

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Briantspuddle Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Trevor Poole, and Lizzie Guinn.

**Chair:** Cllr Sue Jones

**Clerk:** Anna Bendall

**In Attendance:** Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf and PCC candidate David Sidwick.

**Minute Number**      **Comments**

19/191      **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stuart Chorley and Andrew Monro.

19/192      **To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA1972 and consider any dispensations requested**

Cllr Poole declared an interest in agenda item 11.1 (minute 19/200 below) as the tenant of the land where the Jubilee Tree sits. Councillors agreed that Cllr Poole could remain in the meeting for the discussion but that he would not vote on the matter.

19/193      **Public participation time**

David Sidwick who is a candidate for the role of Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, spoke about the role of the commissioner and his plans should he be elected. Further information about the role of Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner can be found at [www.dorset.pcc.police.uk](http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk) where information about the candidates will be available in May.

It was brought to the councils' attention that two long standing residents of Briantspuddle have recently passed away. Sheila Kayll and Cath Wharton will be greatly missed.

19/194      **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

19/195      **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Officers from the Community Highways team have visited the village to look at flood issues including the problems at the bottom of The Hollow. The necessary work is still to be carried out.

19/196 **Councillor Resignation**

The resignation of Councillor Sarah Lowman was noted. In her absence she was thanked for her efforts, especially those which have resulted in a significant improvement to ground and general maintenance across the parish.

The vacancy is to be advertised with an official notice and following that, if there is no request for an election, an advert will be placed in the Parish Magazine and the procedure for co-option will be followed.

19/197 **Dorset Councillor's report**

Parish Councillors expressed concern about the time it takes to display site planning notices and the administration surrounding planning committee meetings. For example, how the location of meetings is decided on and the communication to Parish Councils and members of the public. Councillor Wharf offered some explanation, although Parish Councillors remained concerned that the creation of Dorset Council meant that administrative issues remain.

Cllr Wharf discussed the new Dorset Council Plan. The five key priorities identified within are Economic Growth; Unique Environment; Suitable Housing; Strong, Healthy Communities and Staying Safe and Well.

The full Dorset Councillor's report is available on the Briantspuddle website or through the Clerk.

19/198 **Police and community issues**

PCSO Sarah Hart submitted a Police Report to the council. There were 4 crimes reported in the area in January and these were all to do with poaching or theft of or from vehicles. The full report is available on the Briantspuddle website or through the Clerk.

19/199 **Planning applications**

TWA/2020/003 (tree works in a Conservation Area)

Proposal: (T1) Willow - remove two branches at 12ft and 15ft (potential danger to road users), re-pollard at previous pollard points (at approximately 20ft); (T2) Willow - pollard above the height of the 3rd branch at approximately 16ft; (T3) Willow - remove dead branch, re-pollard both stems at previous pollard points (at approximately 15ft); (T4) Willow - remove low branches, re-pollard at previous pollard points (at approximately 20ft)

Location: St Laurence's Church, Affpuddle, DT2 7HH

**RESOLVED** to make no comment.

TWA/2020/015 (tree works where the tree is subject to a Tree Preservation Order)

Proposal: (T1) Ash - fell and replace with rowan

Location: School Cottage, School Lane, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HR

**RESOLVED** to make no comment.

Dorset Cllr Wharf agreed to seek further information from the case officer about the approved planning application for Shakes Hole as Parish Councillors were

concerned about its approval despite a very similar application having been previously refused. He also agreed to ask the planning authority if they could require Max Events to make greater efforts to combat the litter issue and encourage their customers to dispose of litter appropriately on site. The Clerk will send Cllr Wharf further details about the application. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Wharf**

19/200 **Rights of way, highways and roads**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the prepared policy (and supporting map) for linking Briantspuddle and Affpuddle with a pathway.

Highways officers have provided a map of the trees that Dorset Council are responsible for in the parish and this map will be kept on file for future reference. Cllr Poole is due to meet with a local landowner soon to discuss a tree at The Hollow which may require some attention.

A cycle event is due to take place on Saturday 16th May in the morning and will pass through the parish. No roads will be closed. More information is available on the Briantspuddle website.

The Rights of Way Officer has been in touch with the Landowner of Gulley Lane about the conditions of the recent application to install gates. The Landowner has indicated that improvements to the surface of the lane will be carried out when the weather improves.

19/201 **Maintenance**

**RESOLVED** to accept a quote of £200 for maintenance of the Jubilee Tree subject to consent from the landowner and confirmation that the quote includes the costs associated with the tree works application. Cllr Jones will write to the resident who donated £100 to advise that this is what it will be put towards.

**Action: Clerk and Chair**

The wide grass verge on the western side of the bus shelter is being used by cars waiting with children for the school bus, therefore it has become muddy and cut up. Councillors were informed that tenant intends to plant a hedge to prevent further parking on the verge.

19/202 **Parish Council carbon footprint**

Cllr Lightfoot requires some further information from some councillors before proceeding. He will email Parish Councillors directly to ask for the required information.

19/203 **Dorset Council**

Dorset Council's adoption of the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan 2019 and the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan 2019 was noted.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council has no response to make in relation to the Council's consultation concerning dog control in the Dorset Council area (not including Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole).

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Jones will draft feedback relating to the Dorset Local Plan Parish Council consultation for councillors to comment or add to via email before it is sent. **Action: Clerk and Chair**

19/204 **Broadband across the Briantspuddle Amenity Complex and VE Day celebrations**

**RESOLVED** to defer agenda items 16 and 17 to the next meeting so that Cllr Chorley can participate in discussions.

19/205 **Litter**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will make enquiries as to whether Dorset Council will provide a bin at the layby near Tolpuddle Ball. **Action: Clerk**

**RESOLVED** to hold a litter pick on the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March with the following weekend as a contingency if necessary. Cllr Poole will provide a trailer for disposal of waste.

19/206 **Accounts**

**RESOLVED** to approve the following payments totalling £718.65:

- Cheque No: 100726 – Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee (room hire) £25
- Cheque No: 100727 – A Bendall (Clerk's salary, January) £362.15
- Cheque No: 100728 – AWW Garden Services (replacement for 100724) £331.50

It was noted that the bank balance was £21,001.94 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and that the balance of the NSI Investment Account balance is now £6,812.89.

19/207 **Correspondence received and other items for the next agenda**

A letter has been received from a resident about maintenance of privately owned trees. Cllr Jones will prepare a response.

19/208 **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7.00 pm at Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

**SIGNED ON ORIGINAL**

.....Chair

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Sue Jones