

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8th July 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: One member of the public.

Minute Number **Comments**

20/023 **Apologies for absence**

None received.

20/024 **Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested**

Cllr Chorley declared an interest in the item relating to rents for tenants (20/029 below) as Chair of the Village Hall Committee. Councillors agreed that Cllr Chorley need not leave the meeting for the discussion.

20/025 **Public Participation**

A resident raised concerns about reference made in the June edition of the parish magazine to the recent tree felling in Affpuddle and called into question the accuracy of the report. Correspondence was also received in relation to this matter prior to the meeting. The article stated that the tree had been felled before consent had been obtained. The Parish Council has been made aware that in fact the tree had been cut three quarters of the way though the trunk, at which point the landowner was made aware of the need to apply for consent and contacted Dorset Council. Permission was subsequently given under section 206 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to complete the felling.

The article sought to highlight the need for residents in the Piddle Valley Conservation Area to obtain permission before carrying out work to trees on their land. Reference was made to the incorrect advice given by Dorset Council to one resident, that permission to fell a tree was not needed. This mistake is being investigated by the Tree Officer.

An article will be placed in the August edition of the Parish Magazine to clarify what happened with the benefit of additional information.

RESOLVED to ask the tree officer for details of the investigation once it is complete and to place an article in the Parish Magazine.

20/026 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 10th June 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 10th June 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.

20/027 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Cllr Poole has established that posts around the poplar plantation to the north east of the village were only placed to mark the boundary and the landowner has no intention to add fencing of any sort at this time.

Concerns were raised again about use of the floodplains land being sold. The Parish Council will continue to monitor this.

Dorset Council have confirmed that they will make time for a ward walk in order to discuss highways issues, but this will not be able to occur until after lockdown restrictions are lifted.

The verge at Waddock Cross has still not been cut. Cllr Barter is liaising with the Highways team to reach a resolution.

It was agreed that the new deadline for community grants of the end of September should be sufficient as most community groups are now meeting regularly again, even if meetings are virtual. The deadline will be highlighted in the parish magazine.

20/028 **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.

20/029 **2020/21 rents for tenants of Briantspuddle Amenity Complex**

The Parish Council recognises the burden that lockdown has imposed on its tenants, limiting their ability to function and fundraise. In order to support the organisations during challenging times The Parish Council considered offering a rent holiday for one year. The rents concerned are:

- Bladen Social Club £200
- Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee £80
- Briantspuddle Village Shop and Post Office £50

RESOLVED to offer one year without rent payments to all three tenants.

Action: Clerk

20/030 **Draft revised DAPTC constitution**

RESOLVED to respond in agreement with the proposed constitution.

20/031 **Finance and accounts**

The Financial Statement for the 1st quarter of 2020/21 was reviewed and accepted.

RESOLVED to pay the annual data protection charge by direct debit reducing the annual cost to £35.

RESOLVED to approve the request for the Clerk to attend training at a cost of £35.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £953.27:

- Cheque No: 100746 – A Bendall (Clerk’s salary) £362.15
- Cheque No: 100747 – Silversands (Office subscription for PC) £59.99
- Cheque No: 100748 – DAPTC (Annual Subscription) £168.35
- Cheque No: 100749 – A. Chorley (Reimburse for PPE) £275.87
- Cheque No: 100750 – A. Chorley (wellbeing project supplies) £86.91

20/032 **Correspondence received**

Bladen Social Club has responded to the letter from the Parish Council to advise it will not require outdoor space for their activities as lockdown restrictions have been relaxed. This means the building can be used again as a club.

An email was received from a resident regarding trees at the Hollow. Cllr Poole is working with residents and Dorset Council to establish the exact location of boundaries so that tree owners can be identified, and work can commence.

A resident has raised concerns about the recent work carried out on willows in the Peace Garden of St Laurence’s church in Affpuddle. A tree officer is expected to attend site as part of his management of the application to completion.

The High Sheriff’s Community Award to groups was discussed along with possible nominations. It was agreed that Cllr Jones would take this forward.

20/033 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Wednesday 12th August 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 discussing a timeline for returning to standard face to face meetings and refuse collections.

The Bladen Social Club/Briantspuddle Village Hall Memorandum of Agreement for Hiring will be discussed at the September meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:26 pm.

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Date:

Sue Jones