

# Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

<b>Chair</b>	Cllr David Neudegg
<b>Present</b>	Cllrs David Leigh-Ewers, Sue Jones, Peter Leatherdale, Angela Tozer, Danny Hall and David Leigh-Ewers
<b>Clerk</b>	Matt Soul
<b>Also, in Attendance</b>	0 members of the public

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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24/106      **Apologies for absence**

Parish Councillor Damon Green, and Dorset Councillors Mike Baker and Laura Beddow

24/107      **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None.

24/108      **Public participation**

None.

24/109      **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025.**

RESOLVED : APPROVED

24/110      **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Battle Farm application 6395

The Chair updated that the case officer had not been provided with any new information on this application and has reported that the Parish Council will be advised when any new information is submitted by the Applicant.

Defibrillators

As it has been some time since there has been training about how to use Parish defibrillators a refresher course is being considered. Those interested in joining the training session which will be held in the village hall at a date and time yet to be arranged will be asked to contact the Parish Clerk.

The Chair has prepared a letter to residents in Pallington/ Waddock Cross seeking their views on the possible siting of a third defibrillator for the Parish.

24/111      **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/ESC/2025/00455](#) - EIA Screening Opinion

Proposal : Screening request in respect of planning application [P/VOC/2023/02762](#) (extend well site for further 10 years)

Location : Waddock Cross Oilfield Oakerswood Dorchester DT2 8QY

Note : This screening Opinion application relates to a 2023 planning application to extend oil well drilling permit for a further 10 years which is still under consideration

**Decision : Noted**

[P/CLE/2024/07589](#) - Certificate of Lawful Use Existing

Proposal : Insertion of 6 new windows and 1 new door into garage of 16 Briantspuddle. Work completed in July 2020.

Location : 16 Briantspuddle Dorchester Dorset DT2 7HS

**Agreed that the Parish Council will write to the Conservation Officer to understand how the application relates to the fact that the property has a listed status which governs such matters as type and materials used for development and repair.**

[P/TRC/2025/00686](#) - Tree Works Conservation Area

Proposal : Re-coppice 6 x Goat Willows and 2 x Hazels along the eastern boundary. Tree works as specified in submitted report IH/LongacreBarnBriantspuddle /211//7051

Location : Long Acre Barn Briantspuddle Dairy Briantspuddle DT2 7HT

**Decision : Noted**

[P/TRC/2025/00060](#) - Tree Works Conservation Area

Proposal : Ash: Remove the whole tree down to a stump, leaving the stump to be covered by the hedge.

Location : The Granary Briantspuddle Dairy Briantspuddle DT2 7HT

**Decision : Noted**

[P/TRC/2025/00118](#) - Tree Works Conservation Area

Proposal : Sycamore: Fell. Magnolia: Reduce by 1.5m in height and 2m overall width so that it can clear the roof of the bungalow. Birch: Reduce by 3m in height and 3m overall width to clear neighbour's telephone wire.

Location : The Architect's House 27, Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HS

**Decision : Noted**

[P/TRC/2024/07620](#) - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : T1 Tulip tree - Reduce height by 2 metres in height and reduce lateral growth by 3 metres. T2 Apple tree - Fell.

Location : West Farm House Affpuddle Dorchester DT2 7HH

**Decision : Noted**

24/112 **To consider Dorset Councillors report**

Noted.

24/113 **Finance, Payments and Accounts**

**RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary	£459.59	£482.19
	Home Working Allowance	£10	
	Expenses - Mileage – January Meeting	£12.60	
Village Hall	Hire of Jubilee Room 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	£25	£73
	Hire of Main Hall 8 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	£48	
Total			£555.19

**RESOLVED : APPROVED** payment to Clerk. Councillors queried the village hall invoice and asked for it to be updated to reflect actual hire dates. Once the invoice is revised, Councillors resolved to **APPROVE** payment.

The Chair requested approval to purchase a grit/salt bin to store the bags of salt in Briantspuddle Village Hall car park. Cost would be approximately £130 ex vat for a 200 litre bin or £200 ex vat for a 400 litre bin.

RESOLVED : Approved purchase of grit/salt bin, Chair to check size and confirm to Clerk.

Noted monthly bank charge of £6 on 31st January 2025

**24/115 To consider Section 133/137 grant applications for the Financial Year 2024/25**

- Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle Parochial Church Council – APPROVED £260
- Citizen Advice East Dorset and Purbeck
  - o Chair to write to Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck for more specific information about potential support that could be offered within the Parish

**24/116 Update on meetings with Community Groups**

A second meeting was held with Community Groups on the 10<sup>th</sup> February to discuss whether there was a willingness to work together on some common areas of interest. These are:

- Recruiting and Retaining volunteers.
- Marketing and Communication
- Management of the “Village Hall” site (including shop, social club, village hall, car park and community group)

**24/117 To consider reported overhanging vegetation on the highways**

Councillor Hall reported overhanging vegetation and the build up of debris on the edges of lanes which he considered impeded their safe use by larger vehicles from the top of The Hollow to the B3390. After discussion it was agreed to write to land owners whose land borders the lanes to ask for their views about cutting back vegetation in line with Dorset Highways guidelines. Councillor Hall confirmed that he had already reported the matter to Dorset Highways.

It was identified that the drains in The Hollow are blocked. The Parish Council will contact Dorset Highways asking them to carry out the necessary works.

**24/118 To discuss any correspondence received**

An email was received from an anonymous resident with a copy of a letter to Dorset Planning Enforcement. This was noted.

An email was received from a resident reporting degrading of verges in Throop. This was noted and the Chair will speak to the resident.

**24/119 Items noted for next meeting:**

Risk of Fire arising from areas maintained by the Forestry Commission

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