

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

- Present:** Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice-Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Lizzie Guinn, Emily Hall and David Leigh-Ewers.
- Chair:** Cllr Sue Jones
- Clerk:** Anna Bendall
- Also, in attendance:** One member of the public.

Minute Number Comments

21/095 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stuart Chorley and Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf.

21/096 **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 21/097 below). Councillor Barter left the room during the discussion and vote for this item.

Councillor Lizzie Guinn declared an interest in the agenda item for the planning application Affpuddle Manor (minute 21/103 below). Councillor Guinn left the room during the discussion and vote for this item.

21/097 **Public participation**

The owner of 1 Hillside, Affpuddle, spoke to explain the reasons for the application: Improving the aesthetics of the front of the property, improving the energy efficiency of the porch through improvements to the roof and windows and increasing indoor floor space.

At the Chairman's discretion the agenda item pertaining to the planning application was moved to be discussed at this point.

[P/HOU/2021/02711](#) Householder Planning Application which may be referred to the Planning Committee which will meet before the December Parish Council meeting.

Proposal: Replacement porch

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Jones will attend the Planning Committee meeting (should the application be referred) to reinforce the Parish Council's support of the application. The conservation officer had indicated that the proposed extension does not enhance the conservation area and as such objects to the application. Whilst the Parish Council understands that such matters must be considered by an officer, it is inevitable that an element of subjectivity will inform the decision. On this occasion, taking account of how other houses along this stretch of road have developed over the years, Parish Councillors are not in agreement with the Officer's judgement in this case. **Action: Cllr Jones**

21/098 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 13th October 2021**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 13th October 2021 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

21/099 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Councillor Lightfoot has met with the Community Highways Officer to discuss issues at the bottom of The Hollow track. The Officer has agreed that Dorset Highways will fill the pothole on the bell mouth.

Both agreed that the French drain is clear enough to be taking in and expelling water and that any drainage issues are likely to arise because of water not being able to permeate through the compacted surface of the track to reach the drain.

Some frontagers from The Hollow track are seeking further expert advice on diverting water away from the track without causing risk to nearby properties.

A proposal to place a salt bin at Briantspuddle crossroads was considered. A position close to the fingerpost was proposed and it was agreed to write to the landowner to find out whether they would have any objection to siting the bin at this location. The matter will be considered again at the December meeting by which a response from the landowner is anticipated. **Action: Cllr Lightfoot**

An oak tree has been ordered to be planted on land owned by the Erica Trust to mark the Queen's Jubilee next year. Cllr Lightfoot will collect the tree or organise for delivery and will plant it.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot

21/100 **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.

21/101 **Traffic Surveys and speed limits**

Councillors discussed the possibility of requesting reduced speed limits on specific roads. Correspondence was received before the meeting from a member of the public pointing out that in the London area, 20mph speed limits are becoming far more common and questioning why this is not the case in Dorset. Councillors agreed that lower speed limits should be considered more generally.

RESOLVED to write to Dorset Council challenging its speed limit policy and requesting that it be reviewed and that a more positive approach to reduced speed limits in rural areas (particularly 20mph) be introduced. **Action: Clerk**

Councillors discussed the desire for traffic data for the B3390. Dorset Council have been asked to fund a traffic survey prior to allocating further areas for development in and around Crossways. The response was not clear, so it was agreed to write to Highways about the matter again.

Action: Clerk

21/102 **Verges**

RESOLVED that Cllrs Lightfoot and Barter will put together a plan of the verges throughout the Parish. Once this has been completed, they will present a proposal detailing which verges should be cut and how often. The possibility of taking advantage of the "cut and collect" scheme will also be considered. Once the plan is agreed, Dorset Council will be asked to adopt it.

Action: Cllrs Lightfoot and Barter

21/103 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/VOC/2021/02798](#) (Variation of Condition Application) and [P/LBC/2021/04206](#) (Listed Building Consent Application)

Proposal: Application to Vary Condition 2 on Approved P/A 6/2019/0116 & 6/2019/0117 (Demolish existing single storey extension and erect orangery. Replace door with window. Convert stables into guest suite and convert wood barn into living space. Alterations to vehicular access.) to raise the flat roof by 500mm to allow for insulation with glass roof and link to outbuilding to be omitted. Existing internal window between utility and orangery to be removed and blocked up and block up doorway between kitchen and orangery to be taken out and reinstated.

Location: Affpuddle Manor Affpuddle Dorchester DT2 7HH

RESOLVED to support this application.

[6/2021/0247](#) (Listed Building Consent Application)

Proposal: Fuel oil heating system and tank to be replaced with an air source heat pump.

Location: The Old Stables, Briantspuddle Dairy, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HT

NOTE – there were no documents on the planning website pertaining to this application, so the full details were unavailable, and Councillors therefore felt unable to properly consider the application.

RESOLVED to submit no comment because Parish Councillors couldn't see documents online. The Officer will be asked to explain the documents' absence.

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

In reference to comments made on planning application [6/2020/0467](#), where the Parish Council requested that consideration be given to further off-road parking, 3 parking spaces are now proposed for each of the two units (two in the car port and 4 parking spaces). This meets the parking standards for rural locations. In addition, there are also areas of hardstanding on site which have the capacity to provide additional on-site parking were it ever to be required.

The Planning Officer requests confirmation that this alteration satisfies the Parish Council's concerns. Such confirmation would allow the application to be determined as a delegated decision rather than being considered by the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED to confirm that the alteration is considered to be sufficient.

Proposed temporary closure of Unnamed Road, Pallington

Reason: to provide Openreach with a safe working area to undertake pole tests.

Location: in the vicinity of Sculptures by the Lakes (in both directions), a distance of approximately 150 metres

Dates and times: from 09:30, 29th November 2021 until 15:30, 29th November 2021

RESOLVED to submit no comment

Proposed temporary closure of Milsom Lane, Tincleton

Reason: to provide Openreach with a safe working area to undertake pole tests.

Location: Milsom Lane, Tincleton from the junction with Dark Lane to a point approximately 800 metres south east (in both directions).

Dates and times: from 09:30, 6th December 2021 until 15:30, 6th December 2021

RESOLVED to submit no comment

21/104 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to retrospectively approve the payment of £17 to E. Moriarty for the Remembrance Day wreath (authorised using delegated powers in accordance with Financial Regulations)

The following receipts were noted:

Briantspuddle Village Hall	Rent	£40.00
Bladen Social Club	Rent	£100.00
Mr and Mrs Talbot	Way Leave	£12.00
AVIVA	Insurance claim pay-out	£573.50
DAC Beachcroft	Reclaim of insurance excess	£125.00
Dorset Council	Precept	£5,364.58

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total
A. Bendall	Salary	£369.13	
A. Bendall	Home working allowance	£10.00	£379.13
PCC of Affpuddle and T.	Grant	£220.00	£220
Briantspuddle Village Hall	Hall hire	£54.00	£54.00

21/105 **DAPTC AGM**

No Councillors available to attend. **RESOLVED** to send apologies.

21/106 **NALC election to the Smaller Councils Committee**

RESOLVED to not vote.

21/107 **Changes to the procedure for the declarations of interest**

RESOLVED that ordinarily members will notify the clerk of their intent to declare an interest in an agenda item in advance of any meeting as soon as possible after the agenda is issued. Any dispensation request should be made at the same time. This will allow sufficient time to consider whether a dispensation is suitable and seek advice if necessary. Failure to notify the Clerk in advance of the meeting does not in any way impact a member's obligation to declare their interests at the relevant meeting but dispensations will not usually be granted unless sufficient notice has been given which enables the request to be properly considered.

21/108 **Code of Conduct Training**

Councillors who have attended the training all agree that it was an informative and useful training session. Councillors Guinn and Chorley have not been able to attend yet and it was agreed to request a further training session. **Action: Clerk**

21/109 **Correspondence received**

Correspondence was received advising that the agenda had not been made available for the October meeting on the website before the meeting. This was as administrative error relating to the process for updating the website, and the agenda was published as usual on noticeboards. Safeguards have been put in place to prevent this error from happening in future.

21/110 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 8th December 2021, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

.....Chair

Date:

Sue Jones