

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Prior to the meeting the Council presented the Good Citizen Awards to Sharon Tait, for her support, guidance and work on the Puriton Youth Group, and continued contribution and organisation of the Christmas Tree light up each year.

The award was given to Kim Heathcote, for her continued contribution, organisation and hard work in the village as part of the committee of the Village Hall.

A representative from Centre Great gave a report on the work at Dunball roundabout and will feedback issues raised.

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, S Tizzard, D Saunders, B&V Crow, J Maher, Parish Clerk S Diaz and one member of the public.

25/1A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.  
Councillor J Lunn sent his apologies.

25/1B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda  
There were no declarations of interest.

25/1C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.  
It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

25/1D To receive Unitary Councillors report.  
The report from the Unitary Councillor sent prior to the meeting. The Unitary Councillor did not attend.

25/1E To receive the Clerks report  
The clerk reported that the Christmas decoration lights winners would receive their gift cards by 17.1.25. A further £6 compensation has been received from the arson attack. The clerk shared the correspondence from the resident in Downend regarding the work carried out by National Grid and the state of the road around the Exchange Inn.  
The village sign at Puriton Park will be stored until its repositioned at its new location on Woolavington Road.

25/1F To consider the following planning applications

42/24/00025	7 Purewell, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BA	Erection of dormer extension and porch to front North elevation, and loft conversion with installation of 1No. rooflight to South elevation It was resolved to support this application as it is good use of additional space on an existing footprint.
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25/1G To note the outcome of the following planning applications:  
The decisions were noted.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
42/24/00019	Land To The North Of, Northmead House, North Mead Drove, Puriton	Change of use of land to domestic and erection of an outbuilding, on site of existing (to be demolished).	Awaiting decision
42/24/00020	Land To The North Of, Northmead House, North Mead Drove, Puriton	Change of use of land to domestic and erection of stables.	Awaiting decision
42/24/00010	Gravity, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset	Full planning application for construction of pedestrian and cycle route including landscaping and associated infrastructure.	Awaiting decision
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 buildings). to amend the Surface Water Management Strategy.	Awaiting decision

25/1H To approve the budget, bank statements and payments. All payments and bank reconciliations to date have been verified.

It was resolved to approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

Receipts £60 compensation from arson attack and £60 newsletter advertising.

Unity		
S Tait	Mince pies and refreshments for Christmas Lights switch on	£23.16
Puriton Village Hall	Room rental for Community event	£58.50
Seed of Hope	Nature reserve maintenance	£240.00
Media Edge	Newsletter printing	£615.00
Somerset Council	Grass cutting October	£253.38
S Chick	Pump Track inspection	£220.00
	Assault course inspection	£200.00
	Manse Lane inspection	£180.00
Burnham and Highbridge Band	Christmas tree light up event	£80.00

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EDF	Electricity for Christmas lights	£34.27 £16.76
Staff Costs	December	£2314.20
Unity Bank	Service charge	£8.85
	Total	£4244.12
Equals Card		
Amazon	Envelopes	£3.15
Microsoft	Monthly subscription	£12.36
Amazon	Path cleaner	£17.95
Sainsburys	Mince pies and refreshment for December meeting	£14.00
Sainsburys	Stamps	£6.80
Post Office Ltd	Gift cards	£40.00
	Total	£94.26
Unity transfer to CCLA	For CCLA account set up	£150000 £100000

- 25/1I To consider Highways and general maintenance quotes for 25-26.  
It was resolved to use Georges Garden Maintenance for general maintenance in the parish for 25-26. Clean Surroundings will continue with dog and litter bin emptying.
- 25/1J To discuss the feedback from the Community Event.  
The Council discussed the responses received at the Community Event. The feedback from the younger residents will be discussed at the next meeting where the Council can consider all proposals.
- 25/1K To agree budget and precept request for 2025-26.  
It was resolved to approve the budget and increase the precept to £84000 for 2025-26, an increase of 5% on last year.
- 25/1L Councillor reports.  
Councillor Fletcher advised the sign near Downend Terrace has been damaged; the clerk will get this reported to Somerset Council. The Council would like to thank the anonymous resident for donating the Christmas tree.  
Councillor V Crow reported that the litter bin at the layby on A39 has been knocked over. The clerk will ask the ranger to clear and report this to Somerset Highways. It was reported that the lease on Bitham Walk has been signed by Villages Together. They are also in talks with the Village Hall for a community café.  
The 'long vehicle' sign left on Enterprise Way has not been removed. The clerk will report this to Agratas. The Chairman has reported the recent traffic issues on A39 to the Agratas team

Items for the next agenda-Community feedback

The next meeting will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm.

End of minutes