

# Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council

The Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at the Brianspuddle Village Hall, at 7.00pm

**Present:**

Councillor Sue Jones (Chair)

<b>Also present:</b>	Councillors Charles Barter, Lizzie Guinn, Sarah Lowman (Acting Clerk), Trevor Poole, Mike Menzies and Stuart Chorley.
<b>Also in attendance</b>	Peter Wharf (County Councillor), Laura Miller (District Councillor)

Six members of the public were present for public participation.

## **2018/211 Apologies**

No Apologies for absence.

## **2018/212 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.

## **2018/213 Public Participation**

Four members of the public spoke to express views surrounding the Village Hall item on the Agenda. It was agreed that the meeting would be suspended when it came to this item to allow an additional 10 minutes of public participation.

## **2018/214 to debate and vote on whether the Chairman holds the confidence of the Parish Council**

Chair Sue Jones handed the Chair to Vice Chair Charles Barter. The Vice Chair outlined specific events involving Councillor Mike Menzies which have taken place over a number of years, and which culminated in the email from him which had led to this Agenda item. Following discussion, during which Councillor Sue Jones played no part, a Vote of Confidence in the Chairman was carried by 5 votes with one abstention.

## **2018/215 Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising

## **2018/216 Community Website**

Campbell de Burgh was thanked by the Chair for running and setting up the new Community website which had proved to be very 'user' friendly. It was reported that on average there are 30 viewings a day.

## **2018/217 Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Planning Application – WD/D/18/001035**

Nothing further to report at present.

## 2018/218 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered.

1. Planning Applications		
	Description	Date rec'd
Mr Bowley Affpuddle Manor 6/2019/0116	Demolish existing single storey extension and erect orangery. Replace door with window. Convert stables into guest suite and convert wood barn into living space. Alterations to vehicular access/	March
Mr Bowley Affpuddle Manor Listed Building Consent 6/2019/0117	Demolish existing single storey extension and erect orangery with glazed link to stable building. Alterations to convert stables into guest suite. Removal of modern internal features within the wood barn. Remove conservatory and door and reinstate dining room window. New render to dairy building between existing brick piers.	March
Ms Jessica Everill & Nicola Killer, 3-4 Bladen Valley 6/2019/0156	Proposed rear extension, demolition of existing rear structure at no 3 Bladen Valley, internal alterations and all associated works	March
Mr J Wilkes, Peony Cottage, Affpuddle 6/2019/0130	Reinstatement of single dwelling following fire and water damage	March

**Voting: 6/2019/0116 – 0117 Affpuddle Manor** Councillors requested that it be noted that the entrance gates were not in keeping with the rural street scene and no mention in the application of rebuilding the granary. Councillors voted to approve the planning application.

**6/2019/0156 3 -4 Bladen Valley** Councillors voted to approve the Application. **The vote was unanimous**

**6/20190130 Peony Cottage** Councillors requested that it be noted that access from the B3390 is difficult to the site, with ongoing problems with the traffic lights. Mitigation proposals to deal with traffic issues during construction were requested. Councillors voted to approve the application. **The vote was Unanimous.**

**2018/219 Treework applications** – For information purposes only

The application was noted.

### 2018/220 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Peter Wharf reported that pending the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, the elections may be delayed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The first planning meeting of the new council would be 29<sup>th</sup> May. All applications will be delegated and the PC if they have concerns must request that they are not delegated. There is now only 21 days for the PC to comment on applications.

### 2018/221 Roads and Highways

Roads and Highways issues were discussed as follows:

- Temporary 3-way traffic lights in operation in Affpuddle

No progress had been made in repositioning the lights due to regulations regarding the distance between them. Peter Wharf agreed to take the matter up with Highways.

Waddock Cross – Councillor Charles Barter reported that the road markings had been completed by Highways and were within intervention levels, however, he will ask Stephen Mepham to check the site.

Councillor Stuart Chorley reported erosion of the banks along the B3390.

Councillor Charles Barter requested that the Parish Council receive a written report from Highways when a problem is raised. County Councillor Peter Wharf hoped this would now be the case in the new Council.

Reclassification of Roads – It was suggested that the C109 Waddock Cross to Gallows Hill be upgraded to B Status and the B3390 from Waddock Cross to Briantspuddle be downgraded to C Status. This would allow, based on current Highways protocol for diversions, for through traffic to be routed via Bere Regis onto the A35. County Councillor Peter Wharf agreed to take this suggestion forward.

## **2018/222 Village Hall**

- **Conflicts of Interest**

Councillors discussed the position of the Parish Council's Representative on the Village Hall Committee following the receipt of a Memorandum of Agreement between Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee and Bladen Social Club.

A letter received by the District Solicitor was considered.

Standing Orders were suspended for 10 minutes to allow for further public participation and 5 members of the public expressed their view.

A wide-ranging discussion took place. A view was expressed that the Parish Councils Representative's behaviour did amount to a conflict of interest. However, it was also recognised that the position was made difficult by the Village Hall Committee's insistence that no feedback could be given until the Minutes of their meetings were approved. Given that the term of the Parish Council was coming to an end and new elections would be taking place, and the desire for harmony between parish organisations, no conclusion was reached. It was decided to review the matter following the May Council meeting.

**Memorandum of Agreement – Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee and Bladen Social Club** - It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to both organisations to invite them, along with the Parish Council, to set up a working group to report to all three organisations concerning the modernisation of Agreements. This proposal was approved – **The vote was unanimous.**

**Action** The Parish Council will write to the VHC and BSC to invite them to join the Parish Council in a working group.

## **2018/223 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payment**

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
100679	<i>Peeble Graphics Display Panels</i>	<i>Panels for Information Centre</i>	<b>£436.80</b>
100690	<i>Campbell de Burgh</i>	<i>Wordpress Annual License Renewal (to May 2020) re Community Website</i>	<b>£36</b>
100681	<i>Stones Masonry</i>	<i>Repair to War Memorial (A £750 grant from WMT has been awarded)</i>	<b>£1,782</b>
100682	<i>AWW Garden Services</i>	<i>Pruning/Ground Maintenance</i>	<b>£135.42</b>
100683	<i>BVHC</i>	<i>Hall hire rental – including litter pick</i>	<b>£85</b>
100684	<i>Susan Jones</i>	<i>Bin bags for Litter Pick</i>	<b>£17.91</b>
100685	<i>Susan Jones</i>	<i>Bow &amp; ribbon for Information Centre Opening</i>	<b>£23.94</b>

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

Councillors were informed that the bank balance was £14,171.62 and NSI Investment Account £6,758.82

**2018/224 Parish Clerk Vacancy**

Chair Sue Jones reported that we had received 1 application to date.

**2018/225 Correspondence and Information**

Items of correspondence were distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

The following correspondence was received: -

Elizabeth Whatley – Requesting that the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial continues as last year at 11 am. Councillors offered their full support.

Peter Talbot - Letter concerning Conflicts of Interest.

Peter Talbot – Letter concerning the Legal Advice the BSC had received.

Peter Talbot – Letter advising change of Rules of the BSC.

Peter Talbot – Letter regarding GDPR in respect of the publication on the website of the Agreement between the BSC and VHC.

**2018/226 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 (except for the reinstatement insurance), the shop, the car park and the Parish Clerk's office.

**2018/227 Any other business**

- Chair Sue Jones advised that the Opening Ceremony for the new Information Centre would take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.
- Councillor Sarah Lowman confirmed that the first grass cut had been carried out. The Notice Board at Affpuddle had been reinstated following its refurbishment.

**2018/228     Date of the Next Meeting and Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. It will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm