

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th April 2021, remotely via Zoom

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: None.

Minute Number	Comments
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20/169	Apologies for absence
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None.

20/170	Declarations of interest and dispensations requested
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None.

20/171	Public Participation
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None.

20/172	Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 10th March 2021
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RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 10th March 2021 be approved. Due to social distancing measures in place because of the Covid-19 outbreak, and the need to hold meetings remotely, minutes will be signed at the next physical meeting of the parish council or before the end of the financial year.

20/173	Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings
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Household waste collections are still a cause for concern. Councillors reported that the problems were with the food waste bins and glass recycling bins which are not returned with care after being emptied. The clerk will write again to Dorset Waste Partnership to explain the concerns. **Action: Clerk**

Planning enforcement officers have still not responded to reports that the campsite in Southover Woods is not permitted development and that planning permission has not been applied for. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the enforcement team regarding the matter as well as concerns that campfires held there could pose a risk and that wildfire could destroy woodland and potentially spread to nearby properties. **Action: Clerk**

The clerk was asked to request an update on an outstanding request for the highways authority to carry out tree works at The Hollow. **Action: Clerk**

The clerk was asked to request an update on an outstanding request for police action to tackle off-road motorbiking in forests throughout the parish. **Action: Clerk**

The clerk was asked to request an update on an outstanding request for the highways authority to replace a missing gate near Clouds Hill. **Action: Clerk**

The council noted the resignations of Councillors Trevor Poole. Trevor has been a Parish Councillor for many years and Councillors expressed their appreciation for his contribution.

Andrew Monro has been a Councillor since he moved to the Parish. He was able to share his considerable experience at Parish Council meetings and Councillors expressed their thanks for his service.

20/174 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was received and noted. There were no matters arising from the report for discussion.

The full Dorset Councillor's report is available on the Briantspuddle community website. For residents who do not have internet access, 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.

20/175 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

RESOLVED to make no comment on the following tree works applications and notifications:

- Notification of refusal of planning permission 6/2019/0381
Location: 7 Affpuddle, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7HH.
Proposal: Replace existing detached garage with a new detached double garage with habitable accommodation above.
- TWA/2021/031 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: T1 Diseased Sycamore - Fell to ground level
Location: Brankstone, 8 The Hollow, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HX
- TWA/2021/020 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Description: T1 Oak - Crown reduction of up to 4.5m and a 10% crown thin; G2 Hazel - Re-coppice four hazel stools; T3 Black walnut - Crown reduction of up to 2.5m and crown raise to approximately 4m; T4 Cherry - Crown reduction of up to 1.25m
Location: 4, Turnerspuddle, DT2 7JA
- Notification of temporary road closure
Woolbridge Roundabout, Wool
From 23rd April for 5 days.

20/176 **Community liaison group; Southover Farm slurry lagoon**

Condition 6 of planning approval reference WD/D/18/001035 requires that a community liaison group be established. The Landowner has contacted both Puddletown Area Parish Council and Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council to ask that each council nominate 2 representatives for the group.

A joint letter from both Parish Councils, addressed to Applicant, has been drafted by Cllr Sue Jones in consultation with Cllr Peter Churchill (Chairman of Puddletown Area Parish Council) and the Clerk. The letter suggests that each Parish Council nominates a Parish Councillor and a resident to join the group to represent the community. It also suggests that bi-annual meetings are held alternatively in Tolpuddle Village Hall and Briantspuddle Village Hall; that the clerk from the appropriate parish provides administrative support to the meeting; that the meetings are chaired by Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf who has offered his services. The cost of both hall hire and administrative support is to be shared equally between both Parish Councils and the Landowner. Both councils were asked to approve the letter before it is sent.

RESOLVED to approve the draft letter and terms described above.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Lizzie Guinn as the ATPC councillor to the group. Cllr Guinn has identified a resident who has shown an interest in joining the Group and she will approach him to see if he would be willing to commit to attending the meetings.

20/177 **Roadside verges**

The “Love Your Verge” campaign was discussed. This is a countywide collaboration between Dorset Council’s Greenspace Service and Litter Free Dorset. The campaign aims to raise awareness on how verges are managed in Dorset and the biodiversity within them to reduce littering and support biodiversity. Verges will be cut just twice per year with arisings removed which will encourage the growth of more wildflowers. Cllr Lightfoot advises that the machinery used for this “cut and collect” service can only operate on flat verges. Councillor Lightfoot is looking at which verges in the parish might be suitable for this.

Councillors also agreed that a Parish litter pick would be organised as soon as would be permitted following the easing of lockdown restrictions.

20/178 **Temporary campsites**

Following a pop-up campsite at Throop Hollow Farm in 2020 the Parish Council received a number of representations from Parishioners about the affect of the large campsite on the Parish and the surrounding area.

The Parish Council has been made aware that the campsite will open again this summer. The Parish Council is attempting to work with the Landowner to mitigate the impact of the site on the community and environment. Cllr Lightfoot has made initial contact and will report on progress at the May meeting.

20/179 **Proposed Dorset and East Devon National Park and virtual Council meetings**

Councillors discussed the pros and cons of being part of a National Park ahead of a proposal being made to parliament. The parish council considers that the benefits of National Park status would outweigh any negative implications. However, it feels strongly that the entire parish of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde must be included if a Dorset National Park is created. Having some of the Parish in the Park and some outside of its boundary was considered divisive.

The government is considering laying primary legislation which would enable virtual local council meetings to be a permanent provision. Councillors agreed that this would be a positive step and that Councils should be able to decide for themselves how meetings should be arranged to best serve the community.

RESOLVED to write to MP Richard Drax to express support for both the Dorset and East Devon National Park proposal and the introduction of legislation to permanently allow local councils to hold virtual meetings.

20/180 **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24**

RESOLVED to respond to the consultation suggesting that money should be invested into research and development into extinguishing thatch fires given that thatched properties are so numerous in Dorset and Wiltshire.

20/181 **Change of date to May Parish Council meeting**

Current legislation which allows local councils to hold virtual meeting expires on the 6th May and is not being extended.

RESOLVED to bring the May Parish Council meeting along with the Annual Parish Meeting forward to the 5th May to enable them both to be held remotely. Face to face meetings will then resume in June.

20/182 **Payments and accounts**

The financial statement for the end of the financial year 2020-21 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Darkin Miller Ltd of £298.40 ex. VAT for the annual internal audit. A three-year deal will be accepted in order to reduce the audit costs over the next three years.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total
A. Bendall	Salary	£361.85	
	Home Working Allowance	£10.00	£371.85

20/183 **Correspondence received**

All discussed under specific agenda items above.

20/184 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

Wednesday 5th May 2021, 7.00 pm. This meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will held remotely using Zoom. Before this, at 6:30 pm, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held. Members of the public will be able to participate and details of how to access the meeting will be included on the agenda which will be on the website.

20/185 **Clerk's salary**

The increase of the Clerk's salary by a single point following successful completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration was noted and accepted.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

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Sue Jones

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