

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice-Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Lizzie Guinn, Stuart Chorley, Emily Hall and David Leigh-Ewers.

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also, in attendance: Two members of the public

Minute Number **Comments**

21/015 **Apologies for absence**

None.

21/016 **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

Cllr Chorley declared an interest in the agenda item on the Village Hall Committee vacancy (minute 21/027 below) and did not participate in either discussion or vote.

21/017 **Co-option**

David Leigh-Ewers gave a short presentation to support his co-option onto the Parish Council. Following this presentation and in line with the Council's policy all members of the public were asked to leave the room while the council considered the application for co-option.

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of David Leigh-Ewers as a co-opted member of the Council. The Chair invited Councillor Leigh-Ewers to join the other members and welcomed him as a new Parish Councillor.

21/018 **Public participation**

A member of the public spoke regarding the Dead Woman's Stone and explained that members of the T. E. Lawrence Society had recently visited and remarked that the stone should be cleaned.

21/019 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 5th May 2021**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 5th May 2021 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

21/020 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Following an email from Dorset Council, Cllr Graham Lightfoot met with Nitrate Mitigation and Compensation Project Officer Lyn Cooch to discuss the potential for developing a shallow wetland on land in Briantspuddle owned by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council. A feasibility report has yet to be concluded. The Parish Council will be kept up to date as the matter progresses.

Following complaints from residents last year about amplified music at the pop-up campsite enquiries have been made with Dorset Council about reporting complaints. Should residents get in contact with the Parish Council they will be given the relevant information and contact details.

An update was given as to the status of works which have been carried in Throop and at Cecily's Bridge without the relevant permissions. An enforcement file has been open in both cases. As things stand the Tree Officer is not considering a prosecution but he has or will be writing to the parties concerned expressing the need to seek the necessary permissions before work begins.

RESOLVED to write to Dorset Council to make sure that letters are sent to both the landowner and the contractor as well as stressing the need to gain the necessary permissions before work commences. Should the situation arise again in the conservation area, the Parish Council would expect enforcement action to be taken.

Action: Letter to be sent to the Tree Officer

The planning enforcement case at Southover Woods Campsite has yet to be concluded. Dorset Council has written to the landowner to advise that a planning application should have been made and to advise that one is submitted retrospectively. If such an application is not submitted, enforcement action will be considered. The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority have also attended the site to give advice regarding fire prevention given concerns raised about campfires. The Fire Authority have advised that standards of fire safety on site were found to be good.

21/021 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was received and noted.

Household recycling centre charges were discussed and specifically, whether these charges result in increased fly-tipping. The matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

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.

21/022 **Dead Woman's Stone**

Following on from the discussion during Public Participation:

At the time of the war memorial cleaning, advice from the conservation officer was to allow monuments to age naturally. Cleaning is not encouraged however it was agreed in this case that cleaning would be permitted to ensure inscriptions were legible. The Dead Woman's Stone has no engravings but benefits from a metal information plate which has been installed to explain its history. It was agreed that cleaning in this case would not be appropriate considering the advice previously received from the Conservation Officer.

It was agreed that both the Millennium Stone and Dead Woman's Stone will be added to the Parish Council's risk register so that their condition will be monitored annually.

Action: Clerk

21/023 **Fibre broadband**

Several properties in Affpuddle are progressing with plans to gain fibre broadband to the property through Wessex Internet.

Openreach is intending to upgrade the exchange in Bere Regis. A survey is to be undertaken to determine the plan to bring fibre to properties from this and other exchanges earmarked for upgrade. The Parish Council is keen to be involved and to ensure, so far as possible, that all properties in the Parish are included in any plan. It was agreed to discuss

the matter with Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf to gain his support for this initiative. It is hoped Peter Wharf will be able to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.

Action: Cllr Jones

21/024 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

6/2021/0137 Householder Planning Application and 6/2020/0571 Listed Building Application
Location: Peony Cottage, 21, Affpuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HH

Proposal: Construct a drainage channel to the rear and side and retrospective permission to erect an outbuilding and erect a garage.

RESOLVED to **object** to the retrospective application for 2 buildings:

- The application appears to be incomplete. There are five buildings within the curtilage of this Grade II listed building in the Conservation area, three of them of substantial size. So far as we are aware none have listed building consent.
- The cumulative impact and poor design do not enhance this listed building which was carefully rebuilt following a devastating fire.

6/2021/0072 Householder Planning Application and 6/2021/0073 Listed Building Application
Location: Oakerswood Cottage, Oakerswood, Affpuddle, Dorchester, DT2 8QZ

Proposal: Ground floor rear extension to form sunroom.

RESOLVED to **support** the application.

6/2021/0283 Listed Building Application

Location: Briantspuddle Bridge Briantspuddle Dorset

Proposal: Undertake concrete repairs on underside of arches, repair/replace stones in headwalls and repoint. Repair concrete footpath. Install loose rock aprons.

RESOLVED to **support** the application.

RESOLVED to submit no comments on the following tree works applications:

- TPO/2021/058 (Tree Works)
Description: Lime Tree (T6) - Pollard to approximately 10-12m. Lime Tree (T7) - Fell. Lime Tree (T8) - Pollard to approximately 10-12m. Lime Tree (T9) - Pollard to approximately 10-12m.
Location: 33, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT
Tree Preservation Order: District of Purbeck (Briantspuddle Dairy) TPO 2011 (Ref. TPO 380)
- TWA/2021/056 (Tree Works)
Description: Beech (T1) - Carry out a full canopy reduction. Reducing tertiary and secondary branches by 3m. Silver Birch (T2) - Fell. Silver Birch (T3) - Fell. Apple Tree (T4) - Carry out a full canopy reduction. Reducing tertiary branches by 0.5m leaving a balanced shape. Apple Tree (T5) - Carry out a full canopy reduction. Reducing tertiary branches by 0.5m leaving a balanced shape. Willow (T10) - Fell. (T11) - Carry out a full canopy reduction. Reducing tertiary and secondary branches by a maximum of 3m. Beech (T12) - Fell. Beech (T13) - Fell. Beech (T14) - Carry out a full canopy reduction. Reducing tertiary and secondary branches by a maximum of 3m. Location: 33, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT
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Conservation Area: Piddle Valley Conservation Area
- TWA/2021/061 (Tree Works)
Description: 6x Willows - Remove stems and branches that are obstructing the flow of the river.
Location: North of Brockhill Fish Farm, Brockhill, Wareham, BH20 7NH
Conservation Area: Piddle Valley Conservation Area
- TPO/2021/050 (Tree Works)

Description: T1 Lime - Pollard to a height of approximately 10-12m.
 T2 Lime - Pollard to a height of approximately 10-12m.
 Location: 30, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT
 Tree Preservation Order: District of Purbeck (Briantspuddle Dairy) TPO 2011 (Ref. TPO 380)

21/025 **Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Liaison Group**

Draft minutes from the first meeting of the Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon Liaison Group were discussed. It was confirmed that the one-way system for farm vehicles is not always used as drivers are able to communicate with each other to avoid the need to pass each other. Any contractors are advised to use the one-way system.

21/026 **Code of Conduct**

RESOLVED to adopt the new LGA model Code of Conduct.

Councillors were advised of the training available on the Code of Conduct and the new system for declaration of interests.

21/027 **Village Hall trustee**

Due to vacancies on the Parish Council, fewer Councillors are having to share the workload between them. Therefore because of workload it is not possible to nominate a trustee to the Village Hall Committee at the moment. The situation will be reviewed regularly.

21/028 **Internal audit**

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'.

21/029 **Exemption Certificate**

RESOLVED to approve the 2020/21 Certificate of Exemption.

21/030 **Annual Governance Statements 2020/21**

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statements 2020/21.

21/031 **Annual Accounting Statements 2020/21**

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2020/21.

21/032 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Payee Total
23/06/2021	A. Bendall	Salary	£369.13	
		Home working allowance	£10.00	£379.13
23/06/2021	C. de Burgh	Reimburse for website hosting fee	£36.00	£36.00
23/06/2021	DAPTC	Subscription	£173.40	£173.40
23/06/2021	Darkin Miller Ltd.	Internal Audit	£267.05	
		Internal Audit (VAT)	£53.41	£320.46
		Total		£908.99

21/033 **Correspondence received**

A resident has pointed out that several small ash trees are growing up into the canopy of the Commemorative Oak Tree near to the bus shelter in Bladen Valley and ought to be removed for the benefit of the oak. The matter will be considered but now work will be considered until after the nesting season.

A request was received for a location for a clothing bank to support Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. The Parish Council has no suitable land for this but there is a possible offer from a private landowner. Discussions are ongoing. Whether or not a suitable location in the parish can be found, it was agreed to publish information on the Briantspuddle Community Website about the nearest clothing bank locations.

The Parish Council has been asked to consider planting a tree to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It was agreed to discuss whether a tree (possibly an oak) could be planted on Erica Trust land. Cllr Lightfoot will make enquiries.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot

21/034 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 14th June 2021, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

.....Chair
Sue Jones

Date: