

Affpuddle & Turnerspudde Parish Council

Battle Farm Appeal

At the November 2023 Parish Council Meeting it was resolved that the Parish Council would make a submission to the Inspectorate setting out the reasons why the Parish Council believes the Inspector should dismiss the Appeal.

The Parish Council submission, along with others, can be found on the Appeal tab of the original Application on the Dorset for you Planning Portal. The Application number is P/FUL/2022/03050. Alternatively, if you contact the Parish Clerk, he will send you an emailed or posted copy. His email address is affpuddleandturnerspuddeclerk@outlook.com

The timescale for the Appeal discussion is not yet known.

Parish Council Grants

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 section 137 and section 133, the Parish Council sets aside a small sum of money each year which can be applied for by local organisations for projects which will be of benefit to residents within the Parish.

The Policy on Grants and the application form to make an application can be found on the Parish Council pages on the Community Website www.briantspuddle.info. The timetable for the current financial year 2023/24 is as follows:

- Applications to be submitted by 31st January 2024.
- Applications will be considered at the February Parish Council Meeting.
- Payments will be made at the March Parish Council Meeting.

Sheep Worring

The Parish Council has been made aware that there has been an incident involving a dog off its lead accessing a field of sheep in Turnerspudde off Gulley Lane.

The National Union of Farmers describe the problem and the consequences of dogs chasing sheep on the following link www.nfumutual.co.uk/media-centre/distracted-dog-owners-and-out-of-control-pets-placing-sheep-at-risk-of-horrific-and-fatal-injuries/ Points of particular importance in the article include:

“Many dog owners are unaware that even if their pet doesn’t make contact with a sheep, the distress and exhaustion caused by being chased can trigger a pregnant ewe to die or miscarry.”

Specific advice for dog owners includes:

- “Keep dogs on a lead when walking in rural areas where livestock are kept, but let go of the lead if chased by cattle.
- Be aware that even small dogs can cause the distress, injury and death of farm animals.”

It is understood that signs alerting walkers to the fact that sheep are in a field have been put up, but as sheep are often moved around, walkers must remain vigilant and consider their responsibility to ensure their dogs do not cause distress or harm to sheep and other livestock.

The timetable for awarding S133/137 grants for the 2023/24 financial year was agreed. The grant policy and process (including an application form) can be found on the Parish Council Section of the Community Website www.briantspuddle.info