

# Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at the Briantspuddle Village Hall, at 7.00pm

**Present:**

Councillor Sue Jones (Chair)

<b>Also present:</b>	Councillors Mike Menzies, Lizzie Guinn and Sarah Lowman.
<b>Also in Attendance:</b>	County Councillor Peter Wharf, and Lindsay Hole (Parish Clerk).

One member of the public was present for public participation.

## **2018/164 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors Laura Miller, Cherry Brooks & Graham Brown and Councillors Trevor Poole and Charles Barter.

## **2018/165 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2018/166 Public Participation**

No address was made during public participation.

## **2018/167 Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Planning Application – WD/D/18/001035**

Councillor Sue Jones provided a summary of the previous meeting and the outstanding actions, a reply to those actions has been received this afternoon from Mike Garrity and a copy was shared with Councillors and discussed in the meeting. The key points are:

- The restriction of delivery hours has reduced from 9-5pm to 9-4pm.
- The condition to prohibit the use of the slurry for commercial purposes has been extended to include both the import and export of waste.
- A condition to introduce a height/ depth bar to the slurry has been agreed.
- The Parish Council had argued for a one-way system to be a condition of any grant of approval to the application. However, Councillors accepted that this could not be achieved based on planning legislation. Instead there is to be an informative note on the planning decision notice advising on the use of a one-way routing scheme together with a reference to liaison meetings to provide a useful mechanism for monitoring adherence to this.

Councillor Mike Menzies expressed his disappointment with highways and concerns over the possible illegal use of agricultural vehicles to and from the site. The County Councillor reminded the Parish Council that planning was not the agency to determine such matters and he believed that the use of these vehicles is more complicated than has been described.

The County Councillor reminded Councillors of the process for a referral is at his request and not at the behest of the Parish Council. He would consider any request from the Parish Council, should one be made to him.

Councillor Lizzie Guinn expressed her dismay over the application and informed Councillors of the trouble the parishioners in Affpuddle had been subject to recently. Councillor Lizzie Guinn also raised concerns about the impact on the environment referring to a recent news article.

Councillor Sarah Lowman expressed her concern that referral of the application to the Regulatory Committee may result in the conditions currently agreed could be watered down. She went on to suggest that speed checks could be instigated to monitor vehicle movements. County Councillor Peter Wharf suggested that the PC could look at options such as a Community Speed Watch Group. **Action** This item will be added to a future agenda.

Councillor Sue Jones reported that she has requested that the redrafted conditions are submitted to the Parish Council for Review. This is not to influence the planning process further but to check for inaccuracies.

A proposal was made to accept the six conditions proposed in the letter from Mike Garrity on 9<sup>th</sup> January subject to the Parish Council reviewing the redrafted wording of the conditions.

**RESOLVED that the Parish Council accept the six conditions subject to reviewing a redraft.**

Voting: Agreed by majority. Councillor Lizzie Guinn abstained.

**2018/168 Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

**2018/169 Matters arising not included on the agenda:**

There were no items for discussion.

**2018/170 Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered.

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date rec'd</b>
6/2018/0641	Mr T Shorter, 23 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HP, Alterations to external doors and windows.	02/01/2019
6/2018/0640	Mr T Shorter, 23 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HP, Alterations to external doors and windows. Construction of garden shed and garden room.	02/01/2019

6/2018/0641 & 6/2018/0640 – 23 Bladen Valley

**Voting: Unanimously agreed.** Councillors voted to approve the planning applications.

Councillors were made aware that a planning application might be received for the repair work to Peony Cottage. Highways have informed the Parish Council that the work will require a 3-way traffic management for approximately 8 months.

#### **2018/171 Village Hall**

A verbal update from the January committee meeting was provided by the Parish Councils representative on the VHC, Mike Menzies. The key items included:

- The VHC has passed a resolution that the Parish Council representative is no longer authorised to provide the Parish Council with a report about the contents of its meeting until their minutes have been approved. Councillors debated the purpose of having a representative on the VHC and will consider this matter again at its February meeting when more Councillors are present.
- An update on the progress of the subcommittee set up to consider the 1982, 1983 and 1986 agreements was requested. Councillor Mike Menzies said that this matter had been on the agenda but not discussed. This matter will be discussed again at the February Parish Council meeting.

#### **2018/172 District Councillor's Report**

There were no reports available from the District Councillors.

#### **2018/173 Roads and Highways**

Roads and Highways issues were discussed as follows:

Waddock Cross – Update deferred to the February PC meeting.

Throop flooding – Following a site meeting with Throop residents it was agreed to contact Stephen Mephram of DCC requesting he attend site, together with the Flood Warden and residents to determine a way forward. At the same time there will be a review of the current situation in Turnerspuddle.

#### **2018/174 County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Peter Wharf had nothing further to report.

#### **2018/175 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payments**

- **Review of Half Year Financial Results and Revised Forecast Budget**

Prior to the meeting the councillors received a review of the budget and a revised forecast budget for the year. Councillors proposed raising the precept by 7.5%, a sum equivalent to £735 per annum shared between all the homes across the Parish. This proposal will be reviewed again at the February meeting.

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

**The Parish Council will offer PDC a draft precept increase for the year 2019/20 of 7.5%, £735 pending a further discussion at the February meeting.**

Voting: unanimous

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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<b>100666</b>	<b>Lindsay Hole</b>	<b>Clerk wages</b>	<b>241.16</b>
<b>100667</b>	<b>HMRC</b>	<b>PAYE</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>100668</b>	<b>Village Hall Committee</b>	<b>Rental</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>100669</b>	<b>Normtec</b>	<b>Fingerpost</b>	<b>1505.00</b>

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

Councillors were informed that the bank balance was £19,398.16

#### **2018/176 Parish Clerk Vacancy Update**

It was agreed to make an offer, subject to references, to one of the candidates that attended the interview on Monday.

#### **2018/177 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:

- PDC – Information on setting the precept (Received 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019).
- A letter from Stuart Chorley outlining some suggestions about the removal of wreaths from the war memorial and the purchase of future wreaths has been received. This is a matter for the PCC and the suggestions made have been forwarded to a Church Warden for consideration at the next PCC committee meeting.

#### **2018/178 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.

#### **2018/179 Parish Maintenance**

The Affpuddle noticeboard suffers from water ingress, this has been reviewed and there is an outlet for the water. Recoating the Affpuddle noticeboard is on the maintenance list. The Briantspuddle noticeboard also needs to be recoated. The pruning of the crab apple tree will take place next week. The refurbishment of the Briantspuddle telephone kiosk into an information centre is progressing.

#### **2018/180 Any other business**

##### Parish Volunteer of the Year

Councillors decided on a nomination for the annual award sponsored by PDC.

Voting: unanimous

#### **2018/181 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.