

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), T. Taylor, D. Heaver, J. Arak-Newman, J. Marsh & M. Buckland.

IN ATTENDANCE: C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell, C. Marsh (Homewatch), County Councillor M. Roberts, A. Lovell (Transport), N. Arak-Newman & D. Legge (Allotments) & D. Bird (Footpaths)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence: Councillors E. Sinclair & B. Pye & PCSO A. Bishop

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Both Councillors J. Arak-Newman & D. Heaver Declared an Interest in Item 10) All Aspects of the Allotment Field (As an Allotment Plot Holder)

3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell reported that there was a large pot hole at Swyre, near the telephone box.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 6th November 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Fry advised that when the previous Clerk had registered the Napper Charity details of the Allotment Field with the Land Registry in 2004, the 9 Councillors serving on the Parish Council at that time were named as Trustees. Most of those listed were no longer Parish Councillors but were still on the Land Registry Records. A local Solicitor had agreed to sort this issue out and would waive her fee. There may be a fee of about £40 to pay to the Land Registry Office.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

The Allotment to be discussed under Item 10).

ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird advised that Footpath 1 to Litton Cheney which had been reported by a resident of Litton Cheney as blocked with a growing crop had now been cleared.

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

There were several computer scams going around, but no other crimes to report.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver advised that the Opening Ceremony for the Sunken Trampoline on Sunday 11th November had been very well attended and involved many children from the villages. The disabled ramp had now been delivered but Ken Hussey had advised not to put this in as it will block part of the trampoline. The leaf clearing would take place on Saturday 15th December 2019 at 11 am (weather permitting).

v. Transport

Councillor Taylor gave a report on the last WATAG meeting – Dorset has the worst set of transport cuts in the South West. From October to Easter there is no Bus Service on a Sunday to Bridport. The 40 Bus Route had been cancelled without consultation. Dorset County Council had promised to keep provisions of Buses to the end of March 2019 but this is not happening. There is now no Bus Service between Bridport

& Yeovil. The link between Stations (Weymouth, Dorchester, and Yeovil) would be funded by SW Rail (Trains).

vi. Village Hall

The Hall Committee were holding a Christmas Tea on Sunday 9th December 2018 - 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm followed by a candle lit walk to the Church for the Carol Service at 5 pm. The Chairman had requested that the Grant of £500 for 2018/2019 be paid now towards the cost of the installation of the New Boiler.

vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership

No Report – the Chairman had not attended the last meeting.

viii. DAPTC

No Report

ix. Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site

Nothing to report

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

1. **Application No WD/D/18/002662** –Manor Farm, Swyre – Erection of steel framed Livestock Building – as this application had only been received today and was not yet on the dorsetforyou website – the Parish Councillors were unable to discuss or decide tonight.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Road Closure – The B3157 would be closed at Swyre (going west towards Bridport) from 18th January 2019 to 28th January 2019 daily from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. (The Road would open in evenings & weekends).
- b) Dorset County Council were carrying out gully work in the area over the next couple of weeks.

10. ALL ASPECTS OF THE ALLOTMENT FIELD

The Chairman reported that a formalised Management Plan and Agreement needed to be drawn up with the Allotment Holders and the Napper Charity Trust/ The Parish Council. It was agreed that the Allotment Holders would pay a “pepper-corn” rent for the Orchard (if called for). Future Water bills to be paid by the Allotment Holders and bills should be sent to Councillor Heaver as Allotment Secretary. The ownership of the boundary hedges were still being investigated and once this was established it was agreed that Peter Yeates of Swyre (as a National Hedge-layer & Judge) be asked for advice about the future management of these hedges.

11. NOTICE BOARDS AT WEST BEXINGTON

No details or quotes had been received for new Notice Boards – Agreed to discuss at the February meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 6th November 2018 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 November)	£320.28
Mrs D. Sinclair (Website Management)	£25.00
Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s Expenses)	£186.99
Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall (Grant)	£500.00

Total Cheques £1032.27

Other Finance:

- a) It was Agreed to Transfer £5450.37 from the Puncknowle Playing Field Restoration Fund (Nationwide Building Society) to the Main Parish Council Account (TSB) to cover the cost of the Sunken Trampoline (net of VAT). This should leave a balance of £7.02 in the Playing Field Restoration Account.

- b) Because the Parish Council will not meet in January 2019 it was agreed to write two cheques dated 1st January 2019 to Mrs C. Buckland (Clerks Salary - December) for £320.28 and to Mrs D. Sinclair (Website management) for £25.00.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

- i. Work on repairing the Public Toilets at West Bexington had started. These Toilets will be closed to the Public until the work is completed.
- ii. A letter of resignation had been received from the Clerk – This post to be advertised.

15. PUBLIC TIME

- a) County Councillor M. Roberts advised that the Shadow Executive were doing a lot of work in the background but can't make any decisions for the future Dorset Council.
- b) Councillor Marsh raised the issue of works vans/Lorries parking along the road by the building works at Hillside, Swyre Road., with cranes taking large building supplies up & over the road. Councillor Marsh again raised the problem of the road opposite the new build (Meadfoot) at Swyre Road, West Bexington which had been damaged by builders vans & delivery Lorries to the site – emails had been sent to the Agent some months ago but still no reply had been received – Highways to be contacted now.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 5th February 2019 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.14 pm.

Signed:

Dated: