

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Heaver, M. Buckland, B. Pye, J. Arak-Newman, R. Williams & E. Sinclair

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Robbins & T. Taylor, PCSO Dave Ash & C. Marsh (West Bexington Homewatch)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Time:

3. PUBLIC TIME

County Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that there would be a Public Meeting on 13th October 2013 re the Adoption of the Local Plan. Section 106 was being replaced. The Local Authorities of Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch & East Dorset want to combine with the rest of Dorset.

The Main meeting continued:

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 1st September 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 12 – Information Items d) Safety concerns following the accident at West Bexington Beach – A reply had been received from HM Coroner's office & Councillor Sinclair was collecting information to send on.

Item 9 Highways c) – The uneven surface at Swyre past the Church had been reported many times but it shows on the dorsetforyou website as being completed.

Item 9 Highways d) - The hedge on the bend going into Swyre from Puncknowle had now been cut back.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Fry advised that he & Councillor Buckland had attended the Best Kept Village Presentation at Puddletown. Mentioned were the War Memorial at Swyre- so thanks go to Ian Jackson, Barry Pye & Derek Heaver for their work on this and also the Playhouse in Puncknowle Playing Field.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver reported that the Allotment AGM had been held on Friday 25th September 2015 but not many Allotment Holders had attended. It was suggested that this AGM not be held on a Friday night in future. The "marestail" had again been treated at the top end of the Orchard. There had been a bumper apple & plum harvest this year.

ii. Footpaths

No Report but Footpath 3 at Swyre would be discussed later under Item 9) Highways.

iii. Homewatch

PCSO Dave Ash had sent his apologies & emailed his report – the only issue raised had been a complaint from a local resident of cars parking for the Village Hall outside of her house – this was not a Police issue.

- iv. **Playing Field Committee**
Councillor Heaver reported that he & Dave Robbins had erected the new guard posts around the swings. The woodwork would be treated with jeyes fluid before the winter & the wall on the left side of the big gate will be repaired.
- v. **Transport**
Anna Lovell advised that there would be an emergency meeting re access of the 44 Bus at the Crown Roundabout at Bridport.
- vi. **Village Hall**
Councillor Sinclair reported that the Village Hall AGM had been held last night, Mike Brown had stood down from the committee & they need a Social Secretary, although Paul Pritchard was moving house and leaving the parish he would, nonetheless, continue as Chairman. The Accounts had not yet been audited. Maintenance – most jobs had been done & new Emergency Lights were in place. A Table Tennis table for the hall had been suggested.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
Councillor Fry gave an update on the BLAP meeting he had attended. Concerns were raised on transport to Hospital – patients can only claim 12pence per mile for hospital cars but it may actually cost up to 50pence per mile. Care workers were now paid inclusive of travelling time leaving less time caring for patients. Grass cutting in Bridport – a Grant had been made by Dorset County Council to Bridport Town Council. The West Dorset Partnership Review was not fit for purpose. The Neighbourhood Plan for the Bridport area was going forward. Affordable Housing – it was difficult to purchase land at reasonable prices.
- viii. **DAPTC**
The DAPTC AGM would be held on Saturday 7th November 2015 at 10am at Dorchester. The 5 motions at this AGM had been circulated by email.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
Agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mike Brown for all the work he had done on the Villages Website in the last few years. Diane Sinclair may be willing to take on the updating of this Website in the short term.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

- A. **Application No WD/D/15/001913** – Hillside, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Demolition of existing 3/4 bedroom bungalow and construction of a replacement 4 bedroom house – No Objections
- B. **Application No WD/D/15/002043** – Litton Creek, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Remove PVCU Conservatory & erect single storey extension – No Objections

Decisions:

- a) Tree Application No WD/CA/15/00228 – Puncknowle Manor, Church Street, Puncknowle- Minor surgery to 1 No Maple tree – Consent Granted
- b) Application No WD/D/15/001600 – 6 Green Barton, Swyre – Erect utility room & porch extension – Consent Granted

Other Planning Issues:

- a. Application No WD/D/15/001777 – Greenhill, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock – on Agenda for Discussion at Development Control Meeting on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 1pm

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a. Footpath 3 at Swyre (running north behind Swyre Road/Green Barton) – Councillor Taylor had circulated details of this footpath but it was agreed to discuss again at the November meeting after all Councillors had walked and inspected it.
- b. The B3157 Coast Road would be closed at Burton Bradstock from 5th October 2015 for 5 nights from 7pm to 6am.

10. WINTER WEATHER PLANNING

Councillor Heaver advised that salt supplies were adequate at present and further supplies could be purchased later if needed. There were the 9 people in Puncknowle ready to spread salt as required. To ask DCC Highways again if the gritting lorry could reverse into the West Bexington road to grit an extra 5 yards down the hill.

11. TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALL COUNCILS

The Transparency Code for Small Councils had come into effect from 1st April 2015 & all Parish Council details would need to be published on the Website.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 1st September 2015 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

13. FINANCE

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

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary September)	£277.04
DAPTC (Chairmanship Seminar)	£30.00
Mrs C. Buckland (Broadband connection x 3 months)	£61.68
D. Heaver (Posts for Playing Field)	£7.77
Total Cheques	£376.49

Napper Charity Account:

National Allotment Society (Allotment fees)	£42.50
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Other Finance:

- a. A letter had been received from Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Lunch Club asking for a Donation towards their Xmas Meal – after discussion it was agreed that this was not proper use of precept money and a reply to be sent.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

- i. Superfast Broadband Update/Petition – The Petition had been sent to Dorset County Council who had advised that rather than it be presented at the Environment & Economy Overview Committee meeting on 20th October 2015, the petition would be forwarded direct to the “Task & Finish Group on Superfast Broadband Provision to Hard to Reach Communities”.
- ii. “Working Together Report” – Comments by 30th November 2015
- iii. The Services Review Consultation – Comments by 12th November 2015.
- iv. The date for Pre-Budget Meeting would be Wednesday 21st October 2015 at 7.30pm at the Chairman’s house.
- v. Thorners School Admissions Consultation – comments by 13th November 2015.

15. PUBLIC TIME

None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.42 pm.

Signed:

Dated: