

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors M. Buckland (Chairman), D. Heaver, B. Pye, E. Sinclair, V. Baker-Sims, R. Williams & A. Simon

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from PCSO D. Ash

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Simon Declared an Interest in Item 10) Planning 5. Tree Application – Tamarisk Farm, West Bexington.

Councillor Baker Sims Declared an Interest in Item 10) Planning Applications – Puncknowle Manor, Puncknowle.

3. COASTAL EROSION

Richard Edmonds, Geologist for Dorset County Council, gave an informative presentation on coastal erosion and an insight into the recent storms. Carmel Wilkinson, Dorset County Council Countryside Area Manager (Coastal) also attended to answer questions.

4. PUBLIC TIME

None

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 2nd September 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3. b) – Overhanging hedge at Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – Wessex Water had agreed to cut back their hedge along the Sewage Works by early October 2014.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Buckland advised that Puncknowle had been presented with 2nd Prize in the Small Villages section of the Dorset Best Kept Village Competition with £100 prize money & a plaque. The plaque is to be placed on a wall in the village – one suggestion was the Village Hall.

8. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY ON THE PUNCKNOWLE WARD

Geoffrey Fry was co-opted onto the Parish Council for the Puncknowle Ward and would sign his papers at the end of the meeting.

9. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

i. Allotments

No Report

ii. Footpaths

No Report

iii. Homewatch

Dave Robbins reported that there had been break-ins of 5 caravans in Puncknowle.

iv. Playing Field Committee

No Report

- v. **Transport**
Anna Lovell advised that there would be road closures between Burton Bradstock and Shipton Gorge from next week starting on Thursday 16th October 2014.
- vi. **Village Hall**
No Report
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**
No Report
- viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
No report

10. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

1. Application No WD/D/14/002195 – Burts Cottage, Clay Lane, Puncknowle – Erect dwelling & construct new vehicle & pedestrian access without compliance with condition 6 of planning approval 1/W/2002/001903 to allow white pvc-u external doors & windows – No Objections
2. Application No WD/D/14/002097 – Land adjacent Litton Lane, Puncknowle – Construction of secure agricultural storage barn (variation) – No Objections
3. Application No WD/D/14/002032 – Cranford, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Extension and all associated works – No Objections
4. Application No WD/D/14/002341 – Vale Cottage, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Remove existing felted flat roof and erect first floor extension to the rear elevation – No Objections
5. Tree Application No WD/TP/14/00304 – Tamarisk Farm, West Bexington – Fell Monterey Cypress trees (2) – No Objections
6. Application No WD/D/14/002440 – Puncknowle Manor, Puncknowle – Extend first floor of outbuilding, add windows and carry out internal alterations – No Objections
7. Application No WD/D/14/002441 – Puncknowle Manor, Puncknowle (Listed Building Consent) – No Objections
8. Tree Application No WD/CA/14/00317 – Colbet Cottage, Clay Lane, Puncknowle – T1 Willow – Prune lower branches overhanging Burts Cottage and through prune where branches are pushing on telephone wire – No Objections

Decisions:

- a. Tree Application No WD/CA/14/00247 – 24 Swyre – Consent Granted

11. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) There was a blocked drain near the War Memorial at Swyre.
- b) Dogs were being exercised across fields where there were no Public Footpaths - it was suggested that a Map of the Footpaths be put on the Website for information.
- c) Councillor Sinclair was speaking with Highways re the white lines (middle) through Swyre.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 2nd September 2014 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

13. FINANCE

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

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary September)	£271.08
S. Nobes Website support – August & September)	£120.00
Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerks Expenses)	£77.50
Total Cheques	£468.58

Napper Charity Account:

National Society of Allotments & Gardeners Ltd (Subs)	£36.00
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Other Finance:

- a. Dorset County Council Members Divisional Fund - £360 Grant available on New Projects – Application by 20th November 2014
- b. Pre-Budget meeting - Tuesday 28th October 2014 at 7.30pm.
- c. It was resolved to approve the Completion of Annual Return/Audit for Year 2013/2014 – there was 1 minor matter arising from the Audit – Grant monies received were included in Box 2, rather than Box 3 (other receipts).

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. West Dorset District Council had advised that BT were looking to remove the Telephone Kiosk at West Bexington. This kiosk had only been used 3 times in the past year but with poor mobile phone coverage all agreed that this kiosk should be saved from closure.
- b. The request from a resident of West Bexington for Speed Bumps along Swyre Road, West Bexington would now be discussed at the November meeting

15. PUBLIC TIME

- a) County Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that the County Council Wards/Divisions Boundaries would be changing in 2020. This was going to the County Council & then out for Public Consultation.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 4th November 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: