

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Thursday 23rd January 2025 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Cllr David Neudegg
Present	Cllrs David Leigh-Ewers, Damon Green, Sue Jones, Peter Leatherdale (after item 24/092), Angela Tozer (after item 24/092), Dorset Cllr Mike Baker
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	10 members of the public

Minute Number Comments

24/090 **Apologies for absence**

Parish Councillor Danny Hall

24/091 **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None.

24/092 **To consider Co-Opting Peter Leatherdale and Angela Tozer**

Parish Council considered the applications of the following Parishoners to be co-opted to Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council :-

Peter Leatherdale – APPROVED Unanimously

Angela Tozer – APPROVED Unanimously

24/093 **Public participation**

Battle Farm application 6395

Members of the public expressed their views on the Battle Farm planning application 6395. Concerns were raised regarding excessive capacity for the proposed clamp, given existing clamps, for the holding. Traffic size (including HGV's) and number of movements for the haulage of sileage to and from clamps including the impact on the community and local rural road network. The lack of detail regarding aims of the farm and future plans for the size of clamp. It was suggested that a more holistic approach from the Applicant to the future uses of the holding would help when considering applications.

24/094 **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday December 11th 2024.**

RESOLVED : APPROVED

24/095 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Battle Farm application 6395

The Chair advised that at the December Parish Council meeting that our Dorset Councillors agreed to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and the case officer to seek clarifications of both omissions and inconsistencies within the Application. This took place on January 2nd via a Teams Meeting. The case officer agreed to approach the applicant's Agent for further information. However, no further information was available in time for this meeting.

Bladen Social Club

The club is continuing to work on repairs, but progression has been hampered by the poor weather. A copy of the latest set of Financial Statements should be available before the March Parish Council meeting at which the Bladen Social Club will be invited to present an update to the Parish Council.

24/096 **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 clamp.

Location : Battle Farm Throop DT2 7JD

Without any further information being available concerning the omissions and inconsistencies within the application, the Parish Council resolved to OBJECT to the planning application on the basis that of insufficient information is available to consider the application properly and fully. The Parish Council has asked the case officer that the information and clarification previously requested by the Parish Council will be forthcoming such that the Parish Council can consider the Application once again at its February meeting and before the Application is determined by the Planning Authority.

Decision : Objection based on insufficient information within the planning application

24/097 **To consider Dorset Councillors report**

Dorset Councillor Mike Baker spoke about devolution and the fact that BCP had now agreed to join the counties of Dorset and Wiltshire to work on proposals for a "Heart of Wessex" devolution bid.

24/098 **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 January 8th 2025 meeting and formally approve at this meeting:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary	£459.59	£482.19
	Home Working Allowance	£10	
	Expenses - Mileage – December Meeting	£12.60	
Village Hall	Hire of Jubilee Room 11 th December 2024	£25	£25
Dorset Council	Election Recharge May 2024	£50	£50
Total			£557.19

RESOLVED : APPROVED

24/099 **Q3 2025/26 Budget Review**

Q3 2025/26 Financials and budget were discussed and noted

24/100 **To consider the Parish Precept for 2025/26**

It was considered that the Parish Precept for 2025/26 would need to be increased to cover expected increases in salaries and administration and general inflationary pressures for supplies and services.

Councillors also noted that there had been changes to the Council Tax base meaning that residents would actually see a fall in the actual amount paid in Council Tax to the Parish Council.

It was agreed to increase the precept from £13,310 to £13,709 which equates to a reduction of f £1.40 per year on a typical band D Council Tax.

RESOLVED to APPROVE Precept for 2025/26 at £13,709.00

24/101 **To consider Budget for 2025/26**

Budget for 2025/26 was discussed and agreed

RESOLVED : APPROVED

24/102 **To note interest rate change on savings account**

Noted.

24/103 **To note monthly bank charge of £6 on 31st December 2024**

Noted

24/104 **To discuss any correspondence received**

Will be raised in February meeting

24/105 **Items noted for next meeting:**

Request to discuss overgrown hedges.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.....David Neudegg (Chair) Date: