

Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on **Wednesday 13th March 2019** at the Brianspuddle Village Hall, at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillor Charles Barter (Acting Chair)

Also present:	Councillors Lizzie Guinn, Sarah Lowman, Trevor Poole and Stuart Chorley.

No members of the public were present for public participation.

2018/192 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Peter Wharf, Chairman Sue Jones and Councillor Michael Menzies.

2018/193 Declaration of Interest

Stuart Chorley declared a non-pecuniary interest in items concerning the Social Club and VHC.

Councillor Lizzie Guinn declared a non-pecuniary interest in the temporary 3-way traffic lights in operation in Affpuddle.

2018/194 Public Participation

There were no general items of public participation.

2018/195 Minutes 13th February 2019 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13th February 2019 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

Councillors were informed that due to an administrative error by Purbeck the increase in the Precept would be 7.5% and not 5% as agreed. Councillors resolved that next year this extra 2.5% would be taken into consideration when setting the precept.

2018/196 Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Planning Application – WD/D/18/001035

An email from Mike Garrity confirmed that this application was not yet determined and set out the range of topics for the Liaison Committee, its expected membership and timing of the first meeting.

Councillors are keen that the Liaison Committee had a wider membership to include 2 members of the public and a representative from Tolpuddle. In the interim, Councillors requested that we write to Cobbs for an update of their programme of tractor movements and to remind them of their assurance to liaise with the Council.

Action Chair Sue Jones to contact Mike Garrity to ask for the wider membership of the Liaison Committee and to write to Cobbs for an update on their current and future operations.

2018/197 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered.

	Description	Date rec'd
6/2019/0058	Mr Mark Harris – The Old Engine Shed, Moor Lane Change of use from (C3) Residential to (C1) Guest Suite and (A1) Studio & Gallery on ground floor	Feb 2019
6/2019/0047	Mr Christopher Miller – 17 Bladen Valley Listed Building Consent. Insert window on first floor rear elevation & internal alterations	Feb 2019

6/2019/0058 The Old Engine Shed

6/2019/0047 17 Bladen Valley

Voting: Unanimously agreed. Councillors voted to approve the planning applications. Councillors noted that the application in Bladen Valley was put in after the window had been installed.

2018/198 Treework applications

Councillor Trevor Poole offer to take over as temporary Tree Officer whilst there is no Clerk.

2018/199 District Councillor's Report

There were no reports available from the District Councillors.

2018/200 County Councillor's Report

There was no report from the County Councillor Peter Wharf.

2018/201 Roads and Highways

Roads and Highways issues were discussed as follows:

- Temporary 3-way traffic lights in operation in Affpuddle

Councillor Charles Barter reported on his meeting with Highways and as a result of which the lights on the north side have been moved and the scaffolding reduced in width. Contact numbers in case of failure of the lights are now more clearly displayed. Highways have confirmed that damage to the verges will be reinstated after the lights have been removed.

Waddock Cross – Councillor Charles Barter reported that the road markings had been done, however, they were quite patchy and not as visual as desirable.

2018/202 Village Hall

The Parish Council has received a copy of a Memorandum of Agreement between Bladen Social Club and the Village Hall Committee from Allan Smith, the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. This agreement was received after the Agenda for the

Parish Council meeting had been prepared. As such Councillors resolved to acknowledge receipt of the Agreement and to add it to the next agenda for discussion.

Action The Acting Parish Clerk will write to the VHC to confirm receipt of the document.

2018/203 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payment

<i>Cheque No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>100676</i>	<i>Lindsay Hole</i>	<i>Parish Laptop security</i>	<i>15.00</i>
<i>100677</i>	<i>Village Hall Committee</i>	<i>Rental</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<i>100678</i>	<i>The Community Heartbeat Trust</i>	<i>Annual Support – Brianspuddle VAT</i>	<i>27.00</i>

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

Councillors were informed that the bank balance was £16,923 and NSI Investment Account £6,758.82

2018/204 Parish Clerk Vacancy

Councillor Sarah Lowman reported that Stephen Higgins resigned as Parish Clerk after the February meeting. Lindsay Hole has now left the employment of the Council. The position has been advertised with a closing date of the 1st of May to enable the new Parish Council to carry out the interviews. To date one person has expressed interest in the role.

2018/205 Brianspuddle Water Meadow Project

Steve Dring from Poole Borough Council had advised the Council that they are taking water levels and will report back. Councillors felt the whole situation was very unsatisfactory and it was suggested that the Council explore the possibility of taking over the asset from Poole Borough Council.

Action To contact County Councillor Peter Wharf to explore the possibility of taking over this asset from Poole Borough Council.

2018/206 Correspondence and Information

One item of correspondence had been received from A G Tree Surgeons offering their services. Councillors agreed that this was not relevant to the Council.

2018/207 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.

2018/208 Preparation for Parish Council Elections May 2019

Councillors were reminded that nomination papers needed to be lodged by the 3rd of April.

Notices would be posted on the Notice Boards advising of the Election.

2018/209 Any other business

Telephone Kiosk – Information Centre Project

Following the presentation at the last meeting this project is on course for installation by the end of April. Councillor Sarah Lowman asked the meeting if a small opening ceremony could be organised. Councillors agreed to this proposal.

Best Kept Village Entry

Councillors agreed to enter the competition for 2019.

Millennium Stone

Councillor Trevor Poole advised the meeting he would be carrying out the cleaning of the stone in the near future.

Village Maintenance

Councillor Sarah Lowman confirmed that the first grass cut had been carried out. The Notice Board at Affpuddle had been reinstated following its refurbishment.

2018/210 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm