

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

- Present:** Cllrs Graham Lightfoot, Emily Hall and David Leigh-Ewers.
- Chair:** Cllr Sue Jones
- Clerk:** Anna Bendall
- Also, in attendance:** One member of the public and Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf.

Minute Number	Comments
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21/050	Apologies for absence
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Apologies were received from Councillors Lizzie Guinn, Charles Barter and Stuart Chorley.

21/051	Declarations of interest and dispensations requested
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None.

21/052	Public participation
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Following a request from the Village Hall Committee ideas for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee next June were discussed. Ideas included a "Jubilees through the ages" photograph display; the creation of a Parish tapestry to celebrate the Queen's reign; a dog show or fete and a "big lunch" or street fayre. Ideas will be passed to Councillor Stuart Chorley who is also the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

21/053	Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 11th August 2021
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RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 11th August 2021 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

21/054	Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings
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Dorset Council have confirmed that traffic surveys cost £250+VAT for the first site and then £175+VAT for any additional sites monitored at the same time, in the same area. Any proposal to carry out traffic surveys in the Parish will be considered at the October meeting.

A fence has been erected on the east side of the road north of Briantspuddle bridge. Concern has been expressed that the fence was so close to the road pedestrians would find it difficult to step into the verge to avoid oncoming traffic. It has also been confirmed that Highways do not own the verge and as such the landowner is entitled to erect the fence.

Drain/gulley clearing that is needed can be reported through the Dorset Council website. For pre-emptive clearing, Peter Wharf has suggested that requests be made through him. This is currently a desire for the drains at the bottom of shop hill to be cleared due to run off from The Hollow track. A meeting is due to be held on Friday 10th September to discuss the ongoing maintenance issues regarding the track and so this will be discussed then.

21/055	Dorset Councillor's report
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The Dorset Councillor's report was received and noted. The report is available on the Briantspuddle community website. For residents who cannot access this, a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

Councillors discussed their experiences of requesting information or action from Officers at Dorset Council. Some responses have been slow or lacking full explanation. Recent discussion about

what constitutes a statutory nuisance is a particular example. Peter Wharf agreed to follow this up but also explained Dorset Council had staff shortages and heavy workloads.

21/056 **Grit/salt**

Councillors discussed the possibility of purchasing grit bins for locations within the Parish. The Highways Authority class grit bins as either strategic or community, based on location. All are filled for free by Dorset Council once a year and strategic locations are also topped up for free. The replenishing of community grit bins falls to the Parish Council. Cllr Lightfoot will create a plan of potential locations which may be considered as Strategic and this will be passed to Highways for comment.
Action: Cllr Lightfoot

21/057 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

6/2021/0411 (Householder Planning Application)

Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Orangery extension following the demolition of an existing conservatory.

Location: Symmonds Cottage, 25 Affpuddle, Dorchester DT2 7HH

RESOLVED to support the application.

P/TRC/2021/03109 (Tree works in a conservation area)

Proposal: (1) Willow - Pollard at a height of approximately 2m. (2) Poplar - Fell. (3) Sycamore - Fell. (4) Poplar - Fell. (5) Scots pine - Fell. (6) Sycamore - Fell.

Location: 6 The Hollow Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HX

RESOLVED to make no comment

Due to some difficulties with accessing planning applications on the new online system, the Clerk will now include links on the agenda to the planning applications.
Action: Clerk

21/058 **Insurance Claim**

The insurance company has paid out for a claim following damage to the war memorial protective bollard. A solicitor has been instructed to attempt to recover the costs from Damory. If successful, the insurance excess will also be paid to the Parish Council. The claim was based on a stone mason quote to repair the bollard (£656 exc. VAT) and a quote to rectify damage to the grass (£42.50 VAT n/a). This work will be instructed.

21/059 **Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Parish Council receives a small portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from planning developments where this is payable. It must be spent within 5 years and the Parish Council has £309.46 which will be spend in the current financial year. The Parish Council hopes to be able to use the money to commemorate the Jubilee next year and will consider the matter again at a future meeting.

21/060 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

08/09/2021	A. Bendall	Salary	£369.13
08/09/2021	A. Bendall	Home working allowance	£10.00
08/09/2021	AWW Garden Services	Grounds keeping	£42.50
Total			£421.63

21/061 **Correspondence received**

Dog fouling has been reported throughout the Parish. This anti-social behaviour is also an offence and a public health concern. The Dog Warden has the power to issue fines to those failing to clear up after their dogs. However, the Dog Warden covers a very large area and will prioritise work based

on evidence that a problem exists. It has been confirmed that reported incidents, via the Dorset Council website, constitute the evidence required before any action is taken.

Notices will be placed on noticeboards throughout the Parish giving the information necessary to report offences.

A concern has been expressed about the cutting back of vegetation along a right of way before obtaining the landowner's permission. Councillor Lightfoot has contacted a DC rights of way officer for advice on the matter and is awaiting a reply.

Concern has been expressed that signs such as "no fouling" have reportedly been removed or vandalised on private land. This is a police matter and the Parish Council has been informed that reported incidents are taken into account when officers plan their patrols.

A letter was received from an individual raising concerns about how the Parish Council handled recent discussions about advertising of the village shop at a campsite during the ongoing pandemic and requesting detailed information be shared with the Shop Committee. The intention of the Council was always to protect the interests of the wider community. It was agreed that Councillors Sue Jones and Charles Barter would offer to attend a Shop Committee meeting to talk through any concerns. It was considered that a face to face meeting would be more helpful than corresponding by letter. A reply will be sent to the individual explaining the action the Parish Council is proposing.

A letter has been received about on-road parking opposite the village hall in the Ring which has meant that residents have not been able to park outside their property. This matter will be included as an Agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

21/062 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

It was agreed that face coverings would no longer be required at Parish Council meetings.

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 13th October 2021, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

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Sue Jones

Date: