

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Graham Lightfoot, Lizzie Guinn, Stuart Chorley, Charles Barter (Vice-Chair) 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**

21/080 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor David Leigh-Ewers.

21/081 **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

Councillor Charles Barter declared an interest in the agenda item for the planning application at 1 Hillside, Affpuddle (minute 21/088 below). Councillor Barter left the room during the discussion and vote for this item.

21/082 **Public participation**

A resident expressed some concern about the wellbeing of the coronation oak near to the bus shelter in Briantspuddle as a result of ash saplings growing close to it. The Chair confirmed that the verge is privately owned, although the Parish Council has been allowed to carry out some work on the oak with permission from the landowner. As concern had been expressed about whether the ash saplings are adversely affecting the oak, the Tree Officer from Dorset Council has been asked to comment on the matter. His reply is anticipated.

A resident asked if there were plans to hold a litter pick. The pandemic has meant that the usual spring litter picks have been delayed for 2 years and the increase in litter is noticeable. Whilst a litter pick is planned for next spring it was decided to organise one for this autumn as an interim measure. The date decided on is Saturday 20th November 2021. Volunteers are asked to meet in the village hall between 9.30 am and 12 noon. All equipment will be provided. Notices will appear on parish noticeboards and on the community website.

The Council was informed that the conservation officer appears to have some concerns regarding the planning application at 1 Hillside, Affpuddle. Councillor Wharf has pointed out that the officer is new and has recently been taking a much firmer approach to planning matters than the previous officer. Councillor Wharf offered to discuss this with the conservation officer if the Parish Council felt that permission ought to be granted.

21/083 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 8th September 2021**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 8th September 2021 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

21/084 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Councillor Lightfoot has asked Ian Styring to advise on potential locations for grit bins and is awaiting a response.

21/085 **Dorset Councillor's report**

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.

Councillor Wharf reported that Children's Services have recently had an Ofsted inspection after a previous inspection highlighted areas where improvements were needed.

Dorset Council is carrying out a consultation on household waste collections. The Parish Council raised concerns regarding missed collections. Councillor Wharf confirmed that staff will usually not return to collect missed recycling collections as these materials will not rapidly degrade but will come back if general waste collections are missed.

Some Parish Councillors report that the standards of care taken by collection crews had improved whilst others disagreed. It would appear that the approach may not be consistent. Any residents with particular concerns should contact the Parish Council which will consider any action that might need to be taken.

Peter Wharf was advised that glass had recently been dropped on a road in Briantspuddle by a collection crew collecting waste and that they had not cleared up this mess. Councillor Chorley has photographs and will send them to Peter Wharf.

ACTION: Cllr Chorley

21/086 **Hollow Track working group**

This agenda item was moved forward at the Chair's discretion.

Ownerships and responsibilities have been confirmed, including the extent of the end of the track that the highways authority is responsible for.

A report concerning possible solutions carried out in 2014 has been discussed and the landowner and frontagers have now met to discuss potential improvements to the track and how to finance these, using the report to inform discussions. In the report, an officer from Natural England offered to provide further help and consultation on projects being considered by owners. A further meeting will be arranged with Dorset Councill officers.

Dan Williams (Dorset Council Flood Risk Officer) has agreed to offer advice.

Peter Wharf has stated that the French drain could be assessed, and any improvements considered once the track has been maintained and improved as it is difficult to determine how effectively it is working whilst gravel is being regularly washed into the drain.

21/087 **Traffic Surveys**

This agenda item was moved forward at the Chair's discretion.

In the light of the potential development in Crossways (Draft Local Plan), the Parish Council has concerns regarding the B3390 and would like a traffic survey to baseline speed and volume of traffic.

RESOLVED to request that Dorset Council carries out a traffic survey on the B3390 at its own expense to both look at the severity of the issue at present, and also have a baseline for the speed and volume of traffic in order to properly consider the potential impact of this proposed development and any mitigation that would be suitable.

ACTION: Clerk

The Parish Council will discuss traffic surveys and speed limits again in November and consider any requests to alter speed limits.

21/088 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

P/HOU/2021/02711 (Householder Planning Application)

Proposal: Replacement porch

Location: 1 Hillside, Affpuddle, Dorset, DT2 7HQ

RESOLVED to support the application and ask Peter Wharf to review the application, add his own response and discuss with the conservation officer.

P/HOU/2021/03347 (Householder Planning Application)

Proposal: Proposed retractable pool enclosure

Location: Moorlane House, Moor Lane, Briantspuddle, Dorset, DT2 7HW

RESOLVED to support the application.

P/LBC/2021/02465 (Listed Building Consent Application) and P/HOU/2021/02464 (Householder Planning Application)

Proposal: Internal alterations to form first floor bathroom and new extractor in wall. Raise chimney level, lime render cottage and retrospective for window installation.

Location: Brock Hill House, Brockhill, Dorset, BH20 7NH

RESOLVED to support the application.

21/089 **Payments and accounts**

The Financial Statement for the second quarter of 2021-2022 was received.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total
A. Bendall	Salary	£369.13	
A. Bendall	Home working allowance	£10.00	£379.13
Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support (Node 4495)	£135.00	
Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support (Node 4495) (VAT)	£27.00	£162.00
Briantspuddle Village Hall	Hall hire	£60.00	£60.00

21/090 **Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation**

RESOLVED to respond to the consultation suggesting that a new right of way is created linking Briantspuddle and Affpuddle for pedestrians and cyclists; that improvements are made to the footpath between the Dairy House (Turnerspuddle) and Brock Hill Trout Farm on the Piddle where existing wooden walkways are rotted and dangerous; and that the remains of the ancient pavements are preserved alongside the road between Throop Clump crossroads and Smokeham Bottom (Culpeppers) cross roads, and the road to Bovington from Smokeham Bottom (Culpeppers) cross roads. Councillor Lightfoot will assist the Clerk with the response.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Lightfoot

21/091 **Community Governance Review**

RESOLVED to make no comment.

21/092 **Grants**

RESOLVED to award £220 to Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle PCC to be put toward the servicing and maintenance of its lawnmowers used to maintain the churchyard.

21/093 **Correspondence received**

A resident wrote to the Parish Council with concerns regarding on-road parking and to suggest that the car park at Briantspuddle Amenity Complex is allowed to be used by holiday makers, residents, and their visitors when it is not in use by the Village Hall, shop or Social Club.

The social club and the hall have seen their use of the amenity decline over the pandemic, but it is hoped that they will soon be as busy as ever. Based on these organisations likely use of the car park, it is difficult to see how a workable plan could be found for the additional parking requested. The Parish Council is of the view that opening the car park for residential parking would cause parking problems elsewhere in the village and as such could be counterproductive and would therefore be inappropriate.

A response will be sent to the resident explaining the Council's position.

ACTION: Clerk

21/094 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Verge maintenance. Speed limits.

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 10th November 2021, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Items on the agenda will include verge maintenance and speed limits/traffic surveys.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

.....Chair
Sue Jones

Date: