

# Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at the Brianspuddle Village Hall, at 7.00pm

**Present:**

Councillor Nick Gore (Chair)

<b>Also present:</b>	Councillors Charles Barter, Sarah Lowman, Jonathan Haigh, Trevor Poole, Sue Jones, Lizzie Guinn and Councillor Mike Menzies.
<b>Also in Attendance:</b>	District Councillor Graham Brown and Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk).

No members of the public were present for public participation.

## **2017/242 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Peter Wharf, District Councillors Cherry Brooks and Laura Miller.

## **2017/243 Declaration of Interest**

There were no further declarations of interest.

## **2017/244 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

## **2017/245 Purbeck Local Plan Review Consultation (Public Participation)**

No members of the public were present.

## **2017/246 West Dorset District Council – infrastructure plans (Councillor Nigel Bundy)**

Councillor Nigel Bundy from West Dorset District Council shared information on the proposals to increase the number of homes at Crossways and Moreton. The number of new homes in Crossways could rise by 1,400 and the number of new homes in Moreton could rise by between 440 to 600. Councillor Bundy informed the meeting that there are plans to build a new village hall, build a new medical centre, widen the Warmwell Road and reduce the speed limit on the Warmwell Road. There has been a suggestion to construct a new road from Crossways to the West Stafford Bypass, however whilst Network Rail have offered funds and Silverlake have offered land to support the proposal, Dorset County Council do not have the funds to contribute to the scheme. Councillor Bundy discussed the lack of local demand for the number of proposed new homes and the impact of this development plus those proposed in the minerals plans. There will be serious pressure on schools, health services, local infrastructure and other local amenities. There is also likely to be further development north of Dorchester which may also require significant improvements to infrastructure.

## **2017/247 Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

Debenham Paintings

The Parish Council is waiting for Duke's Auctioneers to view the paintings.

#### Parish Litter Pick

The Parish Litter Pick has been re-arranged for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Volunteers will be asked to help over the weekend. The equipment will be provided by PDC.

#### SSE – Offer of assistance with resilience planning

No response has been received. **Action** The Parish Clerk will chase SSE for a response.

#### Defibrillator

The grant application has been accepted and the project was discussed during item 15 on the agenda.

#### War Memorial

At the request of War Memorials Trust, Councillor Sue Jones has sought two quotations for the cleaning project. The quotations will be included in the Grant Application.

#### Remembrance Day

Councillor Jonathan Haigh provided an update following the PCC meeting, it was agreed at the PCC meeting that Councillor Jonathan Haigh will lead the ceremony at 11.00am in Briantspuddle. **Action** The Clerk will put the organisation of wreaths on the next agenda after this has been discussed with the PCC.

#### **2017/248 Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to be considered.

Councillors were informed that the work to neighbouring trees, adjacent to the Briantspuddle Amenity Complex, has been approved by the Tree Officer

#### **2017/249 Village Hall**

Councillor Mike Menzies provided a written report prior to the meeting. The VHC have noted the interest of the Parish Council on their insurance.

#### **2017/250 District Councillor's Report**

District Councillor Graham Brown provided a brief background on the previous housing working groups and how this had evolved into the most recent version of the Local Plan. **Action** Councillor Graham Brown will share Moreton's response to the Local Plan with the Parish Clerk.

#### **2017/251 Roads and Highways**

Waddock Cross - A site meeting has taken place between the Parish Council and DCC at Waddock Cross. Some progress has been made and the suggested improvements include refreshing the white lines, creating road marking strips, changing the small splay and lowering the verge with a low maintenance solution to improve visibility

Hurst Bridge – DCC have said that they are going to look at the signage, but no work beyond this is likely.

Salt bags – Approximately half of each of the two salt bags have been used during the cold weather conditions. The Parish Council will not need to re-order salt bags for 2018-2019.

#### **2017/252 County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Peter Wharf provided an update prior to the meeting.

#### **2017/253 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payments**

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>100604</b>	<b>Village Hall Committee</b>	<b>Rental</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>100605</b>	<b>Lindsay Hole</b>	<b>Clerk Wages</b>	<b>231.72</b>
	<b>HMRC</b>	<b>PAYE</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Councillors were informed that the bank balance was £21,990.68.

#### **2017/254 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.

- Artreach – Jenny Beedle wrote to express disappointment that Artreach have not been given financial support by the Parish Council.
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- Letter from Parishioner Peter Talbot regarding the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Dorset Youth Association - request for financial support.
- Purbeck Film Festival - request for financial donation.

The Parish Council has now received 4 enquiries requesting financial support. Councillors agreed that such payments to third parties needed to be dealt with under the Council's Grant Policy. For the coming year £1,000 has been set aside for such applications. It was agreed that a letter would be sent by the Parish Clerk in response to all requests. The letter would explain the Council's position, enclose a copy of the Grant Policy, Application Form and the timeframe for considering all applications and making any payments. For the coming year the deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

#### **2017/255 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.

#### **2017/256 Fingerpost project – Update**

Briantspuddle Cross fingerpost

- Approval of the £140 contribution to the Viridor Grant

A proposal was made that the Parish Council would make a contribution of £140 towards the Viridor Grant, it was **RESOLVED that**;

**The Parish Council will make a contribution of £140 towards the Briantspuddle Cross Fingerpost as part of the grant agreement with Viridor. The vote was approved by majority.**

One member abstained.

#### **2017/257 Future use of Telephone Kiosks – Project update**

##### Affpuddle Kiosk

The bank near the Affpuddle Kiosk will need taking back a bit and the leylandii may need to be taken down to a low stump. **Action** Councillor Mike Menzies will make an application for the tree works. Chair Nick Gore and Councillor Lizzie Guinn will speak to neighbours before the application is submitted to PDC's Tree Officer.

##### Briantspuddle Kiosk

Part of the bank will need to be dug out as it is butting against the kiosk, causing some movement and therefore damage of the box.

Plans for the display boards are in progress.

#### **2017/258 Review of Parish Council Policies**

##### Progress with Data Protection & Freedom of Information

Councillor Sue Jones and the Clerk provided an update on the progress. The Parish Councils responsibilities have been researched and action will be taken to comply with the latest regulations. The Parish Website will be discussed at the Parish Meeting.

##### Review of the Code of Conduct

The draft Code of Conduct was presented to Councillors.

A proposal was made that the Parish Council adopt the revised Code of Conduct, it was **RESOLVED that**;

**The Parish Council would adopt the revised Code of Conduct. The vote was unanimous.**

#### **2017/259 Parish Maintenance Schedule**

Councillor Sarah Lowman reported that the bus shelter will have a second coat of paint next week, weed killer will be applied to the area behind the Village Hall and the notice board repairs are due to take place in April.

#### **2017/260 Purbeck Local Plan Review Consultation (Parish Council response)**

The Council decided not to complete the Questionnaire as Members felt it was too restrictive. In particular, it felt that the consultation was steering respondents to make a choice between options A, B and C. Councillors did not support any of these options in their entirety or without reservations.

The Parish Council agreed to respond by letter and expressed concerns about the sustainability of proposed developments together with the lack of infrastructure planning and amenity provision that would be needed. A copy of the Council's response can be viewed on the Community Website.

**2017/261 Consideration of Parish and Town Councils alignment of elections with the new unitary authority**

Councillors were reminded that Parish and Town Council elections will be aligned with the unitary authority, this will be once every five years.

**2017/262 Annual Parish Meeting**

Chair Nick Gore outlined the NALC guidance for the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council reiterated that they engaged fully with the community on fundamental issues or local proposals that may impact on the Parish. The Parish Council discussed and agreed the details for this years meeting.

**2017/263 Any other business**

Best Kept Village Award

The Parish Council have been invited to enter the Best Kept Village Award by Dorset Community Action.

Damage to verges by local buses

Councillors have received reports of the extensive damage that the local buses are causing. **Action** The Parish Clerk will write to the local bus company to express its concern.

**2017/264 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm