

Minutes of the Annual Affpuddle and Turnerspudde Parish Meeting held at 6:30pm on Wednesday 10th April 2024, Briantspudde Village Hall

Present: Twenty Parishioners

Chair: Cllr Sue Jones

Clerk: Matt Soul

Minute Number	Comments
PM/24/01	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting.
PM/24/02	Apologies Apologies were received from Peter Talbot, Elizabeth Whatley, Stuart Chorley and Lesley Haskins.
PM/24/03	Minutes The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 10 th May 2023 were approved.
PM/24/04	Community Groups Reports were presented from the following community groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bladen Social Club The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. A resident asked if anyone knew whether the club was still financially sustainable, and another asked if the membership was increasing. Residents were aware that of an extraordinary general meeting had taken place but the reason for the meeting or its outcome were unknown. The clerk will forward on these questions to the Chairman of the club.• Briantspudde Community Group The Parish Meeting Clerk read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. There were no questions raised.• Briantspudde Village Hall The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. One resident queried whether issues reported regarding the wifi had been resolved, and the clerk confirmed that the connection was now fine.• Briantspudde Shop and Post Office Cindy Read from the Village Shop and Post Office Committee read out the report and took questions.

	<p>Residents and the Parish Council Chairman all welcomed Cindy back and were pleased to see that she had recovered from her previous illness.</p> <p>One resident proposed that the Village Shop and Post Office should consider subscriptions from residents if there are financial issues, but Cindy reported that all was going well, and reminded all that the Village Shop and Post Office is a not-for-profit enterprise so although there was a small loss made due to an increase in maintenance spend and utility bills, revenue and margins had both increased.</p> <p>All residents confirmed that the shop is very much valued in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Erica Trust The Parish Meeting Clerk read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. <p>A resident asked about the stumps/barren trees and the Chairman and another resident explained that the ecology of woodland life springs up from dead stumps and barren trees leading to birds feeding over time. Although the sight of the stumps may not be pleasing it does help wildlife.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affpuddle PCC The Parish Meeting Chairman read out the report which was sent in advance of the meeting. <p>No questions were raised.</p>
PM/24/05	<p>Parish Council, Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chairman thanked other community groups for their reports to the meeting and presented a report on Parish Council activities.</p> <p>A resident gave thanks to the Parish Council for their work to oppose the Battle Farm appeal.</p> <p>Another resident raised concerns about the hollow area requiring improvements to the sides as they are quickly disintegrating, in particular the road from Rye Hill to Turnerspudde turn-off where the sides of the road look to have come apart/broken down. Parish Chairman advised that residents need to report this on the dorsetforyou website where you can mark on a map where there are issues and if enough residents do this it is more likely Dorset Council will look at fixing the road.</p>

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

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Sue Jones

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