

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Graham Lightfoot, Trevor Poole, Stuart Chorley and Andrew Monro.

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

In Attendance: 1 member of the public and 2 representatives from the Dorset National Park Team.

Minute Number **Comments**

19/129 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sarah Lowman, Charles Barter (Vice Chair), Lizzie Guinn and Dorset Councillors Peter Wharf and Laura Miller.

19/130 **To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested**

Cllr Monro declared a non-pecuniary interest in the “Land at Shakes Hole” planning application. The Chair agreed that Cllr Monro could remain in the meeting for the discussion but that he would not participate in either the discussion or the vote.

19/131 **Public Participation Time**

A resident stated that he had contacted Dorset Council about the flooding issue around the junction of Yearlings’ Drove and the road leading to Turnerspuddle. He reports that Highways came out quickly and cleared the grips in order to resolve the situation and asks that the Parish Council thank the Highways Team for a job well done. **Action: Clerk**

Representatives from the Dorset National Park Team presented details of a proposal for a National Park in Dorset. Council members asked questions and discussed the potential impact on the parish. More information can be found on their website at www.dorsetnationalpark.com.

A resident spoke about the “Land at Shakes Hole” planning application, offering background detail to the application and making observations.

19/132 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 13th November 2019**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 13th November 2019 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

19/133 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

The £100 donation received by Parish Council, to use as it sees fit, but associated with the Jubilee Oak, will be discussed at the meeting in January.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact Katie Black to establish the status of the application to install gates at Gulley Lane and to secure the assurances requested by the Parish Council as conditions of any grant of permission.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed that no further action would be taken at this time in response to the removal of the Post Box in Briantspuddle.

Distribution of grit, in line with the Parish Council's Snow Plan was agreed.

RESOLVED to comment online and in the next Parish Magazine, reminding the community that Graham Lightfoot is the Flood Warden and how he may be contacted.

19/134 **Dorset Councillor's report**

There is no report this month due to Purdah.

19/135 **Police and community issues**

It was agreed that the motorbike activity in Sares Wood would be discussed in January so that Cllr Barter could participate.

19/136 **Planning Applications**

WD/D/19/001069

Proposal: Change of use of the land from agricultural to use for leisure purposes including archery, off road, buggy racing, 4x4 vehicle driving and blind driving (with related equipment and structures including poles, flagpoles, fences, vehicles, sheds, portaloos and carting van and the creation of earth bunds - (with variation of conditions 2 & 3 of reference APP/F1230/C/07/2056624 to allow activities to take place on four days per week (excluding Sundays) plus a variation of hours of operation to 8am - 18.30pm between 1st April - 30th September in any calendar year.

Location: LAND AT SHAKES HOLE, SOUTHOVER FARM ACCESS ROAD, TOLPUDDLE

RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application on the same grounds as last time.

The Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council's comments are not on the Dorset Council website, in future the Clerk will check that comments are being included on applications.

Action: Clerk

19/137 **Rights of Way, Highways and Roads**

Drainage issues at Shop Hill/the Hollow

The drains have now been cleared by Highways and a more comprehensive drain clear has been promised. This must be maintained, and it was agreed that Cllr Lightfoot would monitor the condition of the drains and report to county when they need clearing.

Action: Cllr

Lightfoot

Footway to link Briantspuddle and Affpuddle

Although initial discussions with landowners are encouraging, further development of the proposal is needed and more information concerning land ownership is to be gathered. It was agreed that no further action would be taken at this time but that the plans would be reviewed in six months or when new information is available.

Purbeck Roadworks Report

The report was received and there were no comments.

19/138 **Dorset National Park Proposal**

It was agreed that members would look at the website (www.dorsetnationalpark.com) to gain further information but that no decisions would be made at the time. The Parish Council will monitor progress of the plans and reconsider the proposal as it progresses.

19/139 **Maintenance**

Culpeppers Dish Fingerpost

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £275 from normtec to repair the fingerpost.

Briantspuddle Noticeboard

A quote has not yet been received. This will be on the agenda for the meeting in January.

19/140 **Request for Article 4 Direction on the Water Meadows**

The Feedback from Dorset Council was that no action could be taken at this time but that they will monitor the situation through regular checks.

19/141 **Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments**

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no comment to make on the proposal.

19/142 **Candidates for the NALC Small Councils Committee**

RESOLVED not to vote.

19/143 **Climate Change Emergency**

RESOLVED that Councillor Lightfoot would bring an approach to the production of a PC carbon footprint document to the meeting for discussion and approval.

19/144 **Correspondence**

The Chair reported receiving a letter from a resident concerned about the condition of some of the trees bordering The Hollow and calling for the Parish Council to establish ownership of all the trees and ensure that they are properly maintained.

RESOLVED to send a redacted copy of the letter to Dorset Council Highways Team with a copy to Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf and ask that Dorset Highways consider acting as the Parish Council lacks the resources for such a task.

19/145 **Accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £414.07:

- Cheque No: 100718 – Briantspuddle VHC (hire charges) £60
- Cheque No: 100719 – A Bendall (Clerks salary, November) £186.07
- Cheque No: 100720 – M B Wilkes (Grit) £168

It was noted that the bank balance was £22,028.16 as at 29th November 2019 and that the balance of the NSI Investment Account remained at £6,758.82.

19/146 **Items for Next Agenda**

To be sent to the Clerk, deadline for submissions midday Tuesday 31st December 2019.

19/147 **Royal Funeral Protocol**

Agreed to move this item to the meeting in January.

19/173 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8th January 2020, 7.00 pm at Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

SIGNED ON ORIGINAL

.....Chair

Date: 8th January 2020

Sue Jones