

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 11th February 2025

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, J Lunn, D Saunders, B&V Crow, Parish Clerk S Diaz and Unitary Councillor M Healey.

There were two members of the public present.

- 25/2A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors S Tizzard and J Maher sent their apologies.
- 25/2B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 25/2C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2025.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2025.
- 25/2D To receive Unitary Councillors report.
The Unitary Councillors report was sent prior to the meeting.
- 25/2E To receive the Clerks report
The final payment from the arson compensation has been paid.
Interest on the CCLA account paid in February was £1001.44.
National Grid have contacted residents regarding the new substation at Gravity.
We had our recent Assault Course inspection, and the inspector said that the zip wire needs to be dismantled annually to check for any issues. S Chick will carry this out.
Newsletter articles need to be sent through before 28.2.25.
- 25/2F To consider the following planning applications

42/24/00026	69 Rowlands Rise, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BU	Erection of a workshop / store in rear garden. Changes to previously approved plans including dimension of porch to show compliance within previous planning approval. It was resolved to make no comment on this application.
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- 25/2G To note the outcome of the following planning applications:
The decisions were noted.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
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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.	Awaiting 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

25/2H To approve the budget, bank statements and payments. All payments and bank reconciliations to date have been verified.

Receipts £512.02 bank interest and £4 compensation from arson attack.

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

Unity		
GB Sport	Quarterly Assault Course inspection	£60.00
Somerset Council	Grass cutting October	£253.38
S Chick	Pump Track inspection, maintenance and grass cutting.	£275.00
	Assault course inspection, maintenance and grass cutting.	£250.00
	Manse Lane inspection, maintenance and grass cutting.	£225.00
EDF	Electricity for Christmas lights	£24.08
Staff Costs	January	£2218.90
Puriton Playing Fields	Rent for pump track and assault Course 2024	£50.00
Pata Payroll	Annual payroll costs	£311.40
Unity Bank	Service charge	£8.85

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	Total	£3676.61
Equals Card		
Amazon	Certificate frames	£11.30
Microsoft	Monthly subscription	£12.36
Draycott Community Shop	Stamps	£22.60
	Total	£46.26

- 25/2I To discuss the agreement with Somerset Council regarding Manse Lane play area.
It was agreed that the existing agreement is renewed for another 12 months with Somerset Council regarding Manse Lane play area.
- 25/2J To discuss the feedback from the Community Event.
The Council discussed the comments raised from the youth contribution at the event. The Council will discuss the ideas raised at an informal meeting to consider projects at the next meeting. Once there is a shortlist a survey will go out to residents to respond. An article will be added to the newsletter to submit ideas for consideration.
- 25/2K To approve the Employer Pensions Discretion Policy.
It was resolved to approve the Employer Pensions Discretion Policy.
- 25/2L Councillor reports.
Councillor Saunders reported that residents had complained that the lights at the Gravity/Agratas site are lit into the evening. Councillor Langley will ask at the Gravity meeting. It was also requested that the clerk contact the affordable housing team at Somerset Council to ask when the affordable housing will be available at the Redrow site. Councillor Fletcher reported that the drain was blocked on Downend Road/A38. The clerk will report this to Somerset Highways. It was reported that vehicles are speeding when turning into Woolavington Road to Hillside.
Councillor Lunn reported that residents had complained about the volume of traffic and the time of deliveries at the travellers' site on Batch Road. The clerk will contact planning enforcement regarding the agreed number of caravans permitted.
Councillor V Crow reported that HGV's and double decker buses are using Hillside. The clerk will ask Somerset Traffic Management for signage to state no works access.
It was also reported that the volume of rubbish on A39 is very visible after the hedges have been cut and bins are overflowing. The clerk will report this to Somerset Highways.
Villages Together have installed a new kitchen at the Village Hall for the hub and spoke project. An afternoon talking café is planned once it is operational.
Councillor Langley reported that there are increased numbers of staff planned at Hinkley Point. Tim Williams is leaving his post as Engagement Liaison for Agratas, a replacement is being recruited. A successor to C Pearces role at Gravity has been appointed.

Items for the next agenda-To discuss the feedback from the Community Event.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7pm.

End of minutes