

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), B. Pye, T. Taylor,
M. Buckland and M Roberts (Dorset Ward Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bowsher (Parish Clerk),

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

E. Sinclair, J. Marsh (Vice Chairman).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC TIME

M Roberts advised that one of the items of feedback from the recent Peer Review on Planning was the desire for more detail to be provided when consultees are informed of amendments to planning applications.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3rd December 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed B Pye, seconded T Taylor.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Flooding at the bottom of Rectory Lane seems better for the time being after Dorset Highways cleared some of the ditches.

A quotation has been received for felling the dying Rowan tree at West Bexington and it was agreed that an alternative quotation should be sought.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The provision of defibrillators in Swyre, West Bexington and Puncknowle is being reviewed and a new defibrillator is currently on order for West Bexington. A fund-raising event is taking place in Puncknowle on 14 February for the Swyre defibrillator. The defibrillator contract in Puncknowle which runs until the end of June is currently provided by the local Brewery and their tenants at the pub.

PG Fry has carried out extensive repairs and restoration of finger posts in the parish and this is now complete.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk is still following through with Dorset Council on new signage for West Bexington Car Park. Members were sent a copy of the Dorset Local Plan Briefing which has a deadline for feedback of 28 February.

8. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Homewatch and Community Police Report

Nothing to report

ii. Allotments

Next meeting of the Napper Charity to be decided.

iii. Footpaths –

Nothing to report other than the ground is extremely wet at the moment.

iv. Playing Field Committee

All maintenance issues from the last safety report have now been attended to with the exception of a plank on one of the seats and the post caps which are proving to difficult to source in the correct size. Some of the posts for the swing-over bars may need to be replaced in future.

- v. **Transport**
During the month, the PlusBus service has altered to run every Wednesday.
T Taylor reported on the deep loss of many bus services and the impact upon peoples lives. A draft statement from Will Austin at Bridport Town Council about cuts in service had been sent recently to the members and was made available at the meeting. It was agreed to support this statement.
Proposed G Fry, Seconded T Taylor, all in favour.
- vi. **Village Hall**
Nothing to report
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
The Chairman and Clerk continue to attend these meetings which are a useful platform to share issues with other parish councils.
- viii. **DAPTC**
The DAPTC have been a useful source of information and training.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
Work is underway with regard to the new requirement for accessibility.
- x. **Emergency Planning**
Nothing to report.
- xi. **Finance**
A summary of income and expenditure for the year to date against budget and a bank reconciliation was made available to the members. T Taylor verified that the bank reconciliation matched the bank statements.

9. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council is being consulted: -

1. **Application No WD/D/19/002773.** Durban, Church Street, Puncknowle, Dorchester, DT2 9BN. Conversion of loft space.
The Council voted in favour of supporting this application to modernise the property.
All in favour.
2. **Application Number: WD/D/19/002977.** St Brides, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4RN. Erection of pool room and retaining garden wall.
The Council voted to support this application. Three in favour, one abstention.

Decisions:

Application number WD/D/19/001129 Long House, West Bexington, Dorchester, DT2 9DE
Demolition of two prefabricated concrete garages and one of the existing dwellings, construction of a replacement dwelling including the reinstatement of a previously demolished section, and the construction of an eco energy centre timber stable/barn in the rear stable yard.
Planning Permission Approved

Other Planning Issues:

CG Fry and M Roberts will be attending a planning committee meeting in February to support planning application WD/D/19/002093, Old School House, Looke Lane Puncknowle.
Other local enforcement issues were discussed.

10. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The local Water Company repaired a leak to the mains water pipe in Swyre at the weekend which had been causing water to run across the road.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 3rd December had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting. A Dorset Council survey about dog related public spaces is available for feedback.

12. FINANCE

Payments for Approval:

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

Mrs Sally Bowsher (Clerk's salary Jan)	£303.21
Mrs D. Sinclair (Website Management Jan)	£25.00
K Hussey Playing Field Quarterly Inspection	£54.00
Panoscope Web Domain Renewal	£115.10
P G Fry Expenses: new Finger Post Letters	£48.25

Section 137 Payments:

Citizens Advice Bureau	35.00
BV Fledglings/Thorner's School	35.00
The Samaritans	35.00
Dorset Air Ambulance	90.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	35.00
Bride Valley 1 st Step Toddlers Group	35.00
Bride Valley Churches Team Council	<u>35.00</u>
Total Section 137 payments	<u>£300.00</u>
Total Cheques	£845.56

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Parish Assembly will take place on 12 May 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall when David Powell provide a presentation about the Bridport Citizens' Charter.

The Bride Valley Churches will be holding a Wedding Festival over 15/16 February.

There will be a Family Bingo night in Puncknowle Village Hall on 14 February at 7.30pm to raise funds for a defibrillator in Swyre.

14. PUBLIC TIME

M Roberts gave an update on the new Dorset Council budget.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

Signed:

Dated: