Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council (A&TPC) Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2024 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Cllr David Neudegg		
Present	Cllrs David Leigh-Ewers, Danny Hall, Damon Green, Sue Jones		
	Dorset Cllr Laura Beddow		
Clerk	Matt Soul		
Also, in	5 member of the public		
Attendance			

Minute Number

Comments

24/077 Apologies for absence

Dorset Cllr Mike Baker

24/078 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

Cllr Danny Hall advised that he knows member of the public Philip Trim who is also planning to speak in regards of his planning application 2024/6395

24/079 Public participation

Battle Farm application 6395

Philip Trim spoke to his planning application 6395 giving background to the proposal and how it was necessary to support his current farming activity across Dorset.

20mph Speed Application for Briantspuddle

Member of the public Peter Leatherdale thanked members of the Parish Council for their support on applying for a 20mph speed limit in Briantspuddle.

24/080 To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday October 9th 2024.

RESOLVED: APPROVED

24/081 Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings

Councillors confirmed that the application for a 20mph speed limit in Briantspuddle had passed the first stage which was being approved by the 20mph panel at Dorset Council. The next stage which is the public consultation run by the Traffic Regulation Order team at Dorset Council will take place later in 2024 however there is considerable demand for these changes within the county and as such it will be some time before this takes place.

Members of the Parish Council all thanked Peter Leatherdale and the Speedwatch team for all their work over the previous years and look forward to updating further as the application progresses.

24/082 Planning and other applications/notifications

P/FUL/2024/06395 - Full Planning Application

Proposal: The demolition of three agricultural buildings and the subsequent creation of one silage

Location: Battle Farm Throop DT2 7JD

Members of the Parish Council explained that their role is to consider a planning application as it is submitted and could not consider informal comments, such as those relating to the potential decommissioning of existing silage clamps, made under public participation by the Applicant. A majority considered that further detail in the application would be necessary to ascertain the potential impacts of the proposal. It was agreed that our Dorset Councillors would request a meeting for representatives of the Parish Council (those delegated to consider detailed Planning Application responses) to meet with the case officer to consider the concerns of the Parish Council.

Decision : Agreed to seek further clarification on the application and consider at January 8th 2025 meeting

P/LBC/2024/06451 - Listed Building Consent

Proposal: To add an extra step, to the top of the fight of steps which go up to the shop entrance, to

be level with the door entrance and retain 2 grab handles

Location: Briantspuddle shop The Granary Briantspuddle DT2 7HT

Decision: Supported

P/LBC/2024/06471 - Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Repair of boundary wall

Location: The Dairy House Moor Lane To Yearlings Drove Turnerspuddle DT2 7JA

Decision: Supported

P/TRC/2024/05203 - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 Yew - Crown reduce by approx 3m both sides & reduce height by 3m

Location: The Old Vicarage Affpuddle Dorchester DT2 7HH

Decision: Noted

P/TRC/2024/06497 - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal: Beech #24: Crown reduce by up to 2m and reduce branches back to bud on western side, where they oversail the garden. Sycamore #26: Crown reduce by up to 3m and reduce branches back to bud on western side, where they oversail the garden. Sycamore #27: Crown reduce by up to 3m and reduce branches back to bud on western side, where they oversail the garage. Sycamore #28: Crown reduce by up to 3m and reduce branches back to bud on western side, where they oversail the drive. Sycamore #29: Crown reduce by up to 3m and reduce branches back to bud on western side, where they oversail the drive and sewage treatment building.

Location: Located in Copse adjacent to The Glebe Cottage B3390 C79 To A35 Affpuddle DT2 7HH

Decision: Noted

P/TRC/2024/06476 - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 Willow - Crown lift to a height of 5.2m over road and driveway, removing limbs back to

main stem.

Location: 33 Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HT

Decision : Noted

P/TRD/2024/06933 - Tree Dead Or Dangerous

Proposal: T13 Copper Beech - Fell. Meripilus sp. extending around 50% of the base of the

tree.

Location: 13 Bladen Valley Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HP

Decision: Noted

24/083 To consider Dorset Councillors report

Dorset Councillor Laura Beddow gave a brief summary and no concerns were raised by Councillors.

24/084 To review Risk Register

An updated Risk Register was shared with Councillors.

Councillors resolved to APPROVE the updated Risk Register.

A request was made for an update on Bladon Social Club. Councillors to be updated at a future meeting.

24/085 Finance, Payments and Accounts

Councillors resolved to APPROVE pay increase for the clerk as agreed by local Government Services.

To note the following regular payments were approved via email due to the cancelled November meeting and formally approve at this meeting:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary Home Working Allowance	£437.76 £10	£460.36
	Expenses - Mileage – October Meeting	£12.60	
Village Hall	Hire of Jubilee Room 11th September 2024	£25	£50
	Hire of Jubilee Room 9 th October 2024	£25	
Community Hearbeat	Annual Support AED3 – Year 7 – Node 697	£135	£162
	Annual Support AED3 – Year 7 – N697 VAT	£27	
DAPTC	Clerks Conference 1st October	£58	£58
RBL Trading Ltd	Wreath for Remembrance Daye	£20	£20
		Total	£750.36

RESOLVED: APPROVED

To authorise the following payments, received prior to the December meeting:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary at new rate (local Gov services) Backdated salary increase to April 2024 Home Working Allowance Expenses - Mileage – Sept 20mph meeting	£459.59 £152.85 £10 £12.60	£635.04
AWW Garden Services	Garden Maintenance 10/9/2024 – 3 hrs Garden Maintenance 24/9/2024 – 4 hrs Garden Maintenance 8/10/2024 – 3 hrs Garden Maintenance 5/11/2024 – 3 hrs	£60 £80 £60 £60	£260
		Total	£895.04

RESOLVED: APPROVED

Quarterly finances and budget to end September 2024 were shared and no concerns raised, no revisions to budget made.

Forecasting for final months in financial year to end of March 2025 discussed and shared.

Initial precept planning shared with Councillors with plan agreed to approve final decision on 2024/25 precept at the January 2025 meeting.

Changes to interest rates from 2.75% to 2.6% noted

Bank charges of £5.40 on 31st October 2024 and £6 on 30th November 2024 noted. Clerk advised that bank charges of £6 will be monthly going forwards.

24/086 To discuss removal of charge on Village Hall

Clerk received a letter from Valencia Communications Fund (previously Viridor Credits Environmental Company) advising that their business will be closed by 31st March 2025 and asking Parish Council to remove the charge put on the village hall on 1st September 2011.

Two title deeds reflected this charge.

Councillors resolved to APPROVE removing the charge from the village hall. Clerk to arrange for the related land registry forms to be completed.

24/087 To discuss Knightsford Goup Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors noted the communication from Knightsford Group Parish Council in relation to their Neighbourhood Plan.

24/088 To discuss any correspondence received

No other correspondence was received.

24/089 Items noted for next meeting:

Update on Bladen Social Club works.