

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th August 2020, remotely via Zoom

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

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

In Attendance: One member of the public.

Minute Number **Comments**

20/034 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Dorset Cllr Wharf.

20/035 **Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested**

Cllr Poole declared a personal interest in the item relating to the felling of trees at Stable Barn in Affpuddle (20/040 below). Councillors agreed that Cllr Poole need not leave the meeting at the appropriate point but that he would not participate in any discussion.

20/036 **Public Participation**

A resident raised concerns about dog fouling in the Parish. This is taking place on rights of way as well as highways and roadside verges.

RESOLVED that the next magazine article will inform residents how to report this problem and that the clerk will contact the dog warden for advice and to confirm if any bylaws exist in the parish. **Action: Clerk**

20/037 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 8th July 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 8th July 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.

20/038 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Cllr Poole is still working on the tree survey at The Hollow.

Councillors asked for an update on the matter of the tree felling in Affpuddle and the subsequent internal investigation into the advice given by Dorset Council. The Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent to the officer requesting to be informed of the conclusion of the investigation and to be advised once officers had confirmed that a suitable replacement tree had been planted. There has not been a response to date. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase for a response. **Action: Clerk**

20/039 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was discussed.

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.

20/040 **Planning and other applications**

The three following tree works applications were considered and it was agreed that no comments would be submitted:

TWA/2020/055 (Tree works in a conservation area)

Proposal: (G1) Line of silver firs - fell; (G2) Group of Douglas firs - fell; (G3) Overgrown Leylandii hedge – fell

Location: Stable Barn, Affpuddle, DT2 7HH

TWA/2020/060 (Tree works in a conservation area)

Proposal: (T1) Ash - reduce the crown to the points indicated on the submitted annotated photograph ref. 1714-07, remove potentially weak branches indicated on submitted annotated photographs ref. 1714-08 and 1714-08 (secondary branches with a diameter of approx. 100mm)

Location: Diggory Venn, Affpuddle, DT2 7HH

TWA/2020/068 (Tree works in a conservation area)

Proposal: (T1) Lime - re-pollard to previous points approximately 6 metres regeneration; (T2) Lime – remove.

Location: Bridge House, Moor Lane, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HR

20/041 **Guidance from NALC on holding face to face meetings**

The guidance was considered, and it was agreed that it was not appropriate to schedule a physical meeting at this time and that the remote meetings were effective. The Council will keep the matter under review.

20/042 **Household refuse and recycling collections**

Councillors agreed that the staff at Dorset Waste Partnership have worked hard to maintain collections throughout lockdown and that the community is very appreciative of this. It was however noted that bins are not always returned neatly to where they were left, and lids are sometimes left off bins. Councillors were concerned that this will cause inconvenience as we move into a wetter season and bins could fill with water. It was agreed that the Council will write to DWP to express the gratitude of the community for their hard work throughout a challenging time but to request that bins are left tidier and with lids on going forward.

Action: Chair and Clerk

There have been occasions recently where waste collections have been delayed by several days which is a concern particularly when food bins are left out in the heat. Unfortunately, staff shortages and increased household waste has caused some delays and DWP have advised of this and apologised for the inconvenience. There is a webpage where residents can report missed collections if their bin alone was missed but the collection has taken place. The next article in the parish magazine will include this information along with a link to the website.

20/043 **Verge cutting**

Verge cutting at Waddock Cross has been completed. Through chasing this, it was found that Dorset Council are conducting a review of the conservation verges in Dorset. It is not yet known whether Parish and Town Councils will be consulted but Councillors agreed that local knowledge would be of use. It was agreed that Cllr Lightfoot would consider which verges ought to be included as conservation verges.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot

20/044 **Fence bordering the land around the village hall.**

The fence to the east of the village hall needs repair. Land Registry Title information shows that the responsibility to the fence lies with the neighbour. Cllr Poole agreed to approach the landowner informally in the first instance to resolve the issue.

Action: Cllr Poole

20/045 **Risk register**

A risk register prepared by the Clerk was considered. It was agreed that it needs to be confirmed whether the PC as landowner, or the tenants are responsible for getting buildings valued to ensure sufficient insurance cover. The Clerk will investigate the matter and the risk assessment will be considered again at a later meeting.

Action: Clerk

20/046 **Internal audit**

The internal audit this year was conducted by Darkin Miller Limited. An estimate was sought after a recommendation of a neighbouring Parish Council and the spend was authorised by the Chairman in accordance with financial regulations (estimate £259 ex. VAT).

20/047 **Auditor recommendations**

The internal auditor's report was considered along with recommendations which were all agreed to. The full report is available on the Parish Council section of the Community website under 'Council Finance'.

20/048 **Exemption Certificate**

The 2019/20 Certificate of Exemption was approved.

20/049 **Governance Statement**

The 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement was approved.

20/050 **Accounting Statements**

The 2019/20 Annual Accounting Statements were approved.

20/051 **Payments and accounts**

It was noted that on the 31st July 2020 the Barclays Account balance was £22,756.26 and the NS&I account balance was £6,812.89.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £750.76:

- Cheque No: 100750 – A Bendall (Clerk's salary & expenses) £400.00
- Cheque No: 100752 – Darkin Miller Ltd (Internal Audit) £350.76

20/052 **Correspondence received**

A resident reported that a pile of soil was left against an Ash tree near Bridge House by Dorset Council. Prior to the meeting however, Dorset Council returned and removed this.

Reports of an accident on the B3390 were received. It was agreed to approach the highways authority to ask that they consider traffic calming solutions.

Action: Clerk

The NALC are consulting on government plans to increase the powers of Parish Councils. It was agreed that Councillors would like to be able to input into a drainage/ road surface plan which the highways authority would then undertake. Cllr Lightfoot will respond and begin work on suggestions for a plan.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot

A resident has reported increased traffic coming through the village from the campsite to the south of Briantspuddle with some vehicles speeding. The Council will keep the matter under review.

A visitor to the Parish reported being met with some hostility when unknowingly parking in a place which obstructed local traffic including farm vehicles. The Chair replied on behalf of the PC and there has been no further correspondence on the matter.

A resident has raised concerns about on street parking and the difficulties that this can cause for vehicular access, including that of emergency vehicles. It was agreed that the next magazine article would encourage responsible, considerate parking and ask that drivers make use of off-road parking where possible.

Dorset Council have asked for the Parish Council opinion on Ironman Weymouth taking place this year. The route passes through the Parish. Councillors agreed

that it would not be appropriate to hold the event during such a large-scale pandemic and that an objection would be made. **Action: Clerk**

20/053 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Wednesday 9th September 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.

Agenda items to include a discussion on the Bladen Social Club/Briantspuddle Village Hall Memorandum of Agreement for Hiring.

Meeting closed at 8:38 pm.

SIGNED ON ORIGINAL

.....Chair

Date:

Sue Jones