

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th October 2020, remotely via Zoom

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

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also in Attendance: Dorset Cllr Peter Wharf

Minute Number **Comments**

20/069 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Emily Hall and Dorset Cllr Laura Miller.

20/070 **Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested**

Cllr Poole declared an interest in the item relating to the maintenance of the Jubilee Tree (20/082 below). Cllr Poole did not vote on any decision relating to this item.

Cllr Monro declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the tree works application 2020/102 and the items relating to the campsite at Throop Hollow Farm (20/075 below), the maintenance of the Jubilee Tree (20/082 below), and the planning white paper (20/081 below). Cllr Monro withdrew from the meeting for the discussions of each of these items.

Cllr Chorley declared an interest in the item relating to the consideration of S133/137 grant applications as the Village Hall Committee have applied (20/082 below). Cllr Chorley did not vote on any decision relating to this item.

20/071 **Public Participation**

No members of the public were in attendance.

20/072 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 9th September 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 9th September 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.

20/073 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Cllr Guinn reported that there does not appear to be much of a litter problem along the Dorchester Road now between the B3390 junction and the turning for the A35. It is therefore not seen as cost effective to have a litter bin installed near the layby. Cllr Guinn offered to keep this under review and collect any litter when passing.

Letters have been sent to the Bladen Social Club Committee and the Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee inviting them to nominate representatives to join a Working Group to discuss the future and agreements currently in place between the parties.

20/074 Dorset Councillor's report

The Dorset Councillor's report was discussed.

Financial Support is available to eligible individuals on a low income who must self-isolate due to the Covid-19 virus. Claims can be made by visiting www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment or calling 01305 221000.

Dorset Council have some significant concerns about the Government's plans to alter the planning process and have submitted a response to the consultation.

Cllr Wharf was asked about Dorset Council's plans to construct an energy installation on DC land. Cllr Wharf advised that negotiations are ongoing and therefore the details are confidential at this stage.

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.

20/075 Throop Hollow Farm Camp Site (summer 2020)

The Parish Council considered the concerns expressed by residents about the effects on the Parish as a result of the large pop-up campsite at Throop Hollow Farm.

Concerns included increased traffic throughout the Parish and the unsuitability of small rural roads and lanes to cope with the volume of traffic that was drawn to the site. Noise was also a concern with live music being played late into the evening. There was also concern expressed about the number of people coming to this small rural parish during the pandemic. In particular, concerns over social distancing.

The Parish Clerk will respond to all parishioner letters received and answers to a number of questions about the rules relating to campsites will be sought from Dorset Council.

Action: Clerk

20/076 Planning and other applications

6/2020/0380

Proposal: To remove hedge & replace with 1m 30cm brick wall.

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

RESOLVED to support the application.

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

- TWA/2020/099 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: (T1) Ash - Reduce by a maximum of 2m to leave a balanced canopy
Location: Old Barn Cottage, Affpuddle, DT2 7HH
- TWA/2020/100 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: (T1) Ash - Reduce large limb highlighted in pink in the submitted photo by approximately 3m to an appropriate growth point, remove two lowest limbs over gravel area.
Location: 35, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT

- TWA/2020/102 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: Willow - reduce to previous pruning points (as per previous consent ref. TWA/2012/0104)
Location: Cruck Cottage, 31, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT

20/077 Fence at the boundary between 36 Briantspuddle and the Village Hall

Previously, Councillors agreed that the chain-link fence marking the boundary can be removed but that the boundary will be marked. The wooden fence that lies close to the boundary, can be left in place for now. This temporarily extends the outdoor space of the Village Hall and reduces the garden of number 36. A suitable alternative can be re-erected on the boundary when appropriate.

A draft agreement prepared by Cllr Poole was discussed. Councillors agreed that the agreement appeared to be very thorough and suitable and that it would not be necessary to purchase legal advice in this instance as the agreement presents no risk to the Parish Council as there would be no loss of land on the Village Hall side of the fence.

Cllr Poole will send the draft to the owners of 36 Briantspuddle and subject to their agreement of the terms, the formal agreement will be signed by both parties.

Action: Cllr Poole

20/078 Risk Assessment

Cllr Barter will review the risk assessment carefully before it is agreed next month.

Action: Cllr Barter

A rebuild cost assessment will be carried out on The Old Granary before the next insurance renewal is due.

20/079 Fingerpost Damage

The insurance claim is progressing.

Quotes were considered for the repair work.

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £980 from Normtec. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

20/080 Purbeck Transport Strategy

Councillors asked for an update on the Rural Roads Strategy prepared by Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC). The Clerk was able to confirm that this has been submitted to Dorset Council and that PAPC are awaiting a response.

RESOLVED that Cllr Barter will draft a response to the request for input. This will be agreed via email.

Action: Cllr Barter

20/081 Planning for the Future (white paper)

RESOLVED that Cllr Lightfoot would submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot

20/082 **Payments and accounts**

It was noted that on the 30th September 2020 the Barclays Account balance was £26,523.38 and the NS&I account balance was £6,812.89.

The Financial Statement for the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2020/21 was received and reviewed.

Quotes for the maintenance of the Jubilee Tree were considered.

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £384 from Ross Giles.

RESOLVED to authorise spending of £30 for new councillor training.

RESOLVED to authorise spending for a wreath for Remembrance Sunday (will be under £50).

S133/137 Grant applications were considered.

Affpuddle PCC applied for a grant but due to legal restrictions in place, the Parish Council cannot financially support the church. It is possible though for the Parish Council to contribute toward the costs of maintaining a churchyard. Councillors therefore agreed to extend the deadline to the end of November to allow the PCC an opportunity to submit an alternative application if they wish.

Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee applied for a contribution towards the cost of a new dishwasher. Usually the Parish Council holds its meetings at the hall and has a budget for hall hire. This year however, due to the pandemic and restrictions in place, all meetings since April have had to be remote. Councillors agreed to repurpose £300 from the budget for hall hire and award this, along with £200 from the budget for grants, to the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED to amend the budget as detailed above and grant an total of £500 to the Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £933.66:

- Cheque No: 100758 – Briantspuddle Village Shop £100
- Cheque No: 100759 – AWW Garden Services £238
- Cheque No: 100760 – A Bendall (Clerk's salary & expenses) £443.66
- Cheque No: 100761 – Community Heartbeat Trust £162

20/083 **Correspondence received**

A letter was received from a resident in Affpuddle with concerns about traffic, parking, and road safety on the B3390 through the village. Councillors discussed these concerns and agreed that, in light of several recent concerns raised about traffic in different areas, traffic control measures throughout the parish would be discussed at the meeting in November. Any residents wishing to input into the discussion will have an opportunity to participate at the meeting or may contact the Clerk in advance.

The Council was made aware that there had been a fire at a barn in Throop. The cause of the fire is not known.

There have been several thefts from vehicles around the Puddletown area. Vehicles with power tools have been targeted and broken into. Local people are advised to not leave valuables in vehicles. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police.

20/084 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Wednesday 11th November 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.

Items to include traffic control measures throughout the parish.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

SIGNED ON ORIGINAL

.....Chair

Date:

Sue Jones