

## **Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Briantspuddle Village Hall on the rising of the Annual Statutory Meeting

Present: Councillors Charles Barter (Vice Chair), Sue Jones (Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Sarah Lowman and Trevor Poole

Also Present: Louise Dowell (Parish Clerk)

### **2019/4 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dorset Council Councillors Laura Miller and Peter Wharf.

### **2019/5 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2019/6 Public Participation**

Campbell de Burgh thanked the Parish Councillors for all their work over the last year.

### **2019/7 Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 April were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

### **2019/8 Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Planning Application WD/D/18/001035 Update**

The Chair reported that the planning officer was hoping to have a final report, planning conditions and a decision on the application soon. The news, received at the earlier Parish Meeting, that Councillor Peter Wharf would be chairing the Liaison Committee to discuss issues at the site, a condition associated with the grant of planning permission at the site, was well received by Councillors.

### **2019/9 Parish Council Vacancies**

Expressions of interest in becoming co-opted councillors had been received from Stuart Chorley and Lizzie Guinn. They both addressed the Council outlining their interests and experience and then they, and the members of the public present, left the meeting. The Chair outlined the process for appointing co-opted councillors.

A proposal was made to appoint both Stuart Chorley and Lizzie Guinn as co-opted Parish Councillors and this was unanimously agreed.

#### **Resolved**

That Stuart Chorley and Lizzie Guinn be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Stuart Chorley and Lizzie Guinn rejoined the meeting and were advised that their co-option to the Council had been approved. Both Councillors completed the necessary forms before joining the meeting, namely;

- Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- Register of Member's Interests

Stuart and Lizzie were welcomed as Parish Councillors to the meeting.

**2019/10 Planning Applications**

**6/2019/0232 – Glebe Cottage, Affpuddle DT2 7HH**

**Erection of Greenhouse**

The Council unanimously voted to approve the application.

**2019/11 Tree Work Applications**

Application TWA-2019-081 – 18 Bladen Valley was noted.

**2019/11 Dorset Council Councillor's Report**

The comments made by Councillor Wharf at the Annual Parish Meeting were noted.

**2019/12 Roads and Highways**

Councillor Barter reported that the works on the B3390 in Affpuddle had slipped and he was not getting any response to emails from Dorset Council officers. This was an unacceptable situation and the Council had not followed through on any of their promises. He considered that Councillor Wharf should help the Parish Council to progress and resolve the situation.

The Chair had chased up the option of moving the traffic lights further apart but nothing had been resolved and the parties involved were all giving different advice and information.

Councillors commented on the signage at the site, the increase in traffic over the holiday periods and the need for someone at Dorset Council to take responsibility for the situation.

**Resolved**

That Dorset Council be pressed to find a resolution to the traffic problems being experienced with the traffic lights on the B3390 in Affpuddle and that Councillor Wharf be asked to pursue this on the Parish Council's behalf. Councillor Sue Jones will discuss the matter with Highways and Councillor Wharf.

**2019/12 Village Hall**

**a) Parish Council Representative**

The Council discussed the options for appointing a representative to the Village Hall Committee. They acknowledged the difficulties that had been faced in the past and hoped that relationships would improve when the new three way working group was established to deal with modernising the Memorandums of Agreement. The Parish Council had limited resources to commit at present but would certainly want to make an appointment in the future. It was hoped that as Councillor Chorley was already on the Village Hall Committee, he could provide liaison and a link between the two parties until the Parish Council was in a position to make an appointment.

The Chair reported that she was still awaiting a response from the other parties to the invitation to form a working group.

**Resolved**

That the Chair advises the Village Hall Committee that the Parish Council does not have the resources to make an appointment at present but intends to do so in the future.

**b) Reinstatement Insurance**

The Chair confirmed that information concerning insurance details for the year 2019/20 has been provided by the Village Hall Committee treasurer.

## **2019/13 Bladen Social Club**

### **a) Review of proposed changes to BSC Rules**

The Chair reported that she had circulated the proposed changes to Councillors and she also asked that if the BSC's rules were revised, the Parish Council be sent an updated copy to append to the Minutes.

Councillor Chorley explained the reasons for the proposed changes which would mean that if the BSC ever folded, any funds remaining would go to a chosen charity.

The Council unanimously voted to approve the proposed changes.

### **Resolved**

That the BSC be advised that the Parish Council supports the proposed changes to their rules. A copy of the updated rules would be requested to append to the Minutes.

### **b) Reinstatement Insurance**

There was discussion about who was responsible for this insurance and long-standing councillors explained the history of the situation, how the insurance valuations had been arrived at and the fact that both the BSC and BVHC were responsible for determining the appropriate reinstatement value.

The Council has not yet received information concerning insurance cover for the year 2019/20 from the Club. However, an email explaining that the information will be supplied once the Club's treasurer returns from holiday, has been received from the Club Secretary.

The Chair explained that the insurance information was needed to comply with the Council's risk assessment policy.

## **2019/14 Financial Report and Authorisation of Payments**

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
100686	Leonora Shepherd	Astro turf for Information Kiosk	£24.20
10087	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils	Annual Subscription	£164.89

The payments were unanimously approved.

It was noted that the balance of the NSI Investment Account was £6,758.82

## **2019/15 Parish Clerk Vacancy**

Louise Dowell had been appointed as the Parish Clerk and was attending her first meeting. She was welcomed by the Chairman.

## **2019/16 Insurance Renewal**

The Chair provided an update on the insurance renewal quotation and confirmed cover had been agreed until June 2019 to accommodate the late payment.

Councillors had a full discussion about the renewal with points being made about the valuation of the Granary and its Listed Building status, the possibility of seeking another valuation, the credentials of the current insurance company and the need to ensure adequate cover is provided. The majority of Councillors agreed that the insurance should be renewed

for one year based on the renewal quotation presented by the Chair.

**Resolved**

That the insurance is renewed for one year, for a sum of £514.10, based on the renewal quotation received by the Chair. The broker will be notified, and the payment will appear on the June Agenda.

**2019/17 Maintenance**

Councillors were pleased with the standard of the grass cutting in the Parish.

It was agreed to write to Linda Holme to thank her for her work in cleaning the Millennium Stone and that Campbell de Burgh be asked to publicise the Stone on the Community Website. Other letters thanking residents for their efforts would also be sent to Leonora Shepherd and Roger Stayte for transforming the adopted telephone box into a mini information centre and to Audrey Grindrod for continuing as the custodian of the kiosk.

**2019/18 Correspondence and Information**

Letters had been sent to the Village Hall Committee and the Bladen Social Club asking them to join a working group to deal with modernising the Memorandums of Agreement and their responses were awaited.

**2019/20 Risk Assessment**

There were no reports.

**2019/21 Any Other Business**

Councillor Poole suggested that the Parish Council considers installing more Waymarkers in the Parish. He had an idea about how to progress this and would report back to the Parish Council. Councillor Lightfoot thought it might be helpful to contact the Rights of Way department at Dorset Council.

Councillor Guinn commented on the suggestion that Councillor Wharf had made about changing the designation of the B3390 and it was agreed that this should be a future Council agenda item.

Councillor Barter raised the condition of various verges and road signs across the Parish. Councillors reported areas of concern that they had noted. Councillor Lightfoot noted that the timing of very cutting had impacted the diversity of species and that it would be a good idea to contact the Ecological Officer at Dorset Council to discuss how this situation could be rectified. Councillor Lightfoot agreed to investigate this issue further, on behalf of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm