

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Puriton commencing at 7:30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillors S Langley (Chairman), A Barnaby, J Fletcher, M Healey, and J Lunn

Parish Clerk T Jay.

Village Ranger C Gulliford

No members of the public were present.

17.184 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Crow, T Salter and S Tizzard.

17.185 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda

No declarations were received.

17.186 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

It was resolved to approve the minutes. The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

17.187 To receive the clerk's report for the purposes of information only:

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that they must comply with the Council's Code of Conduct and the Nolan principles always, even when acting as a private individual.

The proposed closure of the Post Office was discussed. It was acknowledged that this is very unfortunate for the Parish, however efforts were made to facilitate the relocation of the Post Office in the past, but these efforts failed. As the Post Office is owned by a private company then there is nothing that the Parish Council can do to prevent its closure.

Complaints have been received from Downend residents about the traffic issues at the Junction 23 roadworks, who are apparently being told by SCC switchboard staff that the works are under the control of the Parish Council and any complaints must be addressed to PCC, which is clearly wrong advice. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr David Fothergill, leader of SCC to ask for this practice to stop.

## Planning

17.188 To consider and respond to the following new planning applications:

42/17/00036. 42 Webbers Way, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8AS. Conversion of part of the garage to form a wet room, erection of a side extension to the West elevation and alterations to the front porch.

It was resolved to support this application as it is keeping with other developments in the area, and would cause no traffic or parking problems.

42/17/00037/CAN. Land to the South of, Rosedale, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6. Improvements to existing vehicular access (retrospective)

It was resolved not to comment on this application

42/17/00031/LR. Land to the East of, Rockfield House, Puriton Hill, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7. Retention of 1.8m high fence with entrance gates around perimeter of the site.

It was resolved not to comment on this application, but the Parish Council would like their reservations regarding the potential future use of this land to be recorded.

17.189 To note the outcome of the following planning applications:

42/17/00019. Land and property, 24 Riverton Road, Puriton TA7 8BP. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 42/16/00016 (erection of 49 dwellings (including affordable housing), formation of access, provision of public open space, and associated infrastructure to replace the block paving and to amend the Materials Plan to change from the use of Russell double roman 'burnt orange' to Russell double roman 'cottage red' roof tiles on the relevant plots (Revised Description) **Awaiting decision.**

42/17/00024. 6 Middle Street, Puriton TA7 8AU. Conversion of annex to a separate dwelling including the conversion of loft to living accommodation. **Awaiting decision.**

09/17/00025. Land off A38, Bristol Road and A39 Bath Road and bounded by M5 Motorway and railway line, Bristol Road, Bridgwater. Reserved matters for the proposed erection of 68 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking, garages and engineering infrastructure. **Awaiting decision.**

42/17/00026. Land to the south of Puriton Hill, Puriton TA7. Erection of two externally illuminated advertising boards. **Awaiting decision.**

42/17/00030. 1 Puriton Park, Puriton TA7 8BH. Retention of change of use of a house to 7 bedroom house in multiple occupation (HMO) **Awaiting decision.**

42/17/00035. Land to the east of Tamar, Downend Crescent, Puriton TA6 4<sup>TH</sup>. Creation of a detached dwelling with integral garage, vehicle access and associated gardens. **Awaiting decision.**

42/17/00038. The Vicarage, 1, Rye, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BZ. Horse Chestnut (T1) raise canopy to 3m above ground level and thin crown by 10% by removing crossed/rubbing branches. **Awaiting decision.**

The decisions were noted.

The Village Ranger left the meeting.

17.190 To consider the implications of the General Data Protection Regulations Act for the Parish Council.

The Clerk gave an update regarding the change of legislation which will be coming into force in May 2018. Councillors will need email addresses which can be monitored by an external Data Protection Officer, who will need to be appointed.

It was decided to adjourn any decisions upon this until the January meeting.

- 17.191 To consider the response received from Andy Coupe of SCC regarding traffic issues on the A39 and Junction 23.

The response received was discussed, and was appreciated. It was accepted that the work that is taking place is being driven by central government, not SCC and so there would be no benefit in taking this any further with Andy Coupe. The Parish Council need to keep a good rapport with Andy Coupe as his assistance will be needed in regard to future local developments.

- 17.192 To consider items of expenditure to be included in the 2018/19 budget

It was agreed that a 2% inflation increase would be appropriate, but the final decision would be made at the January meeting.

- 17.193 To appoint a second Parish Councillor representative to the Neighbourhood Plan Group

It was resolved that the new Councillor who will be co-opted to fill the current casual vacancy will be asked to be the second representative.

- 17.194 To approve the following payments:

Payee	Item	VAT	Total
Sam Winter	Salary		455.24
Tony Jay	Salary		746.95
Tony Jay	Expenses Nov	4.74	86.96
Chris Gulliford	Salary		534.80
Chris Gulliford	Expenses Nov		17.00
HMRC	PAYE / NI Nov		259.01
NEST	Pension		8.41
Village Hall	Room Hire		15.00
Plusnet	Broadband	8.72	52.34
Staples	Printing Ink	12.60	75.58

It was resolved to approve the payments

- 17.195 To receive the following reports for information only

1.Village Hall

The recent works have been completed, including a new screen and projector. Broadband is now fully working.

2.Puriton Playing Fields

The ladies' toilets are currently out of order, but will be back open again shortly. The fields continue to be well used.

3.Parish Councillors

The newsletter will be published shortly.

The recent villages together meeting was poorly attended. Concerns were raised about public transport arrangements for elderly people in the Parish. The advice given was for them to gather their thoughts and to contact the Transport Somerset website. It was noted that the bus service in the village is now very poor.

4. District and County Councillor update.

Cllr Healey gave an update.

5.Chairman

The Chairman said that the new power supply is in place at the village green, and the Xmas tree light up has taken place to great success.

17.196 To receive and consider the following letters and acknowledge receipt of e-mails. Should members require a copy of any of the following correspondence then it should be requested prior to the meeting.

1	EA	HPC – application to vary environmental permits	E 21.11.17
2	SCC	Highways department explanation of Hinkley HGV movements on the A39	E 21.11.17
3	SDC	Stay safe at Christmas, and donate winter payments campaigns	E 24.11.17
4	SDC	HPC - Letter re discharge of working hours park & ride	L 24.11.17
5	Hinckley	National Grid Planting Scheme	E 4.12.17
6	SDC	Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013, made 18th March	E 4.12.17
7	SCC	4th Notice A39 Dunball Interchange - M5 Junction 23 Temporary Road Closure	E 4.12.17
8	SDC	SE Cluster Group - Information updates from meeting	E 5.12.17

No comments were received.

17.196 Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the Village Hall.

Enquiries will be made by Cllr Healey to see if the Village Hall would be available for all future Council meetings.