

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

## **PRESENT:**

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

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

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor D. Heaver & PCSO D. Ash.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **3. PUBLIC TIME**

District Councillor John Russell advised that the decision on the Restructuring of the Councils would be made in January 2017. Anna Lovell asked that the surface of the road at Swyre (from the Church to the B3157) be reported to DCC Highways again.

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

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

None

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

Councillor Fry advised that SW Ambulance Service would arrange an Event with the Manor Hotel, West Bexington to demonstrate the New Defibrillator.

## **7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

### **i. Allotments**

Dave Bird reported that a work party had been held the previous Sunday to tackle the Allotment hedge on the Western side.

### **ii. Footpaths**

Dave Bird had nothing to report.

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

PCSO Dave Ash's report was read out. He would be finishing work at the Beaminster Police Station at the end of this week, moving to the Weymouth Station. His new replacements would be PCSO's Luke White & Pete Smith.

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

Councillor Heaver had advised that there was nothing to report.

### **v. Transport**

Anna Lovell had attended the last Council Cabinet Meeting –school transport provision had been included but there was no mention of Public Transport at all.

### **vi. Village Hall**

The Village Hall AGM would be on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm.

### **vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership**

Nothing to report.

### **viii. DAPTC**

The DAPTC AGM would be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Councillor Fry agreed to attend.

- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
No Report

## 8. PLANNING

**Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:** None

**Decisions:#**

- A. **Application No WD/D/16/0001713** – Manor Farm, Swyre – Erect steel frame livestock building – Consent Granted
- B. **Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00321** – Home Farm Camp/Caravan Site, Puncknowle – Fell 2 trees/prune 12 trees – Consent Granted
- C. **Application No WD/D/16/0001833** – Spring Gardens, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Extension & Improvement of the house & garage – Consent Granted

**Other Planning Issues:**

No Tree Applications were showing on the dorsetforyou website – Councillor Russell agreed to check this with WDDC Planning Office.

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Reduction in Highways funding and local choices – See Item 12. Other Finance

## 10. PROPOSED EMERGENCY PHONE LINE AT WEST BEXINGTON BEACH

Councillor Sinclair to report back at the December meeting following the results of the Coroner's Enquiry Meeting into the drowning at West Bexington Beach.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

## 12. FINANCE

**Payments for Approval: Resolved** that the one invoice listed below be authorised for payment: -

**Payments for Approval: -**

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary October)	£310.89
Total Cheques	£310.89

**Other Finance:**

- a) **SETTING OF BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2017/2018**  
Following a Budget sub-committee meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 a copy of the suggested Budget had been circulated to all Councillors before the meeting. It was Resolved that the Parish Council's Budget for the Year 2017/2018 be approved subject to clarification from Dorset County Council on Highways Maintenance. This figure to be confirmed at the December meeting and then the Precept Agreed - See attached sheets.
- b) It was agreed to ask the Public at the Annual Assembly in April 2017 what work they think needs to be done in the 3 Villages as any additional Highways maintenance will in future be the responsibility of the Parish Council and these additional costs would have to be covered by increasing the Annual Precept.
- c) It was agreed to look into the purchase of new Notice Boards for West Bexington.

## 13. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) The Laying of Wreaths would be held at the Swyre War Memorial at 11am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 would be held at Swyre Church.
- b) Councillor Williams advised that there had been a meeting of West Bexington Residents at the Manor Hotel with a BT representative & Oliver Letwin MP about phone lines and superfast broadband. He asked that a letter (which he would draft) be sent to BT via the Parish Council outlining what needs to be done.

**14. PUBLIC TIME**

None

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....