

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on **Wednesday 10th January 2018** at the Briantspuddle Village Hall, at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillor Nick Gore (Chair)

Also present:	Councillors Charles Barter, Lizzie Guinn, Sarah Lowman, Jonathan Haigh, Sue Jones, Trevor Poole and Mike Menzies.
Also in Attendance:	County Councillor Peter Wharf and Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk).

Two members of the public were present for public participation.

2017/196 Dorset Highways Officer, Helen Jackson to discuss options to improve safety at the Waddock Cross Junction

Highways Officers Helen Jackson and Paul Eastwood were welcomed to the meeting and provided the PC with an overview of their roles within Dorset Highways. Prior to the meeting both Highways and the PC reviewed the 2006 report for Waddock Cross Junction and a report from the PC highlighting key safety issues.

Waddock Cross

Waddock Cross Junction key safety issues raised by the Parish Council during the meeting included:

- Faded lines at the junction
- C80 Marker posts obscured by vegetation
- Visibility splays have not been maintained
- The north bound B3390 visibility restricted by the crest and dip in the road.

Further improvements suggested by the Parish Council for the approach from Bovington included:

- A stop sign at appropriate height
- Introduction of raised rumble strips
- Introduction of splay reduction lines
- Installation of flashing "Junction Ahead" sign

It was also considered that a very regular regime of verge maintenance is essential to maintain the legal visibility requirements on the junction overall.

The Highways Officers explained that due to budget constraints they are restricted on options that can be considered however they will arrange for the faded lines to be refreshed and vegetation to be maintained in the Spring. Several other options were discussed, and a further site visit agreed in order to make progress. **Action** Councillor Charles Barter and County Councillor Peter Wharf will arrange a site visit with Paul Eastwood and report back to the Parish Council.

Turnerspuddle resurfacing

The first phase of the work at Turnerspuddle has been completed and a ditch has been created to remove the water. The second phase of the work to resurface the road

following the water damage has not been completed. **Action** Councillor Sue Jones will email Helen Jackson to remind the highways team that the road needs resurfacing.

Hurst Bridge

The lack of priority signs or lights at Hurst Bridge are causing accidents, one recent accident resulted in considerable damage to the Bridge. The Parish Council requested that either priority signs or lights are considered for the bridge to improve road safety.

Action Paul Eastwood will speak to his colleague to see if anything can be done to improve the bridge priorities, the bridge will form part of the site visit to Waddock Cross.

2017/197 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors Graham Brown, Laura Miller and Cherry Brooks.

2017/198 Declaration of Interest

The dispensation forms remain approved to enable all Councillors to discuss the precept and budget, these dispensations were approved by the Clerk.

There were no further declarations of interest.

2017/199 Public Participation

FRAME Group

Mr Evans a member of the FRAME (Frome Residents Against Mineral Extraction) Group in Pallington informed the PC that FRAME will be strongly objecting to the proposals made in the consultation for the final mineral and waste plans. Mr Evans was advised that the Parish Council will be re-iterating their previous response to the consultation.

Pallington Watercress beds & Crook & Sons

Mr Evans raised a concern as a Parishioner which he has previously raised with Councillor Graham Brown. Mr Evans was advised that the PC's previous response was passed to Councillor Graham Brown which was to raise concerns through Purbeck District Council and Dorset County Council. **Action** County Councillor Peter Wharf will speak to Mr Evans after the PC Meeting.

Councillor Charles Barter declared a personal interest in the matter as a former employee and repeated his offer to arrange a site visit for the Parishioner.

Parishioner welfare

Several Parishioners have raised concerns over the process of treatment of another Parishioners estate. Prior to the meeting Councillor Mike Menzies provided an overview of the issues to the Parish Councillors. Chair Nick Gore provided advice from DAPTC that this was not a matter for the Parish Council.

2017/200 Minutes 13th December 2017 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th December 2017 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

Village Shop and Post Office improvements

Chair Nick Gore reported that Ken Kilbank has been in contact with PDC and they are investigating the floor structure. PDC has clarified that the electrical work does not need permission however, other internal work and modification to the steps outside will need planning permission and Listed Building Consent.

Watermeadows

Prior to the meeting the Parish Council received a copy of the Habitat report from Steve Dring. The report concluded that no notable species would be lost under the proposals being made by the Borough of Poole.

Sares Wood

It was reported that motorbikes have been seen riding across the junction and this has been reported to the Police via 111. During December the Parish Clerk provided the PCSO with more information on land ownership. **Action** The Parish Clerk will put Sares Wood on the next agenda.

Trailer movements

The timing of the feed wagon has changed, leading to an improvement for residents. **Action** Councillor Sue Jones will contact J F Cobb & Sons to clarify if this will be a permanent change.

2017/201 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to be considered.

2017/202 Village Hall

Councillor Mike Menzies provided a verbal report during the meeting. Key items from the report included:

- A summary of events for 2018.
- Tree work – The VHC have been in discussions over the tree that overhangs the oil tank and another that needs attention. Following a discussion, it was felt that the responsibility to liaise with neighbours, in respect of maintenance issues associated with the site making up Briantspuddle Amenity Complex, should rest with the PC in the first instance.
- Thatch ridge repairs – Three quotations have been received and the VHC are considering them. **Action** Councillor Mike Menzies to enquire whether a Viridor grant application has yet been submitted to fund the work. The PC is conscious that these grants are due to close in the imminent future.
- Facebook – A Facebook page has been created and there is a request for information on the history of the hall.

2017/203 District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Peter Wharf provided an update on PDC issues on behalf of the District Councillors. The report included the following items:

- Local Plan Review consultation – A consultation notification will be sent to every household and there will be a launch event held on 30th January for Parish Councillors. There is no change in the plan for Briantspuddle but alternatives for nearby areas might be of interest. The total number of new homes has been reduced in the revised plan.
- Piddle Valley Conservation Review – County Councillor Peter Wharf provided the PC with a copy of the draft review which will be considered by the full committee later in the month.

2017/204 Roads and Highways

Roads and highways issues were discussed in item 2017/196.

2017/205 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Peter Wharf provided an update on DCC issues. The report included the following items:

- Road signs - Councillors were reminded that road signs must have traffic regulation orders and cannot be put up on the highway by Parish Councillors or Parishioners.
- Changes to South Western Railways Weymouth – Waterloo Schedule – DCC have responded to the consultation with concerns that the public have not been properly consulted and that they have concerns about the reduction in the number of stops and through trains to Waterloo.
- Minerals and Waste Plans Consultation - The consultation finishes at the end of January, this will be heard by the County Council in March and the public hearing will take place in June. Further consultation is likely to be late autumn with the adoption of the plan being before 2019.
- Local Government Reorganisation – An update was given which included potential changes to the number of County Councillors and ward boundaries. The proposals are likely to come in to place by 2019.

2017/206 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payments

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
100596	Village Hall Committee	Rental	25.00
100597	Lindsay Hole	Clerk Wages	221.10

Voting: The payments were approved. **Voting Unanimous**

Councillors were informed that the bank balance was £21,778.29.

2017/207 Correspondence and Information

Some items of correspondence were discussed as part of items separately identified on the agenda. Other correspondence was distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

- PDC – Update from The Committee for Standards in Public Life. No action required.
- Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary/White Star Running – Notification of Dorchester Marathon and Casterbridge Half Marathon planned for 27th May 2018.
- Letter from a parishioner regarding the War Memorial. **Action** The Clerk will write to explain that the Parish Council are in the process of applying for a grant from the War Memorial Trust and progress will be reported in the Parish Magazine.
- DAPTC - Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute guide. A suggestion was made that the community be invited to lay their own wreaths at the memorial on remembrance Sunday at 11.00a.m. **Action** Councillor Jonathan Haigh to speak to the vicar about the proposal.

2017/208 Risk Assessment Review

In accordance with the Councils' risk assessment procedure, it was noted that there were no concerns to report on the Village Hall (with the exception of the reinstatement insurance), the shop, the car park and the Parish Clerk's office.

Car Park Risk Assessment

This has been completed. **Action** Councillor Mike Menzies to send a copy to the Clerk for distribution. A review of the draft will be on the agenda of the February meeting.

Briantspuddle Noticeboard

The repairs to the Briantspuddle noticeboard were discussed, the parish groundsmen is waiting for good quality turf to become available before completing.

Waddock Cross Noticeboard

This will be reviewed in full at the next meeting. The second pane of glass needs replacing. **Voting:** Councillors approved the purchase of a second pane of glass for the noticeboard. **Voting Unanimous**

2017/209 Fingerpost project – Update

The Parish Council have received a site visit from Viridor and the grant application for Briantspuddle Cross will be considered in January.

Following the Briantspuddle Cross finger post the next priority will be at Throop Heath. **Action** Clerk to put expenditure approval on the next agenda.

Several fingerposts on the bridleways in the Parish have been damaged by the bad weather. **Action** Councillor Trevor Poole will consider what repairs are necessary.

2017/210 Future use of Telephone Kiosks – Project update

Affpuddle Kiosk

The refurbishment work will commence on the inside of the Kiosk before the defibrillator is installed.

Briantspuddle Kiosk

The work will commence on the Kiosk door next week.

2017/211 War Memorial Cleaning Update

The Parish Council is in the process of making a full application for the cleaning of the War Memorial to the War Memorial Trust. It is hoped to complete this work by November 2018. Updates will be published in the Parish Magazine.

2017/212 Review of Parish Council Policies

Review of the S137/S133 Policy

Councillors reviewed its S137/S133 Policy and agreed on the proposed revisions.

A proposal was made that the Parish Council adopt the 2018-2019 S137/S133 Policy, it was **RESOLVED that;**

The Parish Council adopt the 2018-2019 S137/S133 Policy. The vote was unanimous.

Progress with Data Protection & Freedom of Information

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Review of the Code of Conduct

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

2017/213 Parish Maintenance Schedule

Councillor Sarah Lowman reported that the Bus Shelter will be treated when the weather improves and that the schedule will be updated to include treatment to the Bus Shelter as necessary for future years.

2017/214 Review of risk assessment process

The review of the risk assessment process is deferred to the next meeting.

2017/215 Review of internal audit effectiveness

Following the Audit Report the councillors discussed the audit effectiveness. The Parish Council audit was deemed satisfactory by the external auditor.

A proposal was made that the audit process was deemed effective, it was **RESOLVED that;**

The Parish Council will follow the same audit process for the 2017/2018 audit, subject to further information from the new auditors.

Voting: unanimous.

2017/216 Local Government Reorganisation

There was no further update.

2017/217 Budget and Precept Approval

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a proposed budget and precept for approval.

A proposal was made to accept the budget and precept, it was **RESOLVED that;**

The Parish Council will raise the precept to £9,800.

Voting: unanimous.

2017/218 Any other business

Volunteer of the Year

The Parish Council has submitted an application to PDC for their nomination for the Volunteer of the Year.

Litter pick

The Parish litter pick is due to take place in Spring. **Action** Councillor Sue Jones will arrange a litter pick for the weekend of 3rd and 4th March.

New Years Honours

Parishioner Ken Olisa has been knighted in the New Years Honours List for services to Business and Philanthropism.

Asset Valuation

The Parish Council will seek valuations for the Debenham paintings.

Chairs Meeting

The Parish Council discussed the usefulness of the Chairs Meetings. **Action** Chair Nick Gore will approach The Village Shop, The Village Hall Committee and Bladen Social Club in order to suggest regular meetings. It is thought these will be helpful to discuss ideas and issues between the various organisations making up the amenity.

2017/219 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm