

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12th September 2023

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, S Tizzard, D Saunders, J Lunn, J Coleman and B Crow.
Parish clerk S Diaz and District Councillor S Aujla and four members of the public.

Public questions-residents raised questions on the green space in Rowlands Rise.

- 23/9A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillor V Crow sent her apologies.
- 23/9B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23/9C To receive and approve the minutes_of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2023.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2023.
- 23/9D To receive County Councillors report.
The report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- 23/9E To receive the Clerks report
The next newsletter has been completed and due out for delivery soon.
There have been no new interested parties for the youth provision. The youth working group will meet shortly to consider other options.
Annette Scott will do winter planting on the village planters.
The active travel team at Somerset are unaware of any plans for Downend and Pawlett Road, the clerk will liaise with District Councillor Healey for further clarity.
All money to fund the assault course has been received.
The external auditors report from PKF Littlejohn has been received with no actions.
- 23/9F To consider the speeding concerns and erratic driving on Hillside.
It was agreed that the clerk will ask the traffic engineer to collect data from other exit points in the village for comparison when carrying out the assessment. This will be discussed once the report has been received.
- 23/9G To consider the possibility of taking over responsibility for the grass area within Rowlands Rise, behind Riverton Road, and to discuss what could be done to make it more attractive.

It was agreed that the clerk would ask Somerset Council what liabilities would be included with the area if the Parish Council took it over e.g., tree maintenance and paths. What cost Somerset Council would charge and what could be carried out. The Parish Council will ask residents near the area if they are interested in helping with maintenance.

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23/9H To consider the grant application from the Allotment Society for £813.90.
It was resolved to approve the grant application from the Allotment Society for £813.90.

23/9I To consider ongoing jobs for the Community payback team.
It was agreed to ask the Community Payback team to lay a new patio if materials are supplied, to tidy the MUGA at the village hall, clear paths and weed removal in the parish. The footpath between Middle Street and Rye requires some maintenance and work to remove vegetation. The clerk will advise neighbours that this will be taking place. Planting bulbs at the Orchard. The clerk will ask the village hall if they have any tasks for the team.

23/9J To discuss the recent criminal damage at the playing fields and consider preventative measures to protect the area.

The Parish Council are considering further measures to take when the ongoing police investigation is completed.

23/9K To consider the following planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
42/23/00010	4 Rowlands Rise, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BT	Due to the time frame the Parish Council agreed to support this application via email as there was no meeting. Granted
42/23/00006	Primrose Cottage, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BQ	Outline planning application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 3no. detached dwellings. The Parish Council resolved to support this application.

23/9I To note the outcome of the following planning applications:
The decisions were noticed.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
42/23/00006	Primrose Cottage, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BQ	Hybrid Application (Outline & Full), Outline planning application for the erection of 2no. detached self-build dwellings. Full application for the erection of 1no. detached bungalow with associated garage, driveway and garden.	Awaiting Decision Amended application
42/22/00034	Adjacent To A38 And North Of Dunball Roundabout, Puriton,	Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 12no. units for Use Classes	Awaiting Decision

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	Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6	E(g), B2, B8 and trade counter (Sui Generis).	
42/23/00008	Land To The North Of, Northmead House, North Mead Drove, Puriton, Bridgwater	Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 42/21/00031 (Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of a dwelling.) to increase roof pitch and install rooflights to the front (East) and rear (West) elevations.	Granted
42/23/00009	32 Riverton Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BP	Erection of first floor side (East) extension	Granted
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
42/22/00018	Land South of, Avalon, Downend Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6	Erection of 1no. single storey dwelling and detached garage.	Withdrawn
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
42/22/00034	Adjacent To A38 And North Of Dunball Roundabout, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6	Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 12no. units for Use Classes E(g), B2, B8 and trade counter (Sui Generis).	Awaiting Decision

23/9M

To approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

July receipts £1084.08 from closure of J'Dan café, Newsletter advertising £240.

August receipts newsletter advertising £105, shared training costs £30, donation for Assault Course £10000.

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
July			
14.7.23	Seed of Hope	Orchard maintenance	£350.00
01.7.23	Puriton Sports Centre	Youth Club room hire	£201.60
01.7.23	Puriton Sports Centre	Room hire	£45.60
10.7.23	Equals card	Bank transfer	£300.00
8.7.23	BT	Broadband at Sports Centre	£54.18

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Date	Payee	Description	Amount
11.7.23	GB Sport & Leisure	Annual Pump Track inspection	£102.00
11.7.23	Puriton Sports Centre	Repairs from Youth Club	£147.60
10.7.23	Somerset Council	Dog bin emptying April to September	£1337.86
24.7.23	Zurich insurance	Parish council insurance	£435.44
11.7.23	EDF	Electric supply to Rye	£8.27
31.7.23	Staff costs	Total	£2125.39
August			
13.8.23	ICO	Data protection renewal	£35.00
25.7.23	SLCC	Clerk training	£60.00
2.8.23	RT Signs	Notice board	£463.70
27.7.23	S Chick	Erect notice board	£140.00
27.7.23	S Chick	Pump Track maintenance	£275.00
11.8.23	Simon Langley	Banner and telephone accessories for Sports Centre	£125.05
18.8.23	Touchwood	Assault Course installation	£58786.56
8.8.23	BT	Broadband	£54.18
9.8.23	EDF	Electric supply to Rye	£7.60
31.7.23	Puriton Sports Centre	Room hire	£22.80
31.7.23	Puriton Sports Centre	Youth Club room hire	£75.60
16.8.23	Somerset Council	Grass cutting	£69.60
31.8.23	Staff Costs	Total	£2079.83
Equals Card			
2.8.23	Clook	Website hosting	£10.79
12.8.23	Amazon	Ribbon for assault course opening	£7.49
12.8.23	Amazon	Ink Cartridge for printing notices	£14.13
		Total	£33.41

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

23/9N

Councillor reports.

Councillor Crow reported that the greenery on the roundabout on junction 23 is overgrown and unkempt. The clerk will ask National Highways if there are any plans to maintain in the short term.

Councillor Coleman advised that the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Somerset Council.

Councillor Saunders advised that the spontaneous signage on the green bridge can be distracting for drivers. The clerk will inform Gravity to ask for it to be removed.

Councillor Fletcher advised that the plans to install the lift at the Sports Centre have been held up due to the Structural Engineer and the Architect reassessing the plans to comply with building control.

Councillor Tizzard reported that the signage saying no cycling on church path needs replacing which the clerk reported.

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Councillor Langley advised that the drains on Riverton Road opposite the butchers had been cleared. The assault course was officially opened by Paul Lowndes and Claire Pearce from Gravity.

Items for the next agenda-Rowlands Rise green space and speeding on Hillside.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm. End of minutes.