

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence: Councillor T. Taylor & PCSO A. Bishop

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell reported that at the last BLAP Meeting concerns had been raised about loss of “street trees”. There were several stretches of hedges/trees in this Parish which had recently been removed or laid.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the Minutes of the Council’s meeting held on 4th December 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3) Public Time – The large pot holes at Swyre by the telephone kiosk had now been repaired.

Item 14) The Public Toilets at West Bexington Car Park had been refurbished and had a new roof – these Toilets were now reopened.

Item 15) Public Time – The damage to the road surface/verges at the new build (Meadfoot) at Swyre Road, West Bexington had been reported again but still no reply had been received – Highways to be contacted again.

6. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

The change in details of the Trustees of the Allotments with the Land Registry Office was now in hand. The applications for the post of Parish Clerk closes on 15th February 2019 & there had been 2 applicants to date with the interviews to take place the following week.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver advised that there was not much happening at the Allotments yet but the new Plot holders had started working Plot 2. The Allotments also to be discussed under Item 10.

ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird advised that there was nothing to report on Footpaths.

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

There was nothing to report.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver advised that 4 people had helped with the leaf clearing. One cut of grass had already been done. He confirmed that the trampoline had been added to the Insurance Policy.

v. Transport

Anna Lovell reported that the New Town Bus was serving well. The WATAG committee were working to improve the timetable and routes, but this Bus does not serve any of the rural villages.

vi. Village Hall

Councillor Sinclair advised that the Christmas Tea on Sunday 9th December 2018 had raised £107. The Hall Committee were organising a Bingo & Chips event on Friday 12th April 2019 with Peter May as Caller. There would also be a Skittles Tournament at the Bull, Swyre between teams from the 3 Villages. Future work to the Hall included windows, drainage to be checked & painting. The Committee had applied for a Grant of £720 towards Renewables.

vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership

Councillor Fry advised that BLAP were holding regular meetings re the change over to the New Dorset Council. There would be a new Planning System from 1st March 2019. Road Closures on the A35 was discussed with diversions through the country lanes causing major disruptions.

viii. DAPTC

No Report but the DAPTC Annual Conference on 26th March 2019 was now fully booked.

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/18/002903** –3 Clay Lane, Puncknowle – Removal of existing lean-to roof & erection of a First Floor Extension over the existing kitchen structure – It was Agreed to Support this Application as the Property urgently needs improvements to make it more habitable for the 21st Century.
2. **Application No WD/D/18/002662** –Manor Farm, Swyre – Erection of steel framed Livestock Building – It was Agreed to Support this Application.

Decisions:

- a) **Application No WD/D/18/002350** – Mannamead, Swyre Road, Puncknowle - Consent Granted

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) The B3157 had now been resurfaced at Swyre (going west) and also an area near Othona going towards Bridport, but some Councillors felt that not a very good job had been done.
- b) Looke Lane near Hoopers Lane had been closed without prior notice to sort out the drain but after the work had been completed the water running across the road was worse.
- c) It was suggested that any Highways issues that are emailed to Blair Turner (Highways) be copied to the County Councillor - Mark Roberts.
- d) Still no date for the repairs to the culvert and road surface near Swyre Church.

10. ALL ASPECTS OF THE ALLOTMENT FIELD

The Chairman reported that he had met with Peter Yeates at the Allotments and he had advised that half of each hedge should be laid at a time. The Ash Mock should be taken out professionally and all Councillors agreed that Councillor Fry should get quotes to do this with the work to be paid for out of the Napper Trust Account. The Allotment Association Officers had not yet circulated details of the areas/subjects which need to be discussed and clarified.

11. NOTICE BOARDS AT WEST BEXINGTON

Still no details or quotes for new Notice Boards at West Bexington.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 6th December 2018 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

13. FINANCE

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

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary January)	£320.28
Mrs D. Sinclair (Website Management)	£25.00
Ken Hussey (Playing Field Inspection)	£37.50
7 Donation cheques (See Below)	£300.00

Total Cheques £682.78

Other Finance:

- a) It was resolved to make the following S137 Donations for 2018/2019 and the cheques to be issued after the meeting:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£35
Thorners School Fledglings	£35
The Samaritans	£35
Dorset Air Ambulance	£90
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£35
Bride Valley First Step Toddlers Group	£35
Bride Valley Churches Team Council (Bride Valley News)	£35
Making the Total Donations	£300.00

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

- i. Council & Local Council Elections on Thursday 2nd May 2019 – Nomination Forms deadline – 3rd April 2019.
- ii. Councillor Pye advised that he would be looking at fundraising for a defibrillator at Swyre.
- iii. There would be another defibrillator refresher course at the Manor Hotel, West Bexington in March 2019 which Councillor Fry would organise.
- iv. Details of the Annual Parish Assembly to be discussed at the March 2019 Meeting.

15. PUBLIC TIME

None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Signed:

Dated: