

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:**

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), J Marsh (Vice Chairman), M Buckland, P Bullen, B Pye

**APOLOGIES:** R Forrester

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Rose (Parish Clerk) and one (1) member 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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillor R Forrester

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

### **4 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.**

**Application No P/FUL/2023/04010.** Land adjacent to Looke Lane Puncknowle.

To erect a barn, poly tunnel, firewood processing shed, site welfare unit and fuel storage bunker. To lay down a raised growing bed area. To install water storage tanks and solar panels.

The Parish Council discussed the location of the site. Discussion of ownership of the site was had – it was noted that planning application does not require ownership of the site to be clear. The history of planning applications related to the site was mentioned, in particular that it had formerly been part of a plot of land that had been sold in separate parts. Concerns were raised about wildlife – others responded that this was a matter for other bodies to ascertain. The large size of the proposed barn was noted. Visibility of the site was discussed – it was mentioned that it is hidden from view due to existing hedgerow, though it was visible when driving adjacent to the site. A member of the Parish Council disagreed with the Dorset Highways assessment that it would not alter traffic, citing the narrowness of the road. It was suggested that given the productive capacity of the site, it would be likely that timber would be brought into the site, and this would create difficulties due to the road infrastructure. Concerns were raised regarding water run-off from the site.

The Parish Council **resolved** to reject the application, stating “The Parish Council does not believe it is suitable for the purposes requested.”

Proposed: Cllr John Marsh. Seconded: Cllr Martin Buckland. Carried unanimously.

Please see item 1 above.

**17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

The next ordinary meeting at the village hall will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting ended at 20:04pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....