

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

## PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), J. Marsh (Vice Chairman), B. Pye, M. Buckland, E. Sinclair. M. Roberts (Dorset Council Councillor).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Bowsher (Parish Clerk),

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

T. Taylor, A Lovell (Transport)

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. PUBLIC TIME

Mark Roberts provided a brief update as Ward Councillor.

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed J Marsh, seconded E Sinclair, all in favour.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

### 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Nothing to report

### 7. CLERK'S REPORT

#### Updated rules and regulations

It was resolved that updated versions of the Council's code of conduct, standing orders, and financial regulations should be adopted. Proposed G. Fry, seconded E. Sinclair, all in favour.

#### Removal of Protected Tree at West Bexington.

A tree surgeon must be consulted and permission sought before this can be felled.

#### West Bexington helicopter flights.

The requested information has been received and the Council will now seek further advice.

#### Grass Cutting in West Bexington and Swyre

Dorset Council have confirmed that volunteers can cut the grass areas owned by them where we wish.

#### Other Items.

Dorset Council will be hosting a workshop on 22 October at Bridport, which will be attended by G Fry and S Bowsher. It will provide an opportunity to discuss and develop how the relationship between Dorset Council, Dorset Town Councils and Dorset Parish Councils will be constructed.

### 8. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

#### i. Homewatch and Community Police Report

Nothing to report locally.

#### ii. Allotments

The Allotments Association held its AGM on 26 September 2019.

- A closed meeting of the Napper Charity was scheduled after the meeting.
- iii. **Footpaths**  
It was agreed that Puncknowle Estate should be contacted about the outstanding footpath query. It is felt that fouling of footpaths and grass areas by dogs has been unacceptably high. Bins are provided for owners to act responsibly.
  - iv. **Playing Field Committee**  
The slide is in need of repair and must be fenced off until this is carried out. G Fry is looking into sourcing the materials to do this and also offered to remove brambles growing around the play area.
  - v. **Transport**  
Contractors for Dorset Council are now operating a double decker bus when necessary to provide school transport.
  - vi. **Village Hall**  
Work has been undertaken to repoint with lime cement where necessary, and to improve the drainage. Ventilation still needs to be addressed, and also internal decoration once the walls have dried out.
  - vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**  
The issue of Dorset Council planning consultations being requested during August and of parish councils no longer being consulted on tree planning applications was raised at the meeting on 18 September.
  - viii. **DAPTC**  
Nothing to report
  - ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
Nothing to report.
  - x. **Emergency Planning**  
Nothing to report.
  - xi. **Finance**  
See 12 below

## 9. PLANNING

### Applications on which the Parish Council is being consulted: -

1. **Application No WD/D/19/001992** – Absit Invidia, West Bexington, Dorchester, DT2 9DD.  
Demolish existing bungalow and erect new dwelling.  
All councillors support this application, but wish to register a request that the building contractors take care to avoid obstructing the public highway while on site.
2. **Application No WD/D/19/002093** – Old School House, Looke Lane, Puncknowle, Dorchester DT2 9BD.  
Extension and alterations.  
The Council support this application to bring this accommodation up to modern standards.
3. **Application No WD/D/19/002394** – BT Proposal to remove Public Payphones at Puncknowle and Swyre.  
All in favour of the Council adopting these rather than allowing BT to remove them after they are disconnected.

### Decisions:

None

### Other Planning Issues:

## 10. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

It was agreed that the 30MPH road signage in Swyre would be looked again at a future date.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A schedule of correspondence received since 1st September had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

**12. FINANCE**

**Payments for Approval:**

**Resolved** that the three items listed below be authorised for payment: -

Mrs Sally Bowsher (Clerk's salary Sept)	£303.21
Mrs D. Sinclair (Website Management Sept)	£25.00
David Landscapes, Grass Cutting at playing fields Invoice 1040	£150.00

Total Cheques            £478.21

A summary of income and expenditure for the year to date and a bank reconciliation was made available to the Councillors.

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

There will be an Auction of Promises at the Manor, West Bexington on 18 October at 7.30pm. to raise money for Swyre Church and Crisis UK.

**14. PUBLIC TIME**

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.04pm

Signed: .....

Dated: .....