerk will report this when Councillor Crow provides the relevant information.

Councillor D Saunders reported concerns of the wall bowing on Church path between Middle St and Rye. The clerk will report this when photos of the issue has been received.

Councillor Fletcher attended the Polden Nature Network meeting, and shared that their aim is to make villages more nature friendly. There are areas that Parish Councils could consider:

- To protect and enhance green space.
- Foster knowledge sharing by adding history and interpretation boards.
- Strengthen Parish Council involvement by taking environmental consideration in its decision making.

The Motte and Bailey field is being considered as a nature reserve.

Councillor Tizzard reported that flash flooding affected Middle Street and Rye. It was also reported that additional posts were required at the triangle on Batch Road as vehicles were parking there.
Councillor Langley advised he was attending a meeting on 9.10.24 with Agratas.

Items for the next agenda-Maintenance work and Village feedback event.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7pm.
End of minutes

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