

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Heaver, M. Buckland, D. Robbins, R. Williams, E. Sinclair & T. Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell, PCSO Dave Ash, D. Bird (Footpaths), A. Lovell (Transport), C. Marsh (West Bexington Homewatch)

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor R. Coatsworth, Councillor B. Pye

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Time:

## 3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell asked that the reclaiming of the Footpath at Swyre be put on the October Agenda.

Dave Bird complained that another 2 footballs had been kicked into his garden during the summer.

There were reports of dog fouling at West Bexington with 3 dogs roaming the village loose – Agreed that the Dog Warden be contacted.

District Councillor John Russell advised that the invoices for the beach clearing at West Bexington should be sent to him to forward onto the relevant person in West Dorset District Council.

The Main meeting continued:

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 5 – The overgrown hedge at Manor Cottages - Councillor Fry reported that this hedge had now been cut back & further cuts would be done in later stages.

## 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Fry welcomed John Russell back after his recent illness. He gave a report on the Planning Meeting held by Bridport Town Council. Details of "Material Planning Considerations" were distributed to all Parish Councillors.

## 7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

### i. Allotments

Dave Bird advised that the Allotment AGM would be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm.

### ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird reported that he had checked the Footpath at the Shooting Range/Looke Lane which had been reported as very overgrown and it would be a massive job to clear.

### iii. Homewatch

PCSO Dave Ash gave his report & said that it had been a quiet summer for crime in the local area. Cannabis plants had been found growing at West Bexington & 6 garages had been broken into in Burton Bradstock. Beaminster Police Station will be sold and now the Police were sharing premises with the Fire Station. Fran Marsh & Maureen Eveleigh (West Bexington Homewatch) would be meeting with PCSO Ash shortly.

- iv. **Playing Field Committee**  
Councillor Heaver reported that the double swing support had now had 2 coats of paint. 3 posts had been purchased as guard posts for the single swing.
- v. **Transport**  
Anna Lovell advised that WATAG had printed 2000 New Bus Time Tables & were asking Parish Councils for a £10 Donation to help cover these costs. There was no direct route from Bridport to Dorchester on a Sunday.
- vi. **Village Hall**  
Councillor Sinclair advised that the Village Hall Committee were looking to boost numbers & the AGM would be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The electrics had been checked and the lights were now all working.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**  
The next BLAP meeting would be on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 & the DAPTC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015.
- viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
Mike Brown had now stopped updating of the website and no one else had shown an interest in taking this on. Agreed to discuss again.

## 8. PLANNING

### Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

- A. **Application No WD/D/15/001600** – 6 Green Barton, Swyre – Erect utility room & porch extension – No Objections
- B. **Tree Application No WD/CA/15/00228** – Puncknowle Manor, Church Street, Puncknowle- Minor surgery to 1 No Maple tree – No Objections
- C. **Application No WD/D/15/001777** – Greenhill, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock (Adjoining consultation) – Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and associated outbuildings. Erection of a two-storey replacement dwellinghouse with garage/carport and open pool with associated detached pool building – No Objections

### Decisions:

- a) Application No WD/D/15/001300 – Matthew Cottage, Old Coastguards, Burton Road, Abbotsbury (Adjoining consultation) – First floor extension in dormer construction – Consent Granted
- b) Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness - Unit 6, St Giles, Beach Road, West Bexington – Consent Granted

### Other Planning Issues:

- a. The Swyre War Memorial had now been made Grade 11 Listed by Historic England.

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a. B3157 Coast Road – The proposal by Dorset Police to erect “Think Bike” signs on the existing signs either end of Swyre – It was agreed that this should be done to try to prevent accidents.
- b. The Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey – Replies by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- c. Uneven surface past Swyre Church (where the concrete joins the tarmac) – this had still not yet been repaired – to report again.
- d. The hedge on the bend going into Swyre from Puncknowle was still overgrown– agreed to send a letter asking the owner to cut it back.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

## 11. FINANCE

**Payments for Approval: Resolved** that the three invoices listed below be authorised for payment: -

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary August)	£277.04
Lee Quincey (Grass Cutting x10)	£900.00
WATAG (Donation towards printing of Bus Time tables)	£10.00
Total Cheques	£1187.04

**Other Finance:**

- a. The Audit of 2014/2015 had now been completed & there were no Matters Arising.
- b. A £10 Donation to WATAG towards the cost of printing of the New Bus Time Tables was agreed.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) The Superfast Broadband Petition (with over 200 names) – County Councillor Ron Coatsworth had advised that this Petition should be presented to the Dorset County Council in October.
- b) The Mobile Library Service – the Library Van will no longer be visiting Napier Close, Puncknowle.
- c) Best Kept Village Presentation would be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7pm at Puddletown Councillor Fry to attend & 1 other.
- d) Councillor Sinclair raised concerns of safety at West Bexington Beach following the sad events of the recent drowning. He stressed that the signs at both ends of the beach needed to be much bigger and the rescue equipment was hidden from sight when on the Beach. With no mobile reception in this area it took too long to ring the Emergency Services. It was agreed to write to the Coroner offering his advice and local background knowledge of the tides and undercurrents on this dangerous stretch of the coast.

**13. PUBLIC TIME**

- i. Eco Open Homes would be held on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.52 pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....