

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) held on Wednesday 14th February 2024 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Cllr Sue Jones
Present	Cllrs Emily Hall, Damon Green, David Leigh-Ewers, Damon Green, David Neudegg
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	1 member of the public

Minute Number	Comments
23/124	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Lizzie Guinn and County Cllr Peter Wharf</p>
23/125	<p>Declarations of interest and dispensations requested</p> <p>None.</p>
23/126	<p>Public participation</p> <p>Councillors welcomed Peter Leatherdale, a member of the public who wished to talk about the possibility of a 20mph speed limit within the parish. Peter is part of the community speedwatch group and had contacted Dorset Council for information on the process for lowering the speed limits in parts of the parish to 20mph. This proposal had received significant support in a parish survey designed to collect views from parishioners about traffic and speed across the Parish.</p> <p>Parish Councillors welcomed Peter's efforts and asked him to liaise with Dorset Council to assess the viability of the proposal so that further consideration could be given to the scheme.</p>
23/127	<p>To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED to Approve.</p>
23/128	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings</p> <p>A suggestion to apply for a Tree Preservation order on the mulberry tree planted to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to contact the Tree Officer to consider the viability of this suggestion.</p>
23/129	<p>To report on planning applications considered in previous meetings, but where no Dorset Council planning decision has yet been taken.</p> <p>Updates to be considered in next meeting.</p>
23/130	<p>Planning and other applications/notifications</p> <p>P/PABA2/2024/00345 - Prior Approval - Building for Agricultural/Forestry Use - Part 2 Proposal : Erect a hay and machinery barn to measure 20m in length, 10m in breadth, a ridge height of 5m and a height to eaves of 3m Location : Land West of Throop Village RESOLVED to Comment on proximity of Barn to dwellings</p> <p>P/TRC/2024/00667 - Tree Works- Conservation Area Proposal : G1 Conifers - Fell Location : West Farm House Symmonds Barn To Bladen Valley C79 Affpuddle Dorset DT2 7HH RESOLVED to Make no comments</p>

P/TRC/2024/00534 - Tree Works- Conservation Area

Proposal : Cherry tree - Fell. Replant with another fruit tree away from bank.

Location : Campanula Cottage Affpuddle DT2 7HH

RESOLVED to Make no comments

P/TRC/2024/00539 - Tree Works- Conservation Area

Proposal : T1 Norway Maple - Pollard to approx. 4m from ground level. T2 Willow - Re-pollard.

Location : 24 Bladen Valley Briantspuddle DT2 7HP

RESOLVED to Make no comments

P/TRC/2024/00464 - Tree Works- Conservation Area

Proposal : Copper Beech - Reduce entire crown by 2-3 metres, retaining the natural shape of the crown.

Location : 7 Briantspuddle DT2 7HR

RESOLVED to Make no comments

P/TRC/2024/00448 - Tree Works- Conservation Area

Proposal : T1 Ash - Fell. T2 Ash - Fell. T3 Conifer - Crown lift to 5m above ground level.

Location : 2 School Lane Briantspuddle DT2 7HR

RESOLVED to Make no comments

23/131 **To consider Dorset Councillors report**

No concerns raised.

23/132 **Finance, Payments and Accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary Home Working Allowance Expenses - Mileage – January Meeting	£437.76 £10 £12.60	£460.36
Village Hall	Hire of Jubilee Room 10 th January 2024	£25	£25
DAPTC	Minute Taking course for Clerk	£30	£30
Sue Jones	6 x Tie Handle Refuse bags for annual litter picking	£33	£33
Total			£548.36

RESOLVED : APPROVED

23/133 **To consider quote from Darkin-Miller for internal audit**

RESOLVED to APPROVE 3 year contract with Darkin-Miller for internal audit

23/134 **To consider Section 133/137 grant applications for the Financial Year 2023/24**

- Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle Parochial Church Council
£250 to service lawn mowers to maintain St Laurence's Church churchyard
RESOLVED to Approve £250 grant to Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle PCC
- Briantspuddle Village Hall
£250 to fund design and printing of Open Gardens maps/tickets
RESOLVED to Approve £250 grant to Briantspuddle Village Hall

- 23/135 **To consider correspondence from Dorset Community SID team**
- Correspondence was noted where the SID team were updated on the now operating SID's with no issues.
- 23/136 **To review Risk Register**
- Resolved to APPROVE the updated risk register that was shared with Councillors
- 23/137 **To review Village Hall and Shop rents and lease agreements**
- Resolved to APPROVE the rents as they currently stand.
- The lease for the Village Shop was discussed in reference to maintenance, repair and replacement of parts of the building. The current lease was found to be ambiguous, so it was agreed that Councillors would seek to agree a side letter to the lease setting out in more detail the responsibilities of the shop and the Parish Council. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for the repair of the shop window.
- Resolved to APPROVE an addendum to the lease for clarification of responsibilities and the replacement of the shop window.
- 23/138 **To report on missing/stolen fingerposts at the junction of B3390 and Marl Pitt**
- The insurance claim for the stolen fingerposts has now been completed. Payment was received which matched the quote from Normtec less the insurance excess.
- Resolved to APPROVE instructing Normtec to go ahead with the work to replace the stolen fingerposts. The Parish Council will cover the excess over the insurance payment.
- 23/139 **To report on Dorset Local Elections 2024**
- The Elections Toolkit 2024 provided by DAPTC was shared with Councillors, and the timeline for the upcoming election discussed.
- 23/140 **To discuss any correspondence received**
- None were received to discuss.
- 23/141 **Planning 2024 Litter Pick**
- Litter Pick for 2024 is planned to take place on 16th and 17th March. Dorset Council will be contacted to remove the bags of litter once collected.
- 23/142 **Items noted for next meeting:**
- The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 13th March, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:50 pm.....Sue Jones (Chair)

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