

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Clr David Neudegg
Present	Cllrs Sue Jones, Peter Leatherdale, Angela Tozer, Danny Hall, Laura Beddow
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	3 members of the public

Minute Number	Comments
25/083	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Parish Councillor David Leigh Ewers and Dorset Councillor Mike Baker. Councillor Sue Jones had to leave the meeting at 8pm.</p>
25/084	<p>Declarations of interest and dispensations requested</p> <p>None.</p>
25/085	<p>Public participation</p> <p>A resident raised concerns about the speed through Throop and enquired about the possibility of a reduced speed limit through the hamlet which they felt would reduce the speed of vehicles to a level that would mean people would feel comfortable to walk, cycle and horse ride along this route and it would be safer for the local children who walk to the school bus pick up point. They believed that this would align with Dorset Council's vision to improve road safety by reducing the number of road injuries and I believe that by introducing this new 30mph limit it will contribute towards their vision. They also questioned the classification of the road.</p> <p>A member of the public raised a concern that the application for replacing a barn at Battle Farm failed to show Natural England as a Consultee.</p> <p>A member of the public raised a concern about the planning condition relating to a one-way route for vehicles associated with the Grant of Permission at Battle Farm in Throop for the construction of a large Silage Clamp. (P/FUL/2024/06395).</p> <p>A Parishioner informed the Parish Council about a collision between a car and a tractor and trailer. The tractor was travelling down the hill towards Briantspuddle Crossroads and the car driver had pulled over in an attempt to let the tractor pass. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of the tractor driver the tractor and trailer could not stop in time to avoid the collision. Although no one was injured the car was badly damaged. The accident underlines the Parish Council's desire to route large agricultural and HGV vehicles away from the single-track narrow approach lanes throughout the Parish and the villages themselves in the interest of road safety and the amenity value of the lanes to Parishioners and visitors alike.</p>
25/086	<p>To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday October 8th 2025.</p> <p>RESOLVED : APPROVED.</p>
25/087	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings</p> <p><u>Complaint to Planning</u></p> <p>The Chair updated the Councillors about the progress of a formal complaint that has been submitted to Dorset Council on behalf of the Parish Council. The complaint refers to failure of process, errors and omissions by Officers in the determination the Planning Application at Battle Farm (P/FUL/2024/06395). Dorset Council failed to reply within the permitted timescale and have sought an extension to 16th January 2026.</p> <p><u>20mph application through Briantspuddle</u></p> <p>The consultation period is now closed and Highways are collating responses in preparation for the next phase. A further update to the Parish Council will be given once received.</p>

Shop Maintenance

The Parish Chairman met with a representative from the village shop to discuss maintenance of The Granary. It was agreed that The Shop Committee will consider the painting of the shop door and rear window. The Parish Council Chair will inspect the roof space in 2026 to consider whether any maintenance work is required.

Works to cut back overgrown vegetation

The chair and one other Parish Councillor met with a representative of the Erica Trust in respect of overgrown vegetation. A schedule of works has been agreed.

25/088

Planning and other applications/notifications

P/FUL/2025/05846 - Full Planning Applications

Proposal : Demolition of existing barn and erection of replacement agricultural building

Location : Walston Poultry Farm Ltd Road to Battle Farm Throop DT2 7JD

Decision : Agreed not to object, but to comment on the need to consult Natural England for their considered opinion regarding the Application. To query the name change of the site on the Application.

P/VOC/2023/02762 - Variation of Condition

Proposal : Retention of an existing well site for 10 years for oil production from the existing boreholes, Waddock Cross - 2 and Waddock Cross - 3, drilling of a sidetrack well, Waddock Cross - 4, and drilling of two boreholes, Waddock Cross - 5 and Waddock Cross - 6 for the appraisal and production of oil (Variation of condition 2 (Temporary Time Limit) and 3 (Restoration) of 6/2013/0001 in order to retain the wellsite for a further ten years).

Location : Waddock Cross Wellsite Waddock Cross Affpuddle Dorchester DT2 8QY

Note : This is an ongoing planning application yet to be determined and has had recent various report updates

Decision : Noted

25/089

To consider Dorset Councillors report

Dorset Councillor Laura Beddow shared the monthly report with Parish Council members.

25/090

Finance, Payments and Accounts

To consider the annual pay award for the clerk

Pay award **APPROVED** unanimously.

Payments

To note the following payments, approved via email which had been received for the cancelled November 2025 meeting:

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary Home Working Allowance Expenses - Mileage – October Meeting	£459.59 £10 £12.60	£482.19
HMRC	Employer Tax Due month 6 - 6th September to 5th October 2025 Employer Tax Due month 7 – 6th October to 5 th November 2025	£6.42 £6.39	£12.81
Village Hall	Hire of jubilee room 8th October Hire of main hall for defib training 25th Oct Hire of jubilee room 15th, 22nd, 27th October	£25 £24 £40	£89
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support Year 8 AED Node 697 Annual Support Year 8 AED Node 697 - VAT	£135 £27	£162
Royal British Legion	Donation for Remembrance Day Wreath made by Erica Moriarty	£20	£20
		Total	£766

Payments above were noted and again **APPROVED**

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary at new rate (local Gov services) Backdated salary increase to April 2025 Home Working Allowance Mileage for October Southover Farm Liaison meeting	£474.50 £119.28 £10 £12.60	£616.38
Village Hall	Hire of jubilee room 3rd November Hire of jubilee room 20th November	£20 £25	£45
Siri Business Services	AED and First Aid Training AED and First Aid Training - VAT	£220 £44	£264
HMRC	Employer Tax Due month 8 – 6th November to 5th December 2025	£6.36	£6.36
DAPTC Ltd	Intermediate planning training for 2 Parish Councillors	£70	£70
Adam Wills Gardening Services	General Maintenance 14th October 2025 General Maintenance 28th October 2025 Paint for Bus Shelter work	£75 £75 £12	£162
		Total	£1,163.77

The clerk noted that the payment to HMRC had been reduced from that set in the agenda due to an outstanding credit reported by HMRC on account.

RESOLVED : APPROVED payments

Forecasted final 3 months of budget period shared with Parish Councillors and noted

Precept communication from Dorset Council noted and will be finalised in the next meeting in January 2026

Reduced interest on savings account noted

Increase in subscription for DAPTC and NALC noted and will be considered when finalizing the budget and precept for 2026/2027 in the next meeting

25/091 Local Council award scheme

The scheme was noted, but the Parish Council decided not to take further.

25/092 To discuss any correspondence received

A resident had written to the Parish Council asking if a reduced speed limit could be introduced in Throop. The Chair thanked the resident who had presented their case in the public participation. The Chair provided the feedback recently received from Dorset Highways stating that they did not consider it would be suitable for a 30 mph speed limit as it was unlikely to meet the required criteria. The Clerk and Chair would collate communication over this subject as it had been discussed before and provide a summary to the resident.

25/093 Items noted for next meeting and date:

- **Throop proposed 30mph speed limit**

Date of next meeting moved out a week to 14th January 2026.

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