

**Minutes of the Annual Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Meeting held at 6:00pm on
Wednesday 10th May 2023, Briantspudde Village Hall**

Present: Twelve Parishioners

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Matt Soul

Minute Number	Comments
PM/23/01	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting.
PM/23/02	Apologies Apologies were received from Peter Talbot.
PM/23/03	Minutes The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 13 th April 2022 were approved.
PM/23/04	Community Groups Reports were presented from the following community groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bladen Social Club The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. Following the information contained in the report expressed as "Use It or lose It". A resident expressed surprise about the level of fixed costs associated with the Club (figures were given for the cost of hall hire and rent in the report) and asked if the Parish Council could support the club financially. Councillor Sue Jones advised that as the Bladen Social Club is a private members club it would not be possible to use public money for this purpose. She went on to explain that the Parish Council does have a budget to award grants each year, but there are rules governing how awards are made. The policy and process for consideration of applications are published on the community website. A resident asked if anyone knew the total membership of the club, and another resident advised that numbers were currently being confirmed, but the figure is believed to be around 70, but not all are actively attending the club.• Briantspudde Community Group Committee Chairman Angie Talbot read out the report. A resident asked about the income/outgoings of the Community Group and Committee Chairman Angie Talbot informed the meeting that all the money from book club donations was used to purchase items for the village hall. The sale of jams and chutney's by "The Jennies" was given to a charity of their choice. The remaining income from other activities was used to sustain Let's Lunch and the Coffee Shop both of which more or less broke even.

	<p>A resident asked about the lending of books, and Committee Chairman Angie Talbot advised that the cost was 30p, and they would always welcome book donations to their library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee Chairman Stuart Chorley read out the report and then took questions. <p>The residents gave thanks to the Village Hall committee for all their work on managing the Village Hall.</p> • Briantspuddle Shop and Post Office – Cllr Sue Jones explained that Cindy Read was due to read the report but had been taken ill and was currently in hospital. The meeting expressed their sadness about the news of her illness and wished her a full recovery. <p>The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting.</p> • The Erica Trust The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. <p>A resident commented that the work that is done is very beneficial and that residents should be aware that when felling happens, the result can look very bare, but regrowth happens over time, and this greatly benefits the wildlife.</p> • Affpuddle PCC The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting.
PM/23/05	<p>Parish Council, Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chairman thanked other community groups for their reports to the meeting and presented a report on Parish Council activities.</p> <p>A resident asked if it would be possible to arrange a future meeting on a different day to the monthly Parish Council meeting in order to differentiate the meetings. It was also suggested that additional communication methods could be used in conjunction with the noticeboard and website and if refreshments could be provided to encourage increased attendance to hear useful information about the Parish. Residents were advised that the structure of the meeting itself is strictly specified by legislation along with the format and publication of notices. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider the comments made before the next Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Residents gave their thanks to the Parish Council for facilitating and chairing the meeting and for all their work over the previous year managing the Parish Council.</p>

Meeting closed at 6:45 pm.

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Sue Jones

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