

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present	Cllrs Peter Wharf, Graham Lightfoot, Emily Hall, Lizzie Guinn, Damon Green
Chair	Sue Jones
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	9 members of public and Eren Balkir

Minute Number	Comments
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22/073	Apologies for absence
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Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Barter, David Neudegg, David Leigh-Ewers and Stuart Chorley

22/074	Declarations of interest and dispensations requested – None declared. None.
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22/075	Public participation
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The public participation focused solely on the Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon retrospective application.

There were comments from various residents regarding the ongoing issues with the Slurry Lagoon. Eren Balkir from Dorset Council Planning kindly attended the meeting and listened to all the concerns raised covering the initial application, subsequent breaches of planning conditions around size of lagoon (built more than 3 times larger than permitted), number of traffic movements to and from the Lagoon to delivery Slurry and the days and times of these movements.

The breach in the size of the Slurry Lagoon was only discovered when the Slurry Lagoon Committee gathered in the summer and questioned why so many movements were happening to/from the Slurry Lagoon.

It was explained that the Retrospective Planning Application is a standard process proposed by the planning department whenever there is a breach of original approved grant of permission. The process does not mean that the application will be approved; it is subject to normal process including consultation.

Members of the public commented that there had been a breakdown of trust between residents and the applicant as a result of the breach of conditions and the applicant's failure to notify the Slurry Lagoon Committee that the Slurry Lagoon had been built so much larger than the grant of permission stated. Questions were raised as to how an agreement can be so flagrantly breached with no repercussions.

Ongoing concerns were expressed as to the dangers from movements through the village early in the morning before 9am when schoolchildren are waiting to be picked up by the school bus and later after 4pm when the schoolchildren are being dropped off.

There were also concerns raised that the Slurry Lagoon at Southover Farm is now so large it could become a hub for the purpose of moving stored slurry at the site to other sites for commercial gain. This export from the site was not anticipated in the previous application and would add considerably to vehicle movements. At the time of the original application the benefit to the community was set out by the applicant as being fewer traffic movements with movements to the site being only the amount to be spread at Southover Farm making the process entirely self-sustaining. It is clear that the original application was for a Slurry Lagoon to only meet the requirements of Southover Farm, the calculation of which determined the size of the much smaller lagoon than has been built.

A question was raised about the Nitrate Trading Scheme and the need to be a part of an Agricultural Group in Poole to be a part of the scheme. This scheme was started around the time that the plans were put forward for the Slurry Lagoon at Southover Farm. It was suggested that the benefits to the applicant of this scheme may account for the reason the lagoon has been built 3 times the size of the permitted development.

Eren Balkir then asked some questions of the public and advised on some of the issues raised. The final submission from the Parish Council is due to be supplied no later than 19th November.

22/076 **Update on the retrospective planning application P/FUL/2022/04629 for Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon**

A detailed objection letter will be sent by the Parish Council to the planning team at Dorset Council.

22/077 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

The Parish Council received a summary of the results from the speedwatch group Parish-wide survey. The survey is now closed and results posted on the Parish website. The group asked the Parish Council to investigate the cost and feasibility of give-way and other warning signs, how to arrange, costs and involvement of the highways agency. It was advised that the highways policy was to reduce signage as the increasing signage typically resulted in motorists observing them less.

Some respondents had expressed safety concerns about the volume of leaves at junctions affecting motorists' ability to see the upcoming crossing. There was also a consensus on the need to push out the 30-mph speed limit further into the 60mph limit when approaching villages. The Speedwatch group plan to monitor the speed of vehicles at certain points in the Parish in order to produce factual evidence as to whether there is a speeding issue. The Parish Council will need a summary of the survey results and an opportunity to discuss with the speed watch group to decide how to progress.

The Parish Council has received notification that Highways will be cutting back vegetation for which it accepts responsibility for along The Hollow. This work is scheduled for 15th December and will mean that the lane is closed from 8 am until 4 pm with a diversion in operation.

22/078 **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2022.**

RESOLVED to Approve.

22/079 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

P/FUL/2022/06198 Full Planning Application
Proposal : Continue use of dwelling without occupancy restriction
Mr N Wilcox, 1 New Cottages Throop Dorchester DT2 7JD
RESOLVED : APPROVED

22/080 **To discuss any matters arising from the Dorset Councillors' report and receive any update from the Dorset Councillors.**

No matters raised.

22/081 **Structural Survey for The Granary – Review of the report and consideration of recommendations.**

The results of the survey were discussed, and the most important actions prioritised. The way forward will involve some investigative work before any maintenance work is agreed. Overall, the survey concludes that the building is in good condition for a structure of its age.

22/082 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary August	£368.44	£378.44
	Home Working Allowance	£10	
Community Hearbeat	Defibrillator Maint (N697)	£135	£162
	VAT	£27	
Normtec	Final payment re replacement Fingerpost Throop	£292	£292

Village Shop	30 Mugs at £10 each	£300	£300
Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall for October meeting	£25	£25
		Total	£1157.44

RESOLVED : APPROVED

To record the income of the CIL monies of £3,929.46

22/083

Correspondence Received

No correspondence other than already circulated has been received.

22/084

Discuss the feasibility of the Parish Council insuring fingerposts.

This agenda item to move to next meeting in December.

22/085

Additional Matters Arising

Cllr Graham Lightfoot brought to the attention of the meeting the CEE (Climate Environment Emergency) Proposal. In order to progress matters with various agencies, he needs an agreement in principle that the Parish Council has a plan and an associated timetable for its delivery. Cllr Sue Jones suggested publishing proposals so Parishioners can understand the main initiatives contained in the plan. This will be done in due course.

Action: Item to consider approving the Proposal in principle and the associated timetable will be added to the December Agenda.

22/086

Items noted for next meeting:

- The feasibility of insuring fingerposts
- To consider approving the CEE Proposal in principle and the associated timetable

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 14th December 2022, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.....Sue Jones (Chair)

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