

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th May 2020, remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice-Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Trevor Poole, Lizzie Guinn, Stuart Chorley, A-J Monro and Emily Hall.

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

In Attendance: Dorset Cllr Peter Wharf and one member of the public.

Minute Number **Comments**

20/001 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Dorset Cllr Laura Miller.

20/002 **Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested**

None received.

20/003 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 8th April 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 8th April 2020 be approved. Due to social distancing measures in place as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak, and the need to hold meetings remotely, minutes will be signed at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council.

20/004 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

A letter has been received to notify the PC that a large oak tree has fallen at the Hollow. Cllr Poole confirmed that a large bough can down but not the whole tree. It appears to be on Dorset Council land. Cllr Poole will try to confirm this.

The Covid 19 Group is very active. The shop has responded to the crisis and have expanded its stock and services (including home delivery) in order to support the community. It was hoped that once this crisis is over the community will continue to support the shop. It is very clear that the shop and post office have provided a vital contribution to the safety and wellbeing of parishioners.

20/005 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was discussed.

DC has taken the decision not to open beach car parks. This is an effort to reduce the effects of tourism on the number of cases of the Covid-19 virus in Dorset.

There has been an increase locally of people using car parks and picnic benches. Members of the public should remain vigilant and take steps to protect themselves.

Dorset Council is now holding virtual meetings. Further details are available on their website.

The full Dorset Councillor's report is available on the Briantspuddle Community website. For residents who do not have internet connection a copy can be obtained from the Clerk. The Dorset Council Website continues to be updated regularly, with the latest information and guidance about Covid-19, as does the Briantspuddle Community Website, www.briantspuddle.info

20/006 **Highways**

The drains at Shop Hill have still not been unblocked despite several efforts. Dorset Council are now planning to replace a pipe. Councillors pointed out that it would be more cost effective to maintain drains frequently rather than replace neglected sections. Cllr Wharf will take this feedback to Dorset Council.

Wildflower verges will go ahead in the parish. The possibility of having somewhere local where grass cuttings can be disposed of was discussed. Cllr Hall offered that Rogershill farm as a site for disposal and the Council gratefully accepted this offer.

Household recycling centres are now open for essential waste only.

A resident has reported a poor surface to the pavement opposite the shop. This will be followed up once the lockdown is over.

A ward walk is still planned. Cllr Wharf will chase this up and find out when it may be able to take place. **Action: Cllr Wharf**

20/007 **Tree felling in Affpuddle**

A Copper Beech tree was felled without consent. The tree was under a power line and was previously trimmed down as a result. DC confirmed that the resident may have been advised incorrectly by them that consent was not required, and they will therefore not be taking action against the landowner. The landowner has been advised that they are required to plant a replacement tree. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the tree officer to convey the Council's disappointment and ask that at least one substantial tree is planted to replace the Copper Beech and that power lines should be considered when determining the location of the new tree(s).

A large branch has fallen from a sycamore tree in the church yard. The tree is dangerous and needs felling. The Church Warden has had difficulty getting advice from Dorset Council. Cllr Jones will offer assistance with the matter. **Action: Chair**

20/008 **Planning and other applications**

- 1.1. 6/2020/0145 (Listed Building Consent)
Proposal: Internal alterations to include rearrange position of staircase & installation of upstairs toilet with associated pipework.
Location: Well Cottage, 5 Throop Hollow, Throop, Dorchester, DT2 7JD
- 1.2. 6/2020/0146 (Listed Building Consent associated with application above)
Proposal: Internal alterations to ground floor partition.
Location: Well Cottage, 5 Throop Hollow, Throop, Dorchester, DT2 7JD

RESOLVED to support both applications.

20/009 **Finance and accounts**

The Parish Council received a grant request from Briantspuddle Village Shop for £150 to support the purchase of equipment to enable electronic payments. The total cost will be £300. Since this application the Shop Committee have identified a Grant which they intend to follow up before calling on Parish Council funds.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will fund the full cost of £300 if the shop is unsuccessful in its grant application to Dorset Council.

RESOLVED to extend the deadline for S133/S137 grant applications to the end of September. **Action: Clerk**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £715.18:

- Cheque No: 100736 – A Bendall (Clerk’s salary & reimburse costs) £362.15
- Cheque No: 100737 – David Griffith (reimburse for software) £36.00
- Cheque No: 100738 – R.E. RANDALL (Noticeboard repair) £119.03
- Cheque No: 100739 – Community Heartbeat Trust (Defib. support) £162.00
- Cheque No: 100740 – Campbell de Burgh (reimburse for website) £36.00

It was noted that the bank balance was £26,194.34 as at 30th April 2020 and that the balance of the NSI Investment Account remains at £6,812.89.

20/010 **Correspondence received**

The PC annual insurance is due for renewal. The quotation is just under £500 for the year. However, there was an omission to the cover and as a result the Clerk has sought a revised quotation.

RESOLVED to accept the renewal quote and that the Chair and Clerk will have delegated authority to approve the difference when a fresh quote arrives. Councillors will be informed via email.

20/011 **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 10th June 2020, 7.00 pm. This meeting is also likely to be held remotely using Zoom. Members of the public will be able to participate and details of how to access the meeting will be included on the agenda which will be on the website.

Meeting closed at 8:03 pm.

.....Chair

Date:

Sue Jones