

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

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

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Also, in attendance: Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf.

Minute Number	Comments
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21/111	Apologies for absence
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Apologies were received from Councillors Stuart Chorley and Lizzie Guinn.

21/112	Declarations of interest and dispensations requested
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None.

21/113	Public participation
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None.

21/114	Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 10th November 2021
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RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 10th November 2021 be approved and signed in the presence of the meeting.

21/115	Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings
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The property owner nearest to the proposed salt bin location has no objections to the proposal. It was agreed that the proposal would be included in an article in the parish magazine.

A Southover Farm Slurry Liaison Group Meeting took place again on the 6th of December. The lagoon is expected to begin filling shortly and will be operational in the new year. Another meeting will be scheduled for March. The lagoon is expected to be empty over every summer and will begin filling again each autumn.

Following a concern raised earlier this year from a landowner that vegetation had been cut back along a footpath running across the land, advice has been received from a senior ranger at Dorset Council. In summary it is the responsibility of landowners to ensure that paths are sufficiently wide and easily accessible so that there is no need for any additional clearance. A useful guide about management of rights of way was enclosed along with the advice and this has been published on the community website. It includes information concerning how walkers can report overgrown footpaths.

The community litter pick on Saturday 20th November 2021 was very successful. The Parish Council thanks all those who took part and aims to organise the usual litter pick again in the coming spring.

The Erica Trust is acquiring professional advice from Natural England regarding improvements to the Hollow Track.

21/116 **Traffic Survey**

RESOLVED that a traffic survey will be commissioned for a section of the B3390 running through Affpuddle during 2022 at a cost of £250.

The Clerk will progress the commissioning of this survey

Action: Clerk

21/117 **Speed Indication Device**

It was agreed that further consideration is needed to decide how best to progress. In the meantime a provision for this proposal would be included in the Parish Council 2022/23 budget.

21/118 **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 highlighted that Children's Services have had a very successful Ofsted inspection, and also wishes to draw residents' attention to the libraries consultation, Purbeck Local Plan consultation, and financial support that is available for winter energy costs.

21/119 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/LBC/2021/04420](#) (Listed Building Consent Application)

Proposal: Replacement of the existing rotten ground floor angular bay window with new matching angular bay window having heritage double glazing

Location: 22 Moor Lane, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HS

RESOLVED to support this application.

[P/LBC/2021/04822](#) (Listed Building Consent Application)

Proposal: Listed building consent for the conversion of the building to create 2 new dwellings with associated parking and garden areas as approved under reference 6/2020/0467

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

RESOLVED to support this application.

[P/FUL/2021/02701](#) (Full Planning Application)

Proposal: Continue use of woodland as campsite consisting of 12 No. pitches, a Yurt and moveable toilet/shower cubicles.

Location: Land at Southover Heath Wood, Southover Farm Access Road, Tolpuddle

RESOLVED to comment that the Parish Council is unable to support the application at this time given concerns about the proposed access, the risk of fire, increased litter and loss of amenity for walkers and horse riders given the proposed access.

[P/FUL/2021/05005](#)

Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Building

Location: Throop Hollow Farm, Throop Hollow, Throop, DT2 7JD

RESOLVED that an extension for comment is requested to allow for more information about the site and proposals to be gathered.

[P/TRT/2021/03898](#) (Application for tree work in a conservation area)

Proposal: T1 Ash - Fell. Replace with one walnut.

Location: School Cottage School Lane Briantspuddle DT2 7HR

RESOLVED to make no comment.

[P/TRC/2021/04921](#) (Application for tree work in a conservation area)

Proposal: 7x Leylandii trees alongside garage - Fell.

Location: 1 New Cottages, Throop, Dorchester, DT2 7JD

RESOLVED to make no comment.

[P/TRC/2021/04922](#) (Application for tree work in a conservation area)
 Proposal: Yew (T1) - Fell. Hawthorn (T2) - Fell. Hornbeam (T3) - Fell.
 Location: 33 Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HT
RESOLVED to make no comment.

21/120 **Coronation Oak Tree**

The Parish Council has approached the Tree Officer about concerns raised that self-seeded Ash trees close to the oak may cause harm to the tree. The Officer confirms the oak looks to be in good health but over time the growth of the ash trees will cause the oak branches to become misshapen. The oak is situated on private land and the advice from the officer will be forwarded. Should there be agreement to cut down the self-seeded ash trees the Parish Council agreed to offer to organise the work and to fund it.

21/121 **Rent for Shop**

RESOLVED to postpone the review of the rent. The matter will be reconsidered no later than December 2022.

21/122 **Old Granary**

RESOLVED to seek quotes with the view of commissioning a structural survey in summer 2022 to assess the condition of the building.

21/123 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total
A. Bendall	Salary	£369.13	
A. Bendall	Home working allowance	£10.00	£379.13
S. Jones	Re-imbusement for litter picking eq.	£8.20	£8.20
Stone's Masons	Repair to War Memorial bollard	£656.00	
Stone's Masons	Repair to War Memorial bollard (VAT)	£131.20	£787.20
AWW Garden Services	Grounds keeping	£153.00	£153.00
Briantspuddle Village Hall	Hall hire	£54.00	£54.00
DAC Beachcroft	Professional Fees (VAT)	£160.00	£160.00

RESOLVED to approve the budget for financial year 2022-2023. All costs have been estimated to increase by 5% unless information dictates otherwise.

It was agreed to set the precept for 2022-2023 so that there is no increase to the charge per household. The increase in tax-base this year (more properties paying council tax) means that the precept can be increased without an increase per property, and this will help to cover the increase in Parish Council expenses due to inflation.

RESOLVED that the precept be set at £11,261.44.

21/124 **Scheme of Delegation**

RESOLVED that the Council delegates authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity, informed by consultation with the members of the council. The scheme of delegation will be reviewed no later than May 2022.

Delegation authorises the clerk to take decisions on behalf of the council instead of elected members as a whole body. This will only be used when a physical council meeting is either

inappropriate or impossible and has been agreed due to the increasing number of coronavirus cases and uncertainty about meeting in January.

21/125 **Correspondence received**

An email was received from a resident concerned that any changes to traffic restrictions on the B3390 may cause traffic issues in other areas. It was agreed that impact on other areas will need to be considered before any specific changes are requested.

21/126 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 12th January 2022, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Given the increasing number of coronavirus cases, this is subject to change pending a risk assessment in the new year and details will be made available on the website by midnight on 7th January.

Residents in Waddock have expressed an interest in having a community defibrillator available near to them as there is in Briantspuddle and Affpuddle. This item will be added to the Agenda of a subsequent meeting. In the meantime the Clerk will investigate funding opportunities for this proposal.

Action: Clerk

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

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Sue Jones

Date: