

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 14th July 2021 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

- Present:** Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice-Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Lizzie Guinn, Stuart Chorley and Emily Hall.
- Chair:** Cllr Sue Jones
- Clerk:** Anna Bendall
- Also, in attendance:** One member of the public and Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf

Minute Number Comments

21/035 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor David Leigh-Ewers.

21/036 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

Cllr Lightfoot declared an interest in tree works application TWA/2021/066 (minute 21/043 below) and did not participate in either discussion or vote.

21/037 Public participation

A member of the public spoke regarding the improvements to the fibre broadband network. Dorset Councillor Wharf has suggested that greater support would be needed from central government to progress, as suppliers are private companies unwilling to make improvements that do not make economic sense for their organisations.

Agenda item 7 was brought forward and discussed at this point.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Peter Wharf to request to be a part of a Rural Pilot Scheme for the full replacement of copper by fibre and that a letter be sent to the rural engagement officer at BT to request an update.

A resident has approached Cllr Chorley with concerns regarding dog fouling and the cutting of vegetation along footpaths without his permission as a landowner. It was agreed that it was not possible to discuss the issues without the parishioner attending the meeting or conveying his concerns in writing. Cllr Chorley will advise the resident of this and invite him to either attend the next Council meeting or write to the Clerk.

21/038 Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 23rd June 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 23rd June 2021 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

21/039 Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings

Cllr Lightfoot has provisionally agreed with the Erica Trust that an oak to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee could be planted at the top of Bladen Valley along the path running to B3390, inside the deer enclosure. It was agreed that a substantial tree of 5 foot tall would be appropriate be sought. Cllr Lightfoot will continue discussions.

21/040 Dorset Councillor's report

The Dorset Councillor's report was received and noted.

Parish councillors queried traffic monitoring strip being installed without the highways authority being presented with a reason for them. Councillor Wharf confirmed that landowners and developers do not need to give a reason and that Dorset Council do not have any rights to copies of the data collected.

Parish councillors again raised concerns about the standard of care taken with waste collections. Dorset Councillor Wharf will raise these concerns with the appropriate officers.

The full Dorset Councillor's report is available on the Briantspuddle community website. For residents who cannot access this, 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.

21/041 Verges and highways

A resident contacted the Clerk in June and raised concerns about the overgrown verges along the C79 between Briantspuddle and Affpuddle, particularly given the increase in traffic there because of the near road closure. The matter was reported to the highways authority and eventually addressed.

- Peter Wharf will send the verge cutting policy and make enquiries as to whether the Dorset Council have any plans to invest in equipment more suited to sloped verges to support the cut and collect scheme.
- Peter Wharf will try to arrange a Ward Walk as soon as possible but reiterated the online reporting tool for any highway issues.
- Potholes on The Hollow have been repaired following online reporting.

21/042 Community Speed Watch

There is some interest in setting up a community speedwatch group in Affpuddle. There may be an opportunity to combine with Puddletown where volunteers are also looking to establish a group. This would reduce the cost as it could be shared between both Councils. Cllr Guinn will make enquiries locally to find more volunteers for a group and the Clerk will put a message in the Parish Magazine. This will be revisited if enough volunteers can be found.

21/043 Planning and other applications/notifications

The following Temporary Event Notices (TENs) were received for Throop Hollow Farm (TENs are for information only and the Parish Council is not able to comment, support or object):

Date	Times	Alcohol	Entertainment (music)
23-25 July	19:00 – 22:30	Yes – all days	19:00 – 22:45 24 July only
29-31 July	19:00 – 22:30	Yes – all days	19:00 – 22:45 30 July only
6-8 August	19:00 – 22:30	Yes – all days	19:00 – 22:45 7 August only
13-15 August	19:00 – 22:30	Yes – all days	19:00 – 22:45 14 August only
20-22 August	19:00 – 22:30	Yes – all days	19:00 – 22:45 21 st August only
26-30 August	19:00 – 22:30	Yes – all days	19:00 – 22:45 27, 28 and 29 August

The following tree works application was received with no comment:

TWA/2021/066

(Tree works in a conservation area)

Description: T1 Ash - Re-pollard. T2 Cherry trees - Fell. T3 Conifers - Fell. T4 Cherry - Crown lift to give 3m clearance from ground. T5 Cherry - Fell. T6 Spruce - Crown lift to 4m from ground level. T7 Cherry - Crown lift to 4m from ground level. T12 Holly - Cut to give 2m clearance from building. T13 Ash - Cut to give 2m clearance from building. T14 Ash - Cut to give 2m clearance from building. G1 Beech - Remove stems under 80mm in diameter. G2 Conifers - Fell. G3 Ash - Fell.

Location: 24 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HP

21/044 **Grants**

It was noted that the Grant Policy needs to be amended as the incorrect payment date was shown. Payments will be made in November. The availability of the grant awards will be advertised in the parish magazine with details of the timescale and where to find the application form.

21/045 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

14/07/2021	A. Bendall	Salary	£369.13
		Home working allowance	£10.00
		Zoom subscription (from May)	£11.99
		Zoom subscription (VAT)	£2.40
14/07/2021	AWW Garden Services	Grounds keeping	£331.50
09/08/2021	ICO – (Direct Debit set up already)	Data protection annual fee	£35
Total			£760.02

21/033 **Correspondence received**

Correspondence has been received from Dorset Council which confirms that the C79 past Bladen Valley which connects Briantspuddle and Affpuddle is an adopted highway and that the Highways Authority is responsible for maintenance. The Clerk is acquiring a map from Dorset Council which confirms the extent of the verges that the Highways Authority is responsible for.

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

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 11th August 2021, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Items for the next agenda to include grit/salt for highways, road safety for pedestrians, jubilee celebrations and an update on the war memorial insurance claim following damage caused to one of the protective bollards by a Damory bus.

Meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

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Sue Jones

Date: