

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present	Graham Lightfoot, David Neudegg, Emily Hall, Stuart Chorley, Lizzie Guinn, Damon Green, David Leigh-Ewers
Chair	Sue Jones
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	1 Member of the public

Minute Number	Comments
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22/087 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Wharf

22/088 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested – None declared. None.

22/089 Announcement of the death of Vice Chairman Councillor Charles Barter

It was with great sadness that Chair Sue Jones reported the recent death of Cllr Charles Barter following a short illness.

Tribute was paid to the very significant contribution that Charles made to the Parish over many years. His experience and considerable local knowledge were invaluable and he will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues.

22/090 Public participation

Campbell de Burgh was present and also paid tribute to Cllr Charles Barter.

Campbell also raised the issue of the website which he kindly administers, and that there will need to be an update to the "Theme" associated with it which is expected to incur a small cost in 2023.

22/091 Update on the retrospective planning application P/FUL/2022/04629 for Southover Farm Slurry Lagoon

Cllr Lizzie Guinn reported that movements to and from the Slurry farm had restarted and that they were starting before 8:30am in contravention of the existing condition. Also, the agreement of a one-way system was not being adhered to, both journeys being through Affpuddle. No notice had been given to the Slurry Liaison Committee that the movements were due to start.

Chair Sue Jones advised that the information would be communicated to the Planning Team at Dorset Council.

22/092 Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings

Cllr Emily Hall reported that there had been two Speedwatch training sessions which had trained a total of 14 people. The issues associated with purchasing of equipment needs to be addressed. Cllr Lizzie Guinn also raised concerns that locations where Speedwatch would operate need to be checked as some areas appear to be missing from the proposed location list. These matters will be the subject of an Agenda item at a future meeting.

Cllr Damon Green updated on the Granary work since the structural update and advised that the telltale had been fitted, and that it should be monitored for one year. Condensation in the roof does not look to be an issue as the loft was checked when the temperature outside was -2c and no evidence of condensation was found. Extensive woodworm infestation however was observed and Damon would consider how best to progress.

Cllr Stuart Chorley then advised that phone boxes and notice boards need attention. Chair Sue Jones asked for suggestions and a contact, and Alan Slater was suggested. Cllr Stuart Chorley will forward contact details.

22/093 **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2022.**

RESOLVED to Approve.

22/094 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

None

22/095 **To discuss any matters arising from the Dorset Councillors' report and receive any update from the Dorset Councillors.**

Cllr Graham Lightfoot wondered if The Briantspuddle Community Group that run the Saturday coffee morning could be awarded grants. The exact criteria associated with applicants was not known but it was agreed that anyone wishing to apply might do so.

Cllr Stuart Chorley discussed the possibility of "Warm Spaces".

22/096 **Payments and accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary November	£368.44	£454.94
	Home Working Allowance	£10	
	Mileage for training/handover/meetings	£76.50	
AWW Gardening Services	Invoices for work from February through to September	£656.50	£656.50
DAPTC	Clerk Training	£35	£35
Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall for November meeting	£24	£24
Total			£1170.44

RESOLVED : APPROVED

To record the income of £80 rent for Village Hall

22/097 Current Budget Monitoring and planning for 2023-24 and Precept 2023-24

Matt Soul shared information about the actual payments and income so far versus the planned budget for 2022-23 and also a draft budget from which to begin planning for 2023-24. The deadline on setting the precept for the Parish Council is the end of January so a final agreement on 2023-24 budget and precept will need to take place in the next meeting in January.

Chair Sue Jones asked if Cllr David Leigh-Ewers would work with Matt Soul to finalise the draft budget for 2023-24 in advance of the next meeting.

Cllr David Neudegg suggested the possibility of setting a budget aside for King Charles's coronation.

A request was also made to investigate ways of getting interest from the Parish Council Reserve funds and Cllr David Leigh-Ewers agreed to investigate.

22/098 **Correspondence Received**

No correspondence other than already circulated has been received.

22/099 **Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan (CEE)**

Cllr Graham Lightfoot presented the CEE plan and timetable and discussed obtaining expert advice on the best way to implement. Timing and funds may be an issue. Cllr Graham Lightfoot requested agreement in principle to go to agencies to get funding.

RESOLVED : APPROVED

22/100 **Consider Defibrillator at Waddock Cross**

Chair Sue Jones presented a proposal to locate a defibrillator at Waddock Cross. It was agreed that the possibility would be investigated along with the possibility of a grant to provide funding.

22/101 **Parish Clerk & RFO Pay Award**

Cllr David Neudegg reported that the annual pay award for the Parish Council Clerk and RFO was £1 per hour and will be backdated to when Matt Soul started on 20th August. Total backpay is £114.86 and the new monthly pay will be £403.10 based on the new rate of £11.63 an hour. A request was then raised to approve the increase and backpay.

RESOLVED : APPROVED

22/102 **Discuss the feasibility of the Parish Council insuring fingerposts.**

This agenda item to move to next meeting in January.

22/103 **Additional Matters Arising**

The possibility of S137 grants being awarded in the next financial year was raised. Chair Sue Jones advised that the Parish Council had already received a request for support from the Citizens Advice Bureau and they have been advised of the timetable for grant applications.

22/104 **Items noted for next meeting:**

- The feasibility of insuring fingerposts

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 11th January 2023, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

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

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