

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors M. Buckland (Chairman), D. Heaver, B. Pye, G. Fry, R. Williams, E. Sinclair & A. Simon

IN ATTENDANCE: C Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell, D. Robbins (Homewatch), A. Lovell (Transport), D. Bird (Footpaths)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J. Arak- Newman & V. Baker-Sims

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Simon Declared a (minor) Interest in Item 8) Planning 1. Application No WD/D/15/000445 – Bradstone, Beach Road, West Bexington

3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell advised that the Annual Dorset Beach Clean would be on Sunday 26th April 2015 10am to 12am at West Bexington Beach. The National Trust Beach Clean in March 2015 had been successful with over 100 people attending.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3rd March 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Buckland thanked Councillor Fry & Dave Robbins for decorating the interior the Village Hall and the lobby – a job well done. He reminded prospective Parish Councillors that the forms for the Election had to be completed and returned to West Dorset District Council by 4pm on Thursday 9th April 2015.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

i. Allotments

Dave Bird reported that a half plot was now vacant – there was no one on the waiting list but someone moving into the village shortly was interested in taking this on – agreed that they could have it. The gatepost at the allotment entrance would need replacing soon.

ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird had nothing to report

iii. Homewatch

Dave Robbins had nothing to report. Janet Jackson had now stepped down as West Bexington Homewatch Coordinator – there would be an item in the Bride Valley News asking for a replacement.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the Playing Field Annual Inspection had been booked for May. The woodwork was in good condition but will need painting during the summer months.

v. Transport

Anna Lovell advised that the 31 Bus would run later in the evening & on Sundays from May 2015. The X53 Bus would run hourly from 3rd May 2015. The safety concerns re the Thorners School Bus which were raised at the December 2014 meeting was still an issue- in the mornings this bus bypassed Puncknowle going to West Bexington first & collecting children from Puncknowle (& Swyre) on the

way back – but children have to go across the road from the Bus Shelter to board the bus which was parked on private property. – agreed to write to Dorset County Council School Transport & send a copy of letter to Thorners School & WATAG.

vi. **Village Hall**

Councillor Sinclair had nothing to report.

vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**

Councillor Simon advised that he had not attended the BLAP Annual Assembly on 19th March 2015 at Sir John Colfox School where the Speaker had been Lord Teversham.

viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**

No Report – agreed to ask Simon Nobes/Mike Brown what was happening re the Website.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

1. **Application No WD/D/15/000445** – Bradstone, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Remove existing main roof & erect first floor extension. Construct Porch to north-west elevation. 2 /No Velux roof lights over Kitchen. 2/No dormer windows to north-east elevation. 2/ No dormer windows to south-west elevation – a letter of objection had been received from a neighbour but after discussion it was agreed there would be No Objection.

Decisions:

- a. Tree Application No WD/TP/15/00040 – Seacroft, Swyre Road, West Bexington - Reduce 3No Willow – Consent Granted
- b. Application No WD/D/15/00042 – Greenhill, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock –Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and associated outbuildings and the erection of a two-storey replacement dwelling house with integral garage/car port and open pool with its associated detached pool building – Consent Granted.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Nothing to report

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 3rd March 2015 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

11. FINANCE

Payments for Approval: Resolved that the seven invoices listed below be authorised for payment

Payments for Approval: -

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary March)	£277.04
Mrs C. Buckland (BT Broadband Connection)	£64.80
Karl Ives (Grass cutting at Swyre)	£100.00
Puncknowle Village Hall (Hall Hire for 2014/2015)	£176.00
Fowler Hire & Sales Ltd (Hire of Digger)	£464.31
V. Symonds (Digger work 3 days)	£315.00

Total Cheques £1397.15

Napper Charity Account:

Bristol Wessex Billing Services Ltd (BWBS) – Allotment Water	£12.76
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Other Finance:

- a) Dorset County Council Members Divisional Fund - Update on £360 Grant – the seat had now been delivered and was waiting to be installed - Councillor Heaver had contacted the utilities companies to check on any cables in this area, he was still waiting on BT & British Gas. The litter bin for the Bus Stop at Puncknowle would be ordered by Dorset County Council shortly.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- i. The Elections would be on Thursday 7th May 2015
- ii. Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Annual Parish Assembly -Tuesday 28th April 2015 at 7.30pm – Councillor Heaver agreed to design some flyers.
- iii. The Dorset Great Beach Clean on Sunday 26th April 2015 at 10am
- iv. The Clerk’s Annual Review was now overdue- Councillor Simon agreed to complete before the May meeting.

13. PUBLIC TIME

The hedge of Manor Cottages was overgrowing onto the highway – agreed to ask the new owners to cut back once the house sale was completed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th May 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.06pm.

Signed:

Dated: