

# Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

<b>Chair</b>	Cllr Sue Jones
<b>Present</b>	Cllr David Leigh-Ewers, Lizzie Guinn, Damon Green, Cllr David Neudegg
<b>Clerk</b>	Matt Soul
<b>Also, in Attendance</b>	2 Members of the public

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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23/018      **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Emily Hall and Peter Wharf

23/019      **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested – None declared.**

23/020      **Public participation**

The Parish Council welcomed two members of the public to the meeting.

A Parishioner shared the history behind the creation of the Mini Information Centre, including the consideration given to reducing the carbon footprint of the internal light at the time of its conversion from a Telephone Kiosk.

Paul Foster (of Egdon Resources and speaking in support of the Application) gave the background to the planning application to be discussed as part of the June Agenda, which relates to the Oil Well Site and a variation to allow for the current approved application to be extended for a further 10 years. As the current application had expired, Dorset Council has suggested raising a variation application to extend the end date on the prior application for another 10 years whilst a new application proposing a more intensified operation was being worked on by the Applicant. The existing Oil Well site in Waddock Cross has two bore holes and was previously closed down as the oil contained too much water. Their plans at a future point would be to drill further holes and look into the possibility of extracting the water from the oil and re-injecting the water into the ground and the current variation application was simply to allow time to prepare the next application.

23/021      **To consider the light in the Mini Information Centre (Information Kiosk)**

Prior to the meeting Parish Councillors met at the Mini Information Centre as preparation to consider whether modifications might be made to reduce the carbon footprint concerning the use of the internal light.

For information, it was confirmed that the cost of the electricity remains the responsibility of BT, and the cost is estimated at £25 per annum.

Councillors decided not to make any modifications to the light based on the view that that the carbon footprint was sufficiently mitigated by the LED bulb and resolved to keep the Kiosk in its current state.

RESOLVED to Approve

23/022      **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

RESOLVED to Approve.

23/023      **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Cllr Sue Jones asked if approval could be given for the purchase of paint up to the value of £300 in order to begin work on maintenance of the Mini Information Centre and the Defibrillator in Affpuddle which is positioned in the adopted Telephone Box.

RESOLVED : Approved

Cllr David Neudegg proposed that he would begin reviewing and reporting on policies from the July meeting and that this will roll through the Parish Council year. A fixed item on the agenda should be added from July.

23/024      **Planning and other applications/notifications**

P/VOC/2023/02762 - Variation of Condition

Proposal : Retention of an existing well site for 10 years for oil production from the existing boreholes, Waddock Cross - 2 and Waddock Cross - 3, drilling of a sidetrack well, Waddock Cross - 4, and drilling of two boreholes, Waddock Cross - 5 and Waddock Cross - 6 for the appraisal and production of oil (Variation of condition 2 (Temporary Time Limit) and 3 (Restoration) of 6/2013/0001 in order to retain the wellsite for a further ten years).

Location : Waddock Cross Wellsite Waddock Cross Affpuddle DT2 8QY

Concern was expressed that the extended period sought in the application amounted to 10 years when at the same time another application for the site seeking to increase the intensity of the operation was in the planning stages, with submission anticipated in 2023. It was also clear from the information shared by Paul Foster during public participation that the traffic at the site, should new plans be approved, would increase considerably and there were additional concerns about noise and light pollution. It was confirmed that Paul Foster would be happy to take up an offer to work with the Parish Council as the Application is worked up to take Parishioners' concerns into account.

RESOLVED : To object with comments that the extension should be limited to 1 year and that the applicant would work with the Parish Council when formulating the planning application which is anticipated in 2023.

P/TRT/2023/02729 - Tree Works – TPO

Proposal : Group of 4 mature boundary lime trees, historically reduced in 2012, with significant basal growth. Reduce back to previous pruning points

Location : 33 Briantspuddle

RESOLVED : To make no comment

P/TRC/2023/02698 - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : T1 Pine - Fell to ground level - Outgrown location - Replant with native species, minimum size of 2.5 meters in height. T2 Cherry - Fell to ground level - Poor health / decay present on lower trunk - Failure prevention T3 Apple - Fell to ground level - Recent limb failure / suppressed by neighbouring trees.

Location : 3 Bladen Valley Briantspuddle DT2 7HP

RESOLVED : To make no comment

23/025      **To discuss any matters arising from the Dorset Councilors' report and receive any update from the Dorset Councilors.**

No comments raised.

23/026      **To review and approve the Certificate of Exemption 2022/23**

RESOLVED : APPROVED

23/027      **To review and approve the Annual Governance Statements 2022/23**

RESOLVED : APPROVED

23/028      **To review and approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2022/23**

RESOLVED : APPROVED

23/029      **To review and approve the dates to be set in 2023 for the exercise of public rights**

RESOLVED : APPROVED

**RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary Home Working Allowance Expenses - Mileage – May Meeting Expenses - Mileage – to Anna Bendall Expenses – Office 365 Annual Renewal 1 <sup>st</sup> June	£403.10 £10 £12.60 £8.10 £59.99	£493.79
Village Hall	Hall Hire 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Planning meeting prep Hall Hire 12 <sup>th</sup> April Parish Council Meeting Hall Hire 10 <sup>th</sup> May Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting	£10 £25 £30	£65
Campbell de Burgh	Wordpress Annual Website Domain Registration VAT for domain reg Wordpress Annual Website Charge	£18 £3.60 £43.20	£64.80
Gibbs Electrical Services	Electrical Works at Village Shop and Post Office	£1,320	£1,320
AWW Garden Services	Maintenance – 3 hours – Inv 221/2023 - 18/3 Grass Cut & Maint 4 hours Inv 205/2023 - 14/3 Grass Cut & Maint 3 hrs Inv 205/2023 - 28/3	£60 £80 £60	£200
Total			£2,143.59

RESOLVED : APPROVED

23/031 **To discuss any correspondence received**

Received contact from one of the members of the parish regards problems with no pathway locally for a disabled person to safely use.

23/032 **Items noted for next meeting:**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.....Sue Jones (Chair)      Date: