

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 9th March 2021 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair:	Cllr Sue Jones
Other Councillors Present:	Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice-Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Emily Hall, David Leigh-Ewers, Lizzie Guinn and David Neudegg.
Clerk:	Anna Bendall
Also, in attendance:	Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf and 9 members of the public.

Minute Number	Comments
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21/127	Apologies for absence
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Apologies were received and **accepted** from Councillor Stuart Chorley.

The agenda item for co-option was delayed until later in the meeting.

21/128	Declarations of interest and dispensations requested
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None.

21/129	Public participation
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Concerns were raised regarding traffic to and from Southover Farm, travelling through Affpuddle and Tolpuddle. Both slurry transport and also transport of large quantities of manure. Residents expressed concern about the speed and frequency of vehicle movements associated with the farm. One representation queried whether recommended trailer weight was being exceeded and whether this was enforceable.

Breaches of planning conditions associated with the slurry lagoon were also reported, relating to the times and quantity of movements of vehicles associated with the lagoon, as well as the lack of fencing which was included in the approved plans.

An opening onto the highway from land belonging to Southover Farm was queried.

(Public participation was interrupted to bring the agenda item associated with Southover Farm forward)

21/130	Southover Farm
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The planning conditions relate to the slurry lagoon and associated vehicle movements only. Movements of other vehicles in and out of the farm which are not associated with the lagoon are not controlled by these conditions.

The Chairman advised that the liaison group (established as required by a planning condition) is intended as a way of seeking solutions to community concerns. The group is due to meet again later in March and all the matters raised will be taken to the meeting for discussion.

The Parish Council has previously sent correspondence to Mr Cobb requesting more considerate driving from his staff and contractors.

Peter Wharf agreed to try to arrange a site visit if required, following the next liaison group meeting. He also advised that he may be able to arrange for police representatives to attend a Parish Council meeting if this was wanted.

21/131 **Public Participation (continued)**

Concerns were raised regarding straw, transported on large trailers being brushed off by trees or because the straw has not been secured. The straw is left on the road; and becomes soggy in the rain and adds to the risk of flooding because it blocks drains. Some properties are experiencing the nuisance of straw covering their cars and blowing into gardens.

Councillors discussed the possibility of an open community meeting with the police to discuss both the issues in The Hollow, and in Southover. This will be considered again after the Slurry Liaison group has met.

Campbell de Burgh who manages the community website has reported that it is still very well used with many visitors. Campbell wishes to relinquish his responsibility at some point in the future and hopes that a new volunteer can be found to take over his role.

21/132 **Co-option**

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of David Neudegg as a co-opted member of the Council. The Chair invited Councillor Neudegg to join the other members and welcomed him as a new Parish Councillor.

Cllr Neudegg has agreed to join the Briantspuddle Village Hall trustees and the Parish Council's nominated trustee. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to the secretary of the Committee.

21/133 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 8th December 2021**

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

RESOLVED that the decisions made in January and February under the Scheme of Delegation be retrospectively approved.

21/134 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

The Erica Trust has not been able to get advice from Natural England relating to drainage on the Hollow Track and is seeking other sources of professional advice. A sewerage leakage from a property on the Hollow Track is also currently being investigated.

Road repairs in Turnerspuddle have not been undertaken as requested.

ACTION: Cllr Lightfoot to chase.

The new Jubilee Oak tree has now been planted and the plaque has arrived and will be installed shortly.

21/135 **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 advised that cut and collect will be able to happen throughout the parish as new equipment is now available.

21/136 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/HOU/2022/00706](#) (Householder Planning Application)

Proposal: Application for change of use to allow residential and holiday letting use for annex building which is already at the property.

Location: Weatherby House, Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HL

Note: this application has been withdrawn as the incorrect paperwork was submitted. Once a new application is made, the Parish Council will be reconsulted.
[P/HOU/2022/01337](#) (Householder Planning Application) and [P/LBC/2022/01375](#) (Listed Building Consent Application)
 Proposal: Erect single-storey lean-to kitchen extension and free-standing gazebo.
 Location: 33 Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HT
RESOLVED to support the application.

[P/TRC/2022/01174](#) (Application for tree work in a conservation area)
 Proposal: T1 Leylandii Tree - Fell.
 Location: The Old Dairy, 52 Briantspuddle, Dorchester, DT2 7HT
RESOLVED to submit no comment.

21/137 **Policies**

RESOLVED to approve the following policies and registers:

- Risk Register
- GDPR Policy
- Financial Regulations
- Standing Orders
- Asset Register

Due to an administrative error, members were not sent the Continuity Plan in advance of the meeting and so this decision was delayed until the next meeting.

21/138 **Payments and accounts**

The Financial Statement for the 3rd quarter of financial year 2021-2022 was received and discussed.

The Local Government Sector Pay Increase (to be backdated) covering 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022, as agreed by the National Joint Council for local government services on the 28th of February 2022, was noted. This increase is automatically applied in accordance with relevant employment contracts.

Spending of £49 was authorised for training costs.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Date	Payee	Description of goods/service	Amount	Total to pay
17/02/2022	Royal British Legion Ind.	Plaque	£129.16	£154.99
17/02/2022		Plaque (VAT)	£25.83	
09/03/2022	A. Bendall	Salary	£448.53	£458.53
09/03/2022		Home working allowance	£10.00	
08/12/2021	S. Jones	Re-imburement for litter picking eq.	£19.40	£19.40

Total payments £632.92

21/139 **Scheme of Delegation**

The Scheme of Delegation was reviewed at it was agreed that the Scheme should remain in place ready to be used if necessary. All decisions will still be made in monthly meetings where possible, but should a meeting not be possible, decisions can then be made by the Clerk in accordance with the Scheme and other policies and procedures.

21/140 **Correspondence received**

Some local residents have established a group to facilitate and support plans to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. It is understood that there will be a public meeting to gather ideas about how to celebrate this occasion. The group has written to the Parish Council requesting financial support. The Parish Council is only able to offer grant funding as defined in its Grant Policy, a copy of which is available on the Briantspuddle website. It was agreed that the Clerk would write back to explain this. There will also be an Agenda item for the next meeting to consider any applications from eligible parties.

The Purbeck Film Festival has requested financial support. The Parish Council ordinarily only supports groups that offer a direct benefit to the local community and so the request was declined.

Dorset Council wrote to advise of a consultation for the Community Governance Review. The review does not propose any changes to the Parish and so no comment will be submitted.

An agent wrote asking the Parish Council to reconsider its objection to a planning application following further detail being offered. The Parish Council always bases its decisions on the information available at the time and will not reconsider a planning consultation response unless directly reconsulted by Dorset Council. The Clerk will reply to the agent explaining this.

A resident wrote to advise that he had witnessed off-roading vehicles on Throop Heath. The Clerk supplied details of how to report incidents to the police by email and asked to be kept informed of any further incidents. The Parish Council would appreciate being informed of any such cases as it can build a picture of the scale of the problem.

It was agreed that the Chairman would send a letter of support to the President of Ukraine on behalf of the Parish.

ACTION: Cllr Jones

21/141 **Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

.....Chair
Sue Jones

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