

## Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, remotely via Zoom

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

**Chair:** Cllr Sue Jones

**Clerk:** Anna Bendall

**Also in Attendance:** Two members of the public.

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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20/120	<b>Apologies for absence</b>
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None received.

20/121	<b>Declarations of interest and dispensations requested</b>
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Cllr Monro declared a pecuniary interest in both the planning consultation and tree works application for Throop House. In accordance with the member Code of Conduct it was agreed that Cllr Monro would enter the waiting room during these agenda items (20/126 below).

Cllr Chorley declared an interest in both items relating to the Briantspudde Village Hall and Social Club along with his intention to participate in the discussion but not to vote on any decision relating to these items (20/127 and 20/128 below).

20/122	<b>Public Participation</b>
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Councillors were briefed on early investigations into options for improving accessibility to the shop and post office which will allow residents with mobility difficulties to access the shop independently. The Committee wanted the assurance that the Council, as landlord, would be willing to consider such alterations to the exterior.

Councillors agreed that improving access would be beneficial to the community and that they would be willing to consider suitable options. The Conservation Officer at Dorset Council has been contacted for input and it was agreed that the PC Chairman would follow up on the advice given with Peter Wharf our Dorset Councillor. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit the planning application when the time came.

Councillors were updated on the local interest shown in the voucher scheme available to support the installation of Full Fibre Broadband. Several residents in both Affpuddle and Briantspudde have expressed their interest and contractual discussions are underway with two potential suppliers. Councillors expect to receive a further update in February.

20/123	<b>Confirmation of minutes of the A&amp;TPC meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>
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**RESOLVED** that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 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 or before the end of the financial year.

## 20/124 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Councillor Jones has not yet spoken to Dorset Councillor Wharf regarding the potential to adopt fingerposts in the Parish but will do so.

Councillor Guinn will take over the responsibility for updating the noticeboard in Affpuddle.

Dorset Council is unlikely to consider a 20-mph speed limit to be suitable for the B3390 through Affpuddle. Councillors discussed other possible roads for the consideration of 20-mph limits including the road connecting Affpuddle with Southover and the roads through Throop. It is understood that Dorset Council is currently reviewing the policy and so this discussion will be revisited at a later date.

The West Lulworth Area Operational Plan was discussed along with the general management of Lulworth Estate as a visitor attraction through the pandemic. It was agreed that Councillors would be keen to discuss this with Dorset Councillor Laura Miller, who has been involved in visitor management in Lulworth and Durdle Door. The Clerk will request that Laura Miller attends the Parish Council meeting in February for this purpose.

**Action: Clerk**

## 20/125 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was received and noted. There were no matters arising from the report for discussion.

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](http://www.briantspuddle.info).

## 20/126 **Planning and other applications**

Planning Consultation 6/2020/0467

Location: Throop House, Throop Hollow, Throop, Dorchester, DT2 7JD

Proposal: Conversion of building to create two new dwellings, with associated parking and garden areas.

**RESOLVED** to support the application but raise concerns about the parking provision as there is limited off-road parking in the area and the roads are narrow and frequently used by large agricultural vehicles. The Council would therefore like further consideration to be given to the provision of sufficient off-road parking within the curtilage of the property.

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

TWA/2021/002 (Tree works in a conservation area)

Description: (T2) Willow - Crown raise to approximately 4m above ground level; (T5)

Weeping beech - Crown raise to approximately 3m above ground level; (T6)

Foxglove tree - Crown raise to approximately 5.5m above ground level by removing

lowest dead limb and lowest branch on right hand co-dominant stem; (T7) Copper

beech - Crown raise to approximately 3m above ground level, reduce crown by up to

4m and remove lowest primary branch (growing as a 3rd limb). Remains of Meripilus

giganteus; (T9) Oak - Remove lowest lateral branch back to main stem, reduce

remaining lateral branches by up to 3m

Location: The Dairy House, Turnerspuddle, DT2 7JA

TWA/2020/140 (Tree works in a conservation area)  
Description: (T1) Tulip tree - fell due to included union at 2m  
Location: Throop House, Throop Hollow, Throop, DT2 7JD

20/127 **Agreements with tenants**

The Heads of Agreement between The Parish Council, Bladen Social Club and Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee dated 20th March 1986, and the Memorandum of Agreement between Bladen Social Club and Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee dated 20 February 2019, were both discussed.

Councillors again raised concerns that the agreements contradict one another. The possibility of replacing the 1986 agreement with a more modern agreement which best suits the current requirements of all parties and is fit for modern purpose was also discussed.

Although the Bladen Social Club Committee has stated that they do not wish to discuss the agreements, it is hoped that positive working group discussions around the future of the amenity complex might pave the way for a joint review of agreements. The Village Hall Committee have expressed their willingness to have these discussions. The Parish Council considered that any variation to the 1986 Agreement would need all 3 parties to agree.

20/128 **Briantspuddle Amenity Complex Working Group**

Councillors agreed that initially the working group would be asked to discuss the ongoing sustainability of the amenity complex and any ideas for evolving the current activities. The scope of further meetings will very much be informed by these initial discussions.

**RESOLVED** to write to Bladen Social Club Committee, Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee and the Friends of Briantspuddle Village Shop and Post Office, to ask that each organisation nominate two representatives to attend a virtual meeting in order to undertake initial discussions. **Action: Clerk**

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Clerk will support the working group by arranging meetings and taking minutes. **Action: Clerk**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Andrew Monro and Emily Hall will represent the Parish Council on the working group.

20/129 **Off-road motorbiking in local forests**

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

20/130 **Waste collections**

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

20/131 **West Lulworth Area Operational Plan Consultation**

Councillors discussed concerns relating to the impact of road closures on other parts of Dorset as well as the nearest villages.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lightfoot would submit a response on behalf of the Council.

20/132 **Payments and accounts**

A financial statement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of financial year 2020-2021 was received.  
**RESOLVED** to move £14000 from the general reserve to earmarked reserves (£70 for winter contingencies, £130 for elections, £8800 for the Old Granary and £5000 for assets).

RESOLVED to accept a quote from Rebuild Cost Assessment of £160 to have a valuation carried out on the Old Granary. The Clerk will instruct the contractor. **Action: Clerk**

**RESOLVED** to approve the following payments totalling £996.14:

- Cheque No: 100770 – A Bendall (Clerk’s salary & expenses) £396.95
- Cheque No: 100771 – SLCC (training) £42
- Cheque No: 100772 – Ross Giles Tree Surgery £384
- Cheque No: 100773 – DAPTC (training) £35
- Cheque No: 100774 – Briantspuddle Village Shop (funding award) £138.19

20/133 **Banking arrangements**

**RESOLVED** to transfer the Parish Council bank account to the Unity Trust bank and add Cllr Lightfoot as an additional signatory. Cllrs Jones and Barter will remain signatories on the account and the Clerk will be registered for internet banking for administrative purposes but will not be able to authorise payments.

20/134 **Budget**

**RESOLVED** to approve the budget prepared by the Clerk for financial year 2021-2022. A copy of the budget appears as appendix A of the minute book and is available under the Parish Council Finance section of the Briantspuddle Community website.

20/135 **Precept**

**RESOLVED** that the Precept issued for financial year 2021-2022 will be £10,729.16. The uplift represents 1.2% which is equivalent to an average increase per household of £1.89 for the year.

20/136 **Review of Clerk’s Salary**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk’s salary will remain SCP 7 of the pay scale agreed by the NJC, until further review

20/137 **Correspondence received**

All correspondence will be discussed at the next meeting.

20/138 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 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 9:10 pm.

.....Chair

Date:

Sue Jones