

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Cllr David Neudegg
Present	Cllrs Sue Jones, David Leigh-Ewers and Dorset Cllrs Laura Beddow and Mike Baker
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	10 members of the public

Minute Number	Comments
24/001	<p>To elect a Chairman for the new civic year</p> <p>Cllr David Neudegg was elected</p> <p>RESOLVED : APPROVED</p>
24/002	<p>To elect a Vice Chairman for the new civic year</p> <p>Cllr Sue Jones was elected</p> <p>RESOLVED : APPROVED</p>
24/003	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>None</p>
24/004	<p>Declarations of interest and dispensations requested</p> <p>Cllr David Neudegg reported that he is a member of the Bladen Social Club which is one of the items under discussion today, but felt no pecuniary interest existed as a result.</p>
24/005	<p>To consider Co-Opting Damon Green</p> <p>Damon Green was considered and co-option was approved without the normal requirements of presentation of background as this was covered when he was previously co-opted and a Councillor of the Parish.</p> <p>RESOLVED : APPROVED</p>
24/006	<p>Thanks for previous Councillors</p> <p>Cllr's wished to record their thanks to previous Dorset Councillor Peter Wharf and Parish Councillors Emily Hall and Lizzie Guin for their services over the years.</p>
24/007	<p>Public participation</p> <p>Danny Hall, the landowner at Rogers Hill, drew to the Parish Councillors' attention a consultation exercise to replace the existing wind turbine on his land with a larger unit and asked if a public consultation flyer could be placed on the notice board.</p>
24/008	<p>To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 10th 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED to Approve.</p>
24/009	<p>To consider proposal for 20mph speed limit in Briantspuddle and costs involved</p> <p>Peter Leatherdale gave an update on progress of the 20 mph speed limit advising that the next step is for the Parish Council to consider the spend of up to £700 plus VAT on a traffic survey. Once the survey is completed a submission can be made to apply for a 20mph speed limit in Briantspuddle. Councillors asked if the submission could be prepared in parallel with the traffic survey being requested and he confirmed that this can be done, however the actual sending of the submission could not take place until the traffic survey was completed.</p>

Councillors queried whether there were any further costs and Peter Leatherdale advised that from his understanding as long as the Parish Council gets its submission in before the current deadline then other costs are funded by Dorset Council under the current scheme. Dorset Councillors Laura Beddow and Mike Baker stated that they did not consider it likely that the scheme would change under the new Administration at the Council.

Cllrs RESOLVED TO APPROVE spend of up to £700 plus VAT on the traffic survey

The Clerk was asked to write to Dorset Council to commission the traffic survey as soon as possible.

24/010

To consider request from Bladen Social Club

Councillors welcomed Peter Talbot who is treasurer of Bladen Social Club.

Peter Talbot explained that following operating losses from the previous two financial years the Social Club is now focused on seeking to break even in each financial year. As a result, the committee is seeking to spread costs throughout the year and increase its income.

The Social Club have requested that the rent for the social club be made in four quarterly payments.

The Parish Council expressed its concern about the current financial position of the club and what this might mean to the Parish Council if the clubs' obligations under the 1986 Heads of Agreement could not be met. Peter expanded on plans to carry out repair and decoration by September, including a quote of around £800 to repair rotten windows. It was agreed that Councillor Damon Green would meet at the Club to agree a schedule of work, from which cost estimates could be made. As Damon is a Chartered Building Surveyor the Parish Council perceived Damon would be able to add value to this exercise.

Questions were posed about whether membership costs of the club could be increased to assist with financial difficulties. Peter confirmed that membership was currently £5 per annum. Increasing membership fees has been considered but was discounted.

In discussing the proposal to defer rent payments to the Parish Council Peter went on to explain that the Club would undertake a review of its finances by 1st October. If, at that time (or at anytime in the future) it was considered that the Clubs finances had not improved an Extraordinary General Meeting of the club would need to be called to determine future plans.

Councillors considered it would be prudent to add the current financial position of its tenant to its risk register. It was also suggested that at some point in the future it may be beneficial to engage in discussions with Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee to explore the potential implications.

Cllrs also raised concerns about recent changes to opening hours and drinking outside. It appeared that no consultation with neighbours had taken place and Councillors urged the committee to engage with neighbours in the interest of good community relations.

The following actions were proposed:

- A one off agreement for the financial year 2024/25 was agreed for the £400 rent that was due in April 2024. Half of the rent would be paid now with the second tranche due on 1st October, by which time Peter hoped the Club's finances would be in a healthier position.
- Bladen Social Club will confirm in writing by email each month to the Parish Clerk that the direct debit for the insurance has been paid.
- A representative from Bladen Social Club will work with Damon Green to build a plan of works and schedule of costs in respect to repair and decoration of the building.
- Recommend to Bladen Social Club's Committee that it consults with neighbours regarding the change in opening hours and drinking outside of the club premises.

Cllrs RESOLVED TO APPROVE the above proposals and for the Parish Clerk to write to the Bladen Social Club Committee.

24/011

Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings

Cllr Sue Jones reported that the housing association have now agreed to inspect the Mulberry Jubilee Tree and will do so soon.

24/012 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/TRC/2024/02478](#) - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : T1 Ash - Crown reduction by up to 2m. Crown raise to create 4m clearance from the roof of the outbuildings by removing secondary branches only.

Location : 35 Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HT

RESOLVED to Make No Comments

24/013 **To consider Dorset Councillors report**

There was no report supplied for this month due to the recent elections.

Cllrs congratulated Cllrs Laura Beddow and Mike Baker on their election to Dorset Councillor for the Purbeck West Ward on Dorset Council. Laura and Mike will share attending meetings and both attend when known critical issues are to be discussed.

24/014 **Finance, Payments and Accounts**

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary Home Working Allowance Expenses - Mileage – March Meeting Expenses – Expanding File for 2024-25 Expenses – Expanding File for 2024-25 VAT	£437.76 £10 £12.60 £9.98 £2	£472.34
AWW Garden Services	456/2024 – 1 st cut of season 19 th March	£90	£90
Village Hall	Hire of Main Hall 10 th April 2024	£36	£36
Clear Insurance Management Ltd	Annual Local Council Insurance	£648.78	£648.78
Total			£1,247.12

RESOLVED : APPROVED

Cllrs acknowledged :-

- Receipt of first instalment of precept for 2024-2025 at £6,655.00
- Receipt of annual Wayleave rent of £12
- Receipt of annual Village Shop and Post office rent of £50
- Receipt of annual Village Hall rent of £80

Year End finances for 2023-24 were discussed :-

- CIL monies allocation of £3,078.42 towards the total spend of £4,018 in the year on traffic projects and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE**
- Year end accounts and budget were reviewed and noted with no concerns raised except that it was agreed that a review of the risk register should be performed upon any revision of the budget going forward

24/015 **To consider addendum to shop lease agreement**

It was agreed that a change should be made to meet annually or as required in point 4.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE with amendments

24/016 **To consider a DAPTC representative**

Cllr David Neudegg will continue to be the DAPTC representative for the Parish Council.

24/017 **To elect members to the following offices**

- Flood Warden – current vacancy
- Rights of way – Cllr Sue Jones
- Highways Liaison – Cllr Sue Jones
- Planning Liaison – Cllr David Neudegg

All other existing arrangements will apply.

24/018 **To discuss any correspondence received**

The Purbeck local plan supplementary proposal was received and shared with Councillors and noted.

24/019 **Items noted for next meeting:**

- **To consider further co-option for Parish Councillor vacancies**
- **Review of the Risk Register**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 12th June, at 7.00 pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.....David Neudegg (Chair) Date: