

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

Prior to the meeting the leader of Somerset Council, Councillor Bill Revans answered questions on the current financial issues for 2024-25.

- 24/2A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.  
All members were present.
- 24/2B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.  
There were no declarations of interest on the agenda.
- 24/2C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.  
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- 24/2D To receive County Councillors report.  
Councillor Healey sent his report prior to the meeting.
- 24/2E To receive the Clerks report  
The new defibrillator is now installed at Court Farm Butchers on Riverton Road.  
Villages Together have awarded Puriton Puzzlers a grant which will be paid to the Parish Council as a third party, and the clerk will forward the funds.  
The newsletter has gone well for the spring issue and will be going to print ready to be delivered at the end of week commencing 19.2.24. Thanks to Judith and John for all they have done and Kerry for the distribution.  
Highways are yet to respond to the location of the "Welcome to Puriton" sign or a response from Redrow as the contact is on annual leave to arrange a meeting.  
The event sign at the roundabout junction at J23 will remain in place after an update from the Traffic Engineer.  
The query regarding speeding concerns on Rye has been raised with the Traffic Engineer.
- 24/2F To consider the quote to repair or renew the parish mower.  
Further quotes are required for the next meeting.
- 24/2G To consider the diversion of public footpath BW28/2.  
It was resolved to support the diversion of the public footpath BW28/2.
- 24/2H To consider Somerset Council's asset devolution plan.  
Further to the information provided by Councillor Revans the Parish Council will continue to use the services of Clean Surroundings for the next financial year. The Parish Council are awaiting further information regarding taking over the green space on Rowlands Rise.

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24/21 To consider the following planning applications

Applications received after the agenda is published will be considered and discussed due to time scales.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
42/23/00018/LD	Gravity, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset	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.  It was agreed to leave this application to the planning officers.
42/24/00001/POA	St Michaels And All Angels Church, Rye, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset	Replacement of Chancel & Vestry roof slate and raising roof profile to incorporate insulation.  It was agreed to support this application
42/24/00002+42/24/00003	30 Rye, Puriton, Bridgwater TA7 8DA	Erection of porch to south elevation, erection of extension to North elevation on site of existing (to be demolished), alterations to external fenestrations, insertion of rooflights to east and south elevations, internal reconfiguration, conversion of loft to living space, erection of outbuilding and creation of vehicular access.  It was resolved to support this application as it makes good use of additional living space within the property's footprint.

24/1J To note the outcome of the following planning applications:  
The decisions were noted.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
42/23/00013/EC	Pitches 1 -4, Batch Barns, Batch Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7	Change of use of land to a Gypsy and Traveller site, including four pitches (part retrospective).	Awaiting decision
42/23/00011	Adjacent To A38 And North Of Dunball	Variations of Conditions 3, 6 and 28, and the removal of conditions 8 and 31 of Planning Permission 42/20/00031	Awaiting decision

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	Roundabout, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6	(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.	
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

24/2K To approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

Receipts from Western Union £3.48 and newsletter £30.00.

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
	Unity Trust		
4.1.24	Media Edge	Newsletter printing	£726.00
7.1.24	S Chick	Pump Track maintenance	£200.00
7.1.24	S Chick	Assault course maintenance	£220.00
7.1.24	K Ritchie	Newsletter editing 2024	£360.00
7.1.24	Stuart Todd Associates	Neighbourhood plan consultancy	£420.00
7.1.24	EDF	Electric supply to village green	£11.62
7.1.24	BT	Broadband at Sports Centre	£54.49
7.1.24	Puriton Sports Centre	Room hire	£38.00
7.1.24	Equals Card	Top up for online purchases	£300.00
7.1.24	Pata Payroll	Payroll costs 2024	£256.60

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Date	Payee	Description	Amount
7.1.24	Puriton Sports Centre	Pump track annual fee	£75.00
24.1.24	Staff Costs	Total	£2285.58
		Total	<b>£4669.29</b>
Equals Card			
2.1.24	Clook	Website hosting	£10.79
7.12.23	Amazon	Strimmer head	£9.69
		Total	<b>£20.48</b>

- 24/2L To consider the youth provision.  
It was agreed that the Council would revise the youth provision to holiday workshops for the next financial year due to the ongoing changes to services from Somerset and costs that may be incurred. The clerk will contact the youth providers and obtain the details from Villages Together as to who they are using.
- 24/2M To consider the broadband costs at the Sports Centre.  
The Council discussed the costs and advised that the contract will end in July. Councillor Fletcher will liaise with the Sports Centre Committee to discuss taking over the contract to fund it and report back at the next meeting.
- 24/2N To consider the consultation on Springhead Farm development.  
The Parish Council discussed the development and have concerns regarding the access. One entrance opens on to Middle Street which is a narrow and a well-used road which has parked vehicles and there is no footpath. The other access on Canns Lane is on a corner/junction with Middle Street and has poor visibility. This access has been newly created and not suitable for the development.
- 24/2O To consider additional dog bins in the parish.  
The Parish Council discussed the issue of additional dog bins, however there are already 8 in the parish. The bins are expensive to buy and incur a twice weekly emptying charge. Due to changes regarding services at the Unitary Council the Parish Council will not be purchasing any further dog bins at this time.
- 24/2P Councillor reports  
Councillor Fletcher advised that there was an anti-social behaviour incident at the Sports Centre on Monday evening. The CTV footage will be checked, and the incident reported to the Police.  
Councillor Saunders advised that there are queuing lorries on Woolavington Road for the new development from 7am. This is dangerous for other motorists and the clerk will report this to the developer.  
Councillor Tizzard advised that a man is asking dog walkers for details at Greenacres and stating that they are not able to use the road as it is private. The clerk will contact planning/rights of way at Somerset Council.

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Items for the next agenda-mower and broadband costs

The next meeting will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm. End of minutes.