

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10th June 2020, remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Charles Barter (Vice-Chair), Graham Lightfoot, Trevor Poole, Lizzie Guinn, Stuart Chorley, A-J Monro and Emily Hall.

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

In Attendance: No-one else in attendance.

Minute Number **Comments**

20/012 **Apologies for absence**

None received.

20/013 **Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested**

Cllr Guinn declared an interest in tree works application number TWA/2020/037.

20/014 **Confirmation of minutes of the A&TPC meeting held 13th May 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the A&TPC meeting held 13th May 2020 be approved. Due to social distancing measures in place as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak, and the need to hold meetings remotely, minutes will be signed at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council.

20/015 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Cllr Poole has investigated a tree at the Hollow which is unstable. It appears to be on land is not currently registered and is thought to possibly be the responsibility of the highways team at Dorset Council. It was agreed that Cllr Poole would mark these trees on a map and the Clerk will contact Councillor Wharf as well as the Highways Team Leader for the area to discuss the problems.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Poole

The pending Ward Walk has not been arranged yet because of Covid-19. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow this matter up with the Highways team at Dorset Council, in order to facilitate it as soon as possible. **Action: Clerk**

Dorset Council has cut the grass along verges recently but a verge east of Waddock Cross towards Bovington has not been cut. Visibility is poor which increases the risk of an accident. Cllr Barter has raised this with the team responsible but is awaiting a response.

20/016 **Dorset Councillor's report**

The Dorset Councillor's report was discussed.

The full Dorset Councillor's report is available on the Briantspuddle Community website. For residents who do not have internet connection, a copy can be obtained from the Clerk. The Dorset Council Website continues to be updated

regularly, with the latest information and guidance about Covid-19, as does the Briantspuddle Community Website, www.briantspuddle.info.

20/017 **Bladen Social Club**

The Parish Council received an enquiry from Bladen Social Club as to whether the Council would permit use of the grass area behind the shop as an outdoor drinking and social space when current government guidance allows. A more thorough plan would need to be submitted before the proposal could be considered. Councillors agreed that they would welcome proposals from all of the amenity complex tenants about how they planned to respond when lockdown restrictions ease. It was agreed to write to all tenants to explain this.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Jones

20/018 **Floodplains**

The floodplains (sometimes referred to as water meadows) are becoming fragmented as strips of land are being sold or leased. A recent change of use regarding land outside of property curtilage without a change of use application has been reported to the Parish Council. Dorset Council have agreed to investigate the use of the flood plains once all pending sales have been finalised.

It was agreed that it would be useful to gather photographs of the floodplains as a reference, should there be any changes.

Action: Cllr Jones

20/019 **Planning and other applications**

The following tree works applications were considered and it was agreed that no comments were required:

TWA/2020/037 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Proposal: (T1) Lime - fell and replace with similar tree
Location: Stable Barn, Affpuddle, DT2 7HH

TWA/2020/040 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Proposal: (G1) Group of Leylandii (10 stems) – fell
Location: Throop Farm, Throop Hollow, Throop, DT2 7JD

TWA/2020/041 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Proposal: (G1) Acers x3 - prune back to boundary of no.48
Location: Land adjacent to 48, Briantspuddle, DT2 7HT

TWA/2020/042 (Tree works in a conservation area)
Proposal: (T1) Spruce - fell
Location: Well Cottage, 5 Throop Hollow, Throop, DT2 7JD

The following road closure was also discussed:

Notification: Road Closure at Briantspuddle Bridge, Moor Lane
Purpose: Repairs to the structures headwalls and arch barrels as well as installing scour protection.
Dates: 13 July 2020 to 21 August 2020

A replacement pipe is needed to relieve drainage issues at Shop Hill and Cllr Jones has suggested to Dorset Council that it would make sense to complete this work at the same time to avoid the need for another road closure.

20/020 **Finance and accounts**

A payment of £517.37, made on 14/05/2020 to Community First for the annual insurance (cheque number 100741) was noted.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments totalling £916.54:

- Cheque No: 100742 – A Bendall (Clerk's salary & reimburse costs) £376.54
- Cheque No: 100743 – (replacement for lost cheque no. 100741) £36
- Cheque No: 100744 – Community Heartbeat Trust (Defib. support) £198.00
- Cheque No: 100745 – A W W Garden Services (grounds maintenance) £306

20/021 **Correspondence received**

Posts have been erected along the road beside the wood just north of the Briantspuddle bridge. Concerns have been expressed that this might pose a safety hazard for walkers who need to step onto the verge to avoid oncoming traffic. The Council will keep this matter under review.

The Briantspuddle Village Shop and Post office have secured two grants from Dorset Council which will enable contactless payments to be made however, this will not cover the installation of screens to protect the volunteers who are serving customers. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for these by repurposing £150 from its own grant received from Dorset Council and also utilising the PPE element of the grant. The total cost will be £275.87.

Several reports of increasing numbers of flies have been received. It is thought that this is due to the very wet winter.

NALC have issued website accessibility guidance for Parish Councils. Campbell De Burgh has been working on this issue for several months with support from the Clerk and the Briantspuddle Community Website is mostly compliant except for a few issues which are pointed out in the accessibility statement on the website.

The Council received a report that Throop was experiencing more visitors as a result of the lockdown. Some anti-social behaviour had been witnessed. Since the report lockdown measures have been eased and this seems to have reduced visitor numbers since the May Bank Holiday Weekend. Dorset Council is aware of the issues as many local villages have been affected and they are working on discouraging tourism at this time.

20/022 **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 8th July 2020, 7.00 pm. This meeting is also likely to be held remotely using Zoom. Members of the public will be able to participate and details of how to access the meeting will be included on the agenda which will be on the website.

Meeting closed at 8:03 pm.

.....Chair Date:

Sue Jones

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