

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on **Wednesday 08th August 2018** at the Briantspuddle Village Hall, at 7.00pm

Present:

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

One member of the public was present for public participation.

2018/061 Apologies

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

2018/062 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Sarah Lowman declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 2018/075 and explained that she would not take part in the vote.

Councillor Trevor Poole declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 6/2018/0373 and will withdraw from the room whilst the item is discussed.

There were no further declarations of interest.

2018/063 Public Participation

Application WD/D/18/001035

Philippa Frances, parishioner from Tolpuddle, explained that she had made comments to the planning authority in regard to the Slurry application. Mrs Frances reminded Councillors that there were two applications and that the AONB had raised serious concerns with the application at Winfrith Newburgh. She expressed concern that increased traffic movements might arise between the two sites or from elsewhere.

Nick Gore

Thanks were conveyed to Nick Gore by Parish Councillors and a short tribute to his service as Chairman of the Parish Council was read out. This will appear in full in the Parish Council tab of the Community Website.

2018/064 Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon WD/D/18/001035

Charlotte Rushmere, Principal Planning Officer from DCC Minerals and Waste Development Management Team attended the meeting to hear the concerns of the Parish Council and to offer further explanation and comment on the planning application.

Charlotte's comments were helpful and illuminating. In particular with regard to options available to condition any grant of the application to mitigate the effects of traffic movement to and from the site. More details can be found on the community website.

2018/065 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Following the resignation of Nick Gore the Parish Council elected a new Chair and Vice Chair for the remaining term of office.

RESOLVED that Councillor Sue Jones be elected Chair of the Council for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year

Voting: Unanimous

RESOLVED that Councillor Charles Barter be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year

Voting: Unanimous

Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2018/066 Minutes 11th July 2018 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11th July 2018 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record, subject to a minor amendment in Roads and Highways. Councillors Trevor Poole and Charles Barter abstained from the vote as they were not present at the July meeting.

Matters arising:

Matters arising were included on the agenda.

War Memorial Cleaning

Following the contractors advice that further work was needed, Councillor Sue Jones has spoken to the War Memorials Trust to see if the grant application can be extended to include the repair work. They were unable to provide an answer over the phone but will review the proposal and revert back to the Parish Council with a decision.

There were no further items for discussion.

2018/067 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered.

Application	Description	Date rec'd
6/2018/0375	J H Hall & Sons, Lower Courtyard, Rogers Hill, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HJ. Change of use of existing Agricultural workshop to light industrial workshop. Erect an extension and complete over cladding in timber boarding of workshop and extension.	24/07/2018
6/2018/0373	Mr Bishop & Ms Blackman, Cob Cottage, 3 The Hollow, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HX. Internal alterations including new floor to sitting room, kitchen & bathroom, remove modern partition and replace door.	24/07/2018

6/2018/0375 – Lower Courtyard

Voting: Unanimously agreed. Councillors had no objection to the planning application.

6/2018/0373 – Cob Cottage

Voting: Unanimously agreed by Councillors taking part in the vote (Councillor Trevor Poole did not take part in the vote). Councillors had no objection to the planning application.

2018/068 Village Hall

The Village Hall update was provided by Councillor Mike Menzies prior to the meeting.

2018/069 District Councillor's Report

Going forwards a combined report will be delivered by Peter Wharf in relation to both the District and County Council's involvement in the Unitary Authority.

Local Plan

The steering group has viewed the draft sections. The Local Plan is due to be presented in full in the next few weeks.

2018/070 Roads and Highways

Roads and Highways issues were discussed as follows:

Waddock Cross – A site meeting took place last week and agreement was made that there would be new white lines from Bovington to Waddock Cross and improved signage in a number of directions. The low growth splay has been planted and will hopefully lead to lower maintenance. The verge and splay maintenance will now take place six times per year.

2018/071 County Councillor's Report

The County Councillor provided updates on the following items:

- Unitary Authority – The new plans include a reduction to one councillor for each the Ward. Christchurch Borough Council's appeal was dismissed although they intend to appeal again. Whilst the Unitary Authority will come into effect in April 2019 it is unlikely that there will be any immediate tangible changes. Priority will be to ensure the new Unitary Authority is legally established.
- The Parish Council was reminded that the Ward Boundary Review Consultation deadline is the end of August.

2018/072 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payments

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
100631	Village Hall Committee	Rental	25.00
100632	Lindsay Hole	Clerk Wages	519.07

		+ Add Hrs for Jun & Jul	
100633	HMRC	PAYE	59.60
100634	A W W Garden Services	Grass cut	314.50
100635	Pamela White	Audit Fees	117.50
100636	Stones	War Memorial	295.20
100637	ICO	Data Protection Fee	40.00
100638	Naturescape Ltd	Purchase of wild daffodils	247.00
100639	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib Support (Aff)	198.00

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

Councillors were informed that the bank balance was £20,870.29.

2018/073 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.

The following correspondence was received:

Location and cleaning of the Millennium Stone – Discussed under item 2018/078

- Mr Moriarty, Phil Ventham, Campbell de Burgh and Audrey Grindrod – All broadly supportive of the current location of the Millennium Stone and the proposal to clean it.
- Mrs L Holmes – Objection to cleaning Millennium Stone with no objection to relocation.
- Cynthia & Rodney Read – Objection to spending money on Millennium Stone Cleaning.
- Jennifer Lightfoot – No cleaning of the Millennium Stone necessary.
- DCC – Repairs to Turnerspuddle footbridges, notice of proposed work.
- Mr & Mrs Talbot – Concerns over the Social Club exterior lighting. Action: A letter will be sent to the Club asking them to review their lighting with a view to mitigating the nuisance to neighbours.
- Peter Talbot - Email in support of the VHC S133/7 Grant application and questioning the direct benefit to parishioners from the Council's roadside fingerpost project by comparison. Action: Clerk to write in reply.

2018/074 Telephone Kiosk – Project update

Briantspuddle Telephone Kiosk

The contractor has suggested a suitable light for the Kiosk, Councillor Sarah Lowman will seek a quotation for consideration on the next agenda.

Affpuddle Telephone Kiosk

It was agreed to take the same approach as the Briantspuddle Kiosk.

2018/075 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.

Noticeboard repairs

Quotations were presented for the replacement noticeboard at Waddock Cross. The most cost-effective quotation was provided by Russell Randall for the sum of £715 plus vat.

A proposal was made to accept the quotation from Russell Randall.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would proceed with the quotation from Russell Randall.

Voting: Unanimous with the exception Councillor Sarah Lowman who abstained.

The Car Park risk assessment form remains outstanding.

2018/076 Fingerposts and Waymarkers – Review priorities, timescales and budget

The Parish Council reviewed the priorities, timescales and budget. The next fingerpost to be replaced was identified as Marl Pit, Affpuddle. The quotation for this amounts to £1,340 plus vat.

A proposal was made to proceed with the replacement of the Marl Pit Fingerpost at a cost of £1,340 plus vat.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will proceed with the work for the Affpuddle Fingerpost.

Voting: Unanimous.

2018/078 Location and cleaning of the Millennium Stone

Councillors reviewed the correspondence received regarding the Millennium Stone. The Parish Council will revert back to the stone mason and ask if the letters can be 're-tooled'. A quotation will be sought for the next meeting.

2018/079 WW1 Commemoration – Daffodil planting

Councillors were informed that Phil Ventham had agreed to organise the planting of the wild daffodils in Briantspuddle Woods during October.

Councillor Jonathan Haigh reported that the VHC have confirmed that they would like to order a wreath for the commemoration.

2018/080 GDPR Policies and Procedures

Councillors were reminded of the GDPR Policies and Procedures. A cheque will be sent to ICO for the Data Protection Fee.

2018/081 S133 & 137 Grant Applications

Following a request for further information Councillors considered again the grant application from the VHC for £500 towards its wider project to provide signage for the village hall.

A proposal was made to grant a sum of £432 to fund, in its entirety, a sign identifying the village hall, to be attached to its main entrance. It was considered this would be of benefit to any parishioner hiring the hall as well taking a sense of pride in one of the parish's amenities.

Resolved that the Parish Council approve a grant of £432 to the VHC

Voting: Unanimous

More information about the proposed sign can be found in the Parish Magazine.

In considering the application the PC had requested an understanding as to why the Trustees of Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee were not in receipt of the minimum hall hire, equivalent to 250 hours hall hire from Bladen Social Club, as set out in the 1986 Heads of Agreement. This question arises because the Councils Grant Policy takes into account the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources as part of its decision-making process. The VHC had not expressed an opinion on this matter and councillors felt this had put the PC in a difficult position when it came to considering the application, particularly following representations it had received from parishioners. The 1982 Agreement between the PC and Bladen Social Club was discussed and it was felt that terminating this obsolete agreement would have the benefit of removing the PC from any consideration of hall hire, leaving the matter between the PC and the Hall. It was also felt that its termination would have a positive impact on community relations and may encourage volunteers to come forward to serve on the PC. It was agreed that the PC was minded to terminate the 1982 Agreement but as the matter had not been specifically included on the Agenda an Extraordinary Meeting would be called to address this matter.

2018/082 Parish Councillor Vacancies – Review and action plan

Councillors discussed the difficulties in recruiting Parish Councillors in conjunction with the above agenda item.

2018/083 Parish Clerk Vacancy – Response to advert

The Clerk reported that there had been no firm response to the advert and added that potential candidates have asked questions about the difficult relationships the PC have to manage. They have gained this impression from reading the Minutes, the Parish Magazine and talking to people they know in the village.

2018/084 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) - Recommendations for wards for two new unitary councils. (Deadline 27.8.18)

The Parish Council considered the recommendations proposed by the LGBCE. The Parish Council will respond with its support for the proposals.

2018/084 Any other business

There were no further items for discussion.

2018/085 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall, although an Extraordinary Meeting may be scheduled before this date, if it can be arranged.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm