

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th November 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
- Also in Attendance:** One member of the public.

Minute Number	Comments
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20/085	Apologies for absence
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None received.

20/086	Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested
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Cllr Poole declared an interest in the item relating to the maintenance of the Jubilee Tree, along with his intention not to participate in discussions or vote on any decision relating to this item (20/091 below).

Cllr Lightfoot declared an interest in the item relating to the amenity complex working group, along with his intention not to participate in discussions or vote on any decision relating to this item (20/092 below).

Cllr Chorley declared an interest in the item relating to the amenity complex working group, along with his intention not to vote on any decision relating to this item (20/092 below).

20/087	Public Participation
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A member of public spoke regarding the item relating to traffic in the parish. Concerns included the volume and speed of traffic as well as the size of some agricultural vehicles.

The possibility of setting up a Community Speed Watch group was discussed. The Police can help to set this up but a minimum of six volunteers will be needed. Anyone interested in being involved in such a group should contact the Clerk by email for further details at clerk@briantspuddle.info.

The Parishioner who suggested the scheme will investigate what is required in setting it up and will report back to the Parish Council.

20/088	Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 14th October 2020
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RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 14th October 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.

20/089	Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings
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The owners of 36 Briantspuddle are content with the draft agreement relating to the fence between their property and the Village Hall. A map will be created to help identify the

boundary and then a meeting will be arranged in order to have the agreement signed as soon as restrictions around movement and gatherings allow for this.

20/090 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was received and there were no matters arising. The full Dorset Councillor's report is available on the Briantspuddle Community website. For residents who do not have internet access, 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.

20/091 **Planning and other applications**

The following temporary road closure was noted:

- Notification of road closure
Location: B3390 WADDOCK CROSS
Date: 8th December
Purpose: For BT to carry out periodic pole test examination on 1 X telephone pole.

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

- TWA/2020/115 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: 1 - Silver birch – fell; 2 - Cherry - reduce by approximately 8ft to achieve an approximate height of 18ft; 3 - Leylandii – fell.
Location: Hanthorpe Cottage, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HR
- TWA/2020/119 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: (T1) Conifer - fell; (T2) Maple - reduce back to previous pruning points, up to 2m, and reshape
Location: 29, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT
- TWA/2020/122 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: (T1) Jubilee Oak - Prune branches nearing the BT lines to give a clearance of 2m from lines to nearest foliage; Lift remaining crown to 5.2m to allow safe passage of high sided vehicles
Location: Land to east of no.4, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HR

20/092 **Amenity Complex Working Group**

Replies to the Council's invitation to set up a working group to discuss how the Parish Council and its tenants can best work together for the benefit of the community moving forward, have been received from The Village Hall and The Bladen Social Club. It was agreed to extend the invitation to the Village Shop Committee.

The Parish Council will suggest a remit for these discussions so that meetings can be arranged between representatives from all four organisations. It is likely that this will include a proposal to review the various governing agreements in place between the parties. In the meantime, Councillors will seek some advice from the legal team at Dorset Council about how the existing agreements relate to each other.

20/093 **Traffic, roads, and transport**

Councillors discussed the issues recently raised by residents as well as ideas for improving roads in the parish. It was agreed that the recent Parish Council response to a request for input into the Purbeck Transport Strategy would form the basis for a Highways Strategy for

the Parish. The Strategy will identify key priorities for improving road safety throughout the Parish. Cllr Barter will continue to work on this and once adopted by the Parish Council, it will be used to lobby the highways authority.

20/094 **Tree felling in Throop**

The Parish Council has referred recent extensive tree and hedgerow removal in Throop to Dorset Council. The Parish Council is not aware that any permissions have been given by Dorset Council to carry out the work. Normally there is a need to make an application before carrying out tree works within a conservation area.

20/095 **Dog waste bin – Throop**

Residents in Throop have independently installed a makeshift bin for dog waste, but it was recently damaged. They requested that the Parish Council try to get a replacement bin from Dorset Council on the understanding that the residents would continue to empty the bin. The Clerk has made enquiries with Dorset Council, but it is not their policy to provide such bins.

It was agreed that the Dog Warden would be asked to visit the area and to make recommendations.

20/096 **Fingerpost Damage**

Over the summer the Culpepper's Dish Fingerpost was badly damaged by a car running into it. The post is owned by Dorset Council and as such Officers were approached to fund the repair, which amounts to nearly £1,000. The Parish Council has been informed that it is no longer the policy of Dorset Council to maintain Fingerposts. However, legal Officers have agreed to fund the repair as they can claim the costs back by making a third-party insurance claim. This is because the accident was witnessed and reported to the police.

Councillors are concerned that other damage to Fingerposts would not be repaired by Dorset Council based on their current policy. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of the Parish Council taking ownership of the Fingerposts and adding them to its own insurance.

The Clerk will make enquiries with the Parish Council insurance provider to determine if the posts can be covered under the insurance and how much this would cost.

20/097 **Risk Register**

The Risk Register was considered. Councillors asked that the Clerk seek assurance from tenants to confirm that the Village Hall and Social Club are both insured for the full reinstatement value.

Action: Clerk

RESOLVED that the Risk Register be approved.

20/098 **Asset Register**

RESOLVED that the Asset Register be approved.

20/99 **Consultations**

RESOLVED that Cllr Lightfoot would submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council to the consultation on Dorset Council's Climate Strategy and Action Plan.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot

The Parish Council had no comment to make in response to the consultation on the future of Dorset Council's three Tourist Information Centres.

20/100 **Payments and accounts**

It was noted that on the 30th October 2020 the Barclays Account balance was £25,769.72 and the NS&I account balance was £6,812.89.

A large amount of gritting salt remains in store from last year so no more will need to be purchased this year.

An S133/137 grant application from Affpuddle PCC was considered. The application was to maintain two lawnmowers and purchase other grounds maintenance equipment. £200 remained in the budget for grant applications and the Parish Council agreed to award this full amount to the PCC.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £1071.16:

- Cheque No: 100763 – Briantspuddle Village Hall £500
- Cheque No: 100764 – AWW Garden Services £127.50
- Cheque No: 100765 – A Bendall (Clerk’s salary & expenses) £443.66

20/101 **Correspondence received**

The Monitoring Officer advised that he had received a query regarding Cllr Chorley’s Register of Interests. Cllr Chorley updated his form in September 2019, but Dorset Council did not receive a copy. The form has been submitted and will appear on Dorset Council’s website shortly.

20/102 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Wednesday 9th December 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 9 pm.

SIGNED ON ORIGINAL

.....Chair

Date:

Sue Jones