

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), B. Pye, J. Marsh & T. Taylor, M. Buckland

IN ATTENDANCE: S.Bowsher (Parish Clerk), M. Roberts, Dorset Council Councillor.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor E. Sinclair and D Bird

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 7th May 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The chairman raised the question of public liability when volunteers carry out tasks for the parish. This happens with the cutting of grass verges and occasionally minor repairs. Agreed that the terms of the insurance policy covering public liability will be examined.
G Fry to review the frequency of grass cutting in Swyre.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Homewatch and Community Police Report

There have been a few instances of sheep worrying in the area.

ii. Allotments

A closed meeting of the Napper Charity was scheduled after the meeting.

iii. Footpaths

The overgrown footpath at West Bexington needs to be addressed.

D. Bird reported that he has strimmed Knackers Hole and the footpath alongside the playing field and Looke Lane. Bull Lane is clear.

iv. Playing Field Committee

The recent inspection has highlighted the need for post caps. Councillor Fry advised that the gate post is failing and needs to be attended to without delay. It was **RESOLVED** that G. Fry should replace the fence post. (Proposed J. Marsh, Seconded B. Pye). G Fry also volunteered to replace any pegs missing from the safety netting.

v. Transport

T. Taylor had attended the recent WATAG meeting. Plans for the double decker bus service through Litton Cheney are proceeding.

- vi. **Village Hall**
No further news to report.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
Nothing to report.
- viii. **DAPTC**
Nothing to report.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
Nothing to report.
- x. **Emergency Planning**
Representative to be appointed.
- xi. **Finance**
It was **RESOLVED** that the finance committee will continue with two members.
It will meet on 25th June 2pm.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

None

Decisions:

None

Other Planning Issues:

None

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Blair Turner from Dorset County Highway has responded about the poor state of the passing places on the road between Swyre and West Bexington. It was agreed that a meeting will be sought with him to establish a way to progress matters.

We are awaiting a response to the enquiry about the positioning of rocks on grass verges.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 1st May 2019 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting. One piece of written correspondence circulated and forwarded to the relevant authority. No matters arising.

11. FINANCE

Payments for Approval:

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

Mrs Sally Bowsher (Clerk's salary, May)	£303.21
Mrs D. Sinclair (Website Management)	£25.00
David Landscapes, Grass Cutting at playing fields	£300.00
Norris and Fisher Insurance Renewal Premium	£261.95
Mrs Sally Bowsher, Clerk's expenses	£46.08

Total Cheques £936.24

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

13. PUBLIC TIME

No parishioners in attendance. Councilor M Roberts advised that the newly formed Dorset Council is in the process of establishing its committees.

It was agreed that overnight camping on the beach at West Bexington was in contravention of local bye law and a letter will be written to the appropriate enforcement body.

Some finger posts in the parish need letters replacing. G Fry agreed to look into this.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: