

DRAFT PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), J. Marsh (Vice Chairman), M Buckland, S Oliver, B. Pye, E Sinclair, T Taylor and Dorset Councillor M Roberts,

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Bowsher (Parish Clerk), PCSO Alex Bishop, Greg Smith Community Safety Officer from Dorset Council and three members of the public.

1 PUBLIC TIME

The Council is asked to note that Public Time is not part of the formal meeting of the Council and minutes cannot be produced. (Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s 1 extended by the LGA Act 1972 s 100.

2 DISCUSSION ABOUT BEACH CAMPING AT WEST BEXINGTON

Since the PSPO has been in place, Dorset Council have provided daily patrols, monitoring by CCTV and new signs have just been installed. The senior leadership team at Dorset Council will be holding a meeting to review what has happened over the summer, and comments from this meeting will be fed back. Dorset police have made several visits during the summer. They have engaged with visitors to explain the PSPO and have advised people to take down tents and to leave at the end of the day where appropriate.

The power to enforce the PSPO rests with Dorset Council and enforcement in future will be provided by a patrol from their Rural Services team. They will make people aware in the first instance if they are breaking the terms of the PSPO, and if they do not comply, a fixed penalty notice can be issued. Non payment will result in a referral to the Dorset Council legal team who decide whether to prosecute.

Councillor Sinclair reported that the new car park signs have had a good impact so that fishermen can now find room to park. Overall, the position on beach camping is improved, apart from one large group who have been regular visitors.

Dorset Council rely on the community to make them aware if people are camping in contravention of the PSPO. Residents can report this to:

patrol@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Anti-social behaviour and criminal activity should be reported to the police using the 999 or 101 service.

The Chairman thanked both Mr Smith and PCSO Alex Bishop for their time in attending.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apoloies for absence had been received from S Oliver and D Bird.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2022 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed M Buckland , seconded B Pye. All those who had been present at the meeting in favour.

6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7 UPDATE FROM DORSET COUNCIL

Dorset Councillor Mark Roberts provided an update about the projected budget shortfall for next year, although it is hoped that there will be no cuts to services. Dorset Council has applied to be one of forty Government Enterprise Zones, principally centred around the Weymouth area. Road surfacing methods have been amended to make a substantial impact upon the carbon footprint and the use of aggregates for this activity. Dorset Council will provide 150 extra EV charge points to communities across the county and will be looking to see where to instal them.

8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There are now two vacancies on the Parish Council. An advert will be placed on the noticeboards and in the Bride Valley News in November with a deadline for applications of 30th November.

9 CLERK'S REPORT

- 9.1 The defibrillator at West Bexington Sea Front has now been installed in the Club House grounds where it is always fully accessible to the public. The Parish Council wish to thank the Club House for hosting the defibrillator and for supplying the electricity going forwards, Tristan G Murless Ltd for installing the electrical connection free of charge to the community, and Chairman Fry for providing and installing posts and a board and setting the machine up so it is now running. The machine is registered to the Parish Council and will be monitored by them. It will be added to national circuit used by the emergency services.
- 9.2 An advert will be in the November BVN seeking volunteers for a Speed Watch team in Swyre. It was agreed that Dorset Council will be consulted about the lack of warning markers on the road as you come into the 30mph area on the B3157 in Swyre. Short term, Wessex Water will be asked to adjust the diversion signs which are felt to be obscuring the junction of Swyre Road with the B3157.
- 9.3 A draft survey has been circulated to the members to ascertain the level of mobile phone service that residents are experiencing. It was agreed that Puncknowle should now also be included. The draft survey needs to be altered to reflect this.
- 9.4 One member now has access to internet banking. Other applications are still being chased.
- 9.5 Swyre Telephone Box – matters are in hand to repair the missing Perspex.
- 9.6 It was agreed that the clerk should seek three quotes for renovating the war memorial.

9.7 An EGM to discuss the budget for next year will be held on 22 November.

10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Terms of Reference for a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Proposed J Marsh, seconded E Sinclair, five in favour, one abstained.

An open meeting will be held for residents to meet two members of the Dorset Council Planning Team, who can answer questions about the benefits of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting will take place in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7pm on 8 November.

An advertisement will be placed in the BVN and on the noticeboards.

11 UPDATE ON BUS SHELTER IN SWYRE

Wessex Water met on site on 28 September with the Clerk and Councillor Taylor. They are no longer able to undertake the groundworks but will support the project with funding and have suggested a suitable groundworks contractor who should be able to provide an alternative quote to the one received earlier in the year. Other requests for quotes have not yielded any response. SSE came out and confirmed the position of the electricity cable on 3 November. This should not affect the siting of the shelter.

The order for the bus shelter has now been placed and the expected delivery date is the week commencing 14 November. Notice needs to be given to defer delivery if we haven't heard within the week from the new contractor.

12 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

i. Neighbourhood Watch and Community Police Report.

PCSO Alex Bishop advised of the local theft of a Land Rover. The vehicle was recovered, and it was not felt to be part of the wave of organised thefts being experienced elsewhere in Dorset. If anyone wants to talk about their specific security concerns, they are welcome to contact PCSO Bishop who can provide advice. Vehicle owners are urged to ensure that they store their keys securely.

There are a couple of scams being circulated by text messages purporting to be from the government about help with energy payments and Covid Passports. These come from random mobile numbers. People are urged not to click on the links but to seek any information they require through the official government website. Residents are encouraged to use call screening on their landlines to prevent scam callers.

ii. Allotments

The Allotment tenants AGM was held on 30 September. There will be a meeting of the Napper Charity after the parish council meeting on 1 November.

iii. Footpaths

D Bird provided an update prior to the meeting. The parish council thank him for his continued support in clearing the footpaths.

iv. Playing Field

The latest quarterly safety report has been received. Part of the wall has been damaged in the Playing Field next to the trampoline. A meeting of the Playing Field Advisory Committee is planned for 27 October at 4pm in the Playing Field.

- v. **Transport**
There has been an expansion in the number of buses on service.
- vi. **Village Hall.**
Nothing to report.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership.**
Dorset Planning Enforcement gave a presentation at the latest BLAP meeting.
BLAP have asked for sponsorship for 2023/2024 of £64.35. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to this, proposed J Marsh, seconded B Pye, AIF.
- viii. **DAPTC**
Continue to provide good support.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site.**
No issues.
- x. **Emergency Planning.**
A list of the properties in the parishes is being assembled. This will provide the basis to seek volunteer support in emergencies such as long-term power cuts or floods. It was agreed that the clerk will chase up on the discussions with the Dorset Council Flood Team about whether something is happening to encourage landowners to engage in land management that averts flooding.

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PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council is being consulted:

Please note that in Planning Matters the Council acts as consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding body.

- 1 **Application No P/HOU/2022/P/HOU/2022/05574**
Grameleys Swyre Road West Bexington Dorchester DT2 9DD
Proposed extensions and associated alterations.
It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council supports this application with the comment that the obscured glass should be considered in the rear glazing.
Proposed E Sinclair, seconded J Marsh, AIF
- 2 **Decisions:**
 - Application P/HOU/2022/05575**
Old Beams 14 Church Street Puncknowle Dorset DT2 9BN Erect rear conservatory (demolish porch)
Application Withdrawn
 - Application P/LBC/2022/05576**
Old Beams 14 Church Street Puncknowle Dorset DT2 9BN Alterations to facilitate the removal of porch and erection of conservatory
Application Withdrawn
 - Application P/HOU/2022/04655**
Chilcombe View Swyre Road Puncknowle DT2 9BP
Single storey side extension, rear dormer windows and roof alterations.
Application Withdrawn.

3 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES

Section 53, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order – Puncknowle T723 to add a bridleway.

14 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

None

15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The schedules of correspondence received in September were reviewed. A response to the Dorset AONB Community Tree Scheme was agreed.

16 FINANCE

1 It was RESOLVED that the items listed below be authorised for payment: -

Payments for Approval: -

Mrs S Bowsher (Clerk’s salary September)*	£338.40
Mrs Dianne Sinclair (Website management)	£25.00
Mr K Hussey, Playground H&S Report Q3 2022	£40.00
Chesil Beach Garden Services Grass Cutting Invoice 2638	£96.00

TOTAL CHEQUES £499.40

Proposed J Marsh, Seconded B Pye, AIF.

**Includes Employer’s PAYE tax submitted to HMRC where appropriate.*

- 2 The bank reconciliation was circulated to the members together with an update of spending against budget. To note that the second half of the precept has been received.
- 3 An advertisement for Grant Applications has been placed in the BVN for November.

17 INFORMATION ITEMS

An open meeting will take place in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7pm on 8 November where residents can discuss Neighbourhood Planning with members of Dorset Council.

18 PUBLIC TIME

Please see item 1 above.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting at the village hall will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30 pm.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will take place in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7.30pm on 22 November to discuss the budget for the coming year.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: