

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

## **PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell, County Councillor R. Coatsworth, 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 Buckland declared an Interest (but not a Prejudicial Interest) in Item 8) Planning 4. Manor Farm, Swyre

## **3. PUBLIC TIME**

County Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that there would be a Dorset County Council meeting on Thursday to discuss the amalgamation of all Councils in 2 years' time.

Councillor Sinclair raised the issue of "Speeding Cars" at West Bexington. He would check which part was the problem with local residents & then PCSO Dave Ash to be asked to visit with his Speed Gun.

## **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record after 2 minor alterations: Item 8) Representatives Report iii.) Homewatch and Community Police Report -The Timberyard changed to Greystones Farm. Item 10) Highways Issues c) Hazel Lane, Swyre.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

None

## **6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Councillor Fry advised that he had attended the Workshop on Local Government Reorganisation at Litton Cheney where the 3 Options had been explained. He would report further at the October meeting.

## **7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

### **i. Allotments**

The Committee had met at the Allotments and 4 letters had now been sent to tenants who had not been keeping their Allotments clear of weeds. There was a new plot holder & 1 person on the waiting list. The Allotment AGM would be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm (the time would not be changed to 6pm) The Allotment Rules need to be amended & Rule 5 clarified – Councillor Heaver would sort this out. The Allotment Society subscriptions to continue to be paid by the Parish Council.

### **ii. Footpaths**

Dave Bird reported that all Puncknowle Footpaths were OK. Martin Yeates advised that planks to the Swyre Beach Footpath needed repairing.

### **iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report**

PCSO Dave Ash's report was read – there had been several minor events at West Bexington, including theft of picnic benches, wheelbarrow, etc.

### **iv. Playing Field Committee**

Councillor Heaver reported that 3 seats had been stained and given a protective coat of yacht varnish. The large stone outside the gate had been moved & a car parked in the gateway – this would be monitored. The Playhouse had rotted beams that needed replacing. The slide support had a hole in it & the fence around the big swings needed replacing.

- v. **Transport**  
Anna Lovell advised that there would be a DCC Cabinet meeting tomorrow to discuss real time transport provisions. Bridport Neighbourhood Plan – the Transport Sub-committee were looking at options to pedestrianize South Street, Bridport. Reimbursement of Hospital visit costs – Health Watch” were looking into this. There was a suggestion of providing a Community Bus around Bridport.
- vi. **Village Hall**  
No Report but advised that all the information on the Village Hall Notice Board was out of date.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**  
BLAP had a stand at the Melplash Show but had not had much Public interest.
- viii. **DAPTC**  
Councillor Williams had attended the last DAPTC Western Area Meeting. There was now a new Head of Planning – so there should be a quicker turnaround of planning applications. Highways funding – discussed under Item 9) e).
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
No Report

## 8. PLANNING

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

1. **Application No WD/D/16/0001517** – 15 Napier Close, Puncknowle – Internal & external alterations for a loft conversion to include new rear dormer & construction of rear west dormer & 3 conservation roof lights – No Objections.
2. **Application No WD/D/16/0001751** – Swyre Cross, Swyre – Erect extension & external alterations – No Objections
3. **Application No WD/D/16/0001713** – Manor Farm, Swyre – Erect steel frame livestock building – No Objections

### Decisions:

- A. **Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00194** – Puncknowle Manor – 1 Holm Oak (Reduce by 30%), 1 Maple (Pollard) – Consent Granted
- B. **Application No WD/D/16/001142** – 1 St Giles, Beach Road, West Bexington – Remove existing timber conservatory & replace with UPVC conservatory – Consent Granted
- C. **Application No WD/D/16/001159** – 25 Swyre – Variation of condition 1 of planning permission WD/D/16/000165 to allow the change in shape of garden lodge – Consent Granted
- D. **Application No WD/D/16/001266** – Seacroft, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Erect garden store – Consent Granted
- E. **Trees Consultation WD/TP/16/00231** Swyre Cross, Swyre – 7 Trees – Consent Granted
- F. **Application No WD/D/16/0001517** – 15 Napier Close, Puncknowle – Internal & external alterations for a loft conversion to include new rear dormer & construction of rear west dormer & 3 conservation roof lights – Consent Granted

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Notification of Road Closure to repair the Berwick Culvert, at Bredy Road, Burton Bradstock - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- b) Closure of the B3157 at Abbotsbury Hill on 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 9am to 4pm.
- c) The road surface at Rectory Lane, Puncknowle was now very bad – email County Councillor Ron Coatsworth with details.
- d) Hazel Lane, Swyre – The controversial fence had been taken down but the verge and hedgerow along the western side of this road had now been sprayed off.
- e) Reduction in Highways funding and local choices - options for the future would put more pressure on local councils to fund routine highways maintenance. There were 3 choices: 1) Form a Voluntary group which DCC would assist & supervise 2) Appoint a contractor to do the work and Local Councils pay for it 3) Use DCC workforce & Local Councils pay for it. Agreed to make a list of work that needs to be done & then discuss further at a future meeting.

**10. CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

This Consultation closure date is 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Agreed to discuss at the October 2016 Meeting.

**11. NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT WEST BEXINGTON**

The Defibrillator had now been installed at the Manor Hotel, West Bexington. An event would be arranged with South Western Ambulance Service to show the locals how to use this machine.

**12. PROPOSED EMERGENCY PHONE LINE AT WEST BEXINGTON BEACH**

BT had advised that moving the Public Phone Box closer to the Beach would cost too much & was not an option.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A schedule of correspondence received since 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

**14. FINANCE**

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

**Payments for Approval: -**

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary August)	£310.89
L/G. Quincey Landscapes (Grass Cutting x 6)	£540.00

Total Cheques	£850.89
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**Napper Charity Account:-**

D. Bird (Clearing Allotment – Plot 3)	£42.50
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**Other Finance:**

- a) A Credit from West Dorset District Council for £511.64 was the final part of the £3000 Grant from the West Bexington Fund.
- b) A Credit received from Kudos Studios was part payment from the Filming of Broadchurch at Beach Road, West Bexington.

**15. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Dorset Best Kept Village Presentation would be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 7pm at Cerne Abbas Village Hall – Councillors Fry & Heaver agreed to attend.
- b) A Meeting would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Manor Hotel, West Bexington for local residents to discuss with BT the local Broadband issues.

**16. PUBLIC TIME**

None

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.37 pm.

This was followed by a Meeting of the Trustees of the Napper Charity Trust.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....