

**Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Wednesday
14th January 2026 in Briantspuddle Village Hall**

Chair	Cllr David Neudegg
Present	Cllrs Sue Jones, Peter Leatherdale, David Leigh-Ewers
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	4 members of the public

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| 25/094 | <p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Parish Councillors Danny Hall and Angela Tozer, Dorset Councillor Mike Baker and Laura Beddow.</p> |
| 25/095 | <p>Declarations of interest and dispensations requested</p> <p>None.</p> |
| 25/096 | <p>Public participation</p> <p><u>Speed in Parish</u>
A representative from Dorset Highways had earlier that day met with Councillors and local residents to look at the village of Throop where residents had raised an interest in lowering the speed from the national speed limit to 30mph. The Highways representative had suggested that a traffic survey would be the first stage in assessing whether a lower speed limit might be possible.</p> <p>It was proposed to arrange for a traffic survey looking at both entrances into the village for the cost of £500 plus VAT and this was APPROVED.</p> <p><u>Complaint to Planning</u>
A resident representing The Friends of Briantspuddle raised the response from Dorset Council to the Parish Council's complaint and felt that a lot of effort had gone into it which was appreciated. He stated that Dorset Council's response raised some further issues which he would set out in writing to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chair would escalate the complaint to the Ombudsman with a focus on the payments to consultants and the late publication of the consultant's report denying the Parish Council the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>A concern was raised that exports of silage from Battle Farm to a Biogas plant were taking place, which is considered to be a potential breach of planning. A Councillor considered that it would be wise to seek some expert advice on this matter. It was proposed to spend up to £500 plus VAT to obtain expert opinion. This was APPROVED.</p> |
| 25/097 | <p>To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday December 10th 2025.</p> <p>RESOLVED : APPROVED.</p> |
| 25/098 | <p>Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings</p> <p><u>20mph application through Briantspuddle</u>
The 20mph application has now been approved and changes are hoped to be in place by the end of March.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator at Waddock Cross</u>
The Chair had received feedback from a resident on a detailed proposal for a defibrillator at Pallington to be submitted for a grant from the National Lottery. An item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to consider the proposal.</p> |

25/099

Planning and other applications/notifications

[P/LBC/2025/07325](#) - Listed Building Consent

[P/FUL/2025/07326](#) - Full Planning Application

Proposal : Change of use of a former detached agricultural barn to a two-bedroom self-contained dwelling

Location : Throop Barn Throop DT2 7JD

Decision : Approved with a query as to whether CIL will apply

[P/PACD/2025/07544](#) - Prior Approval - Commercial Business & Service to Dwelling houses

Proposal : The proposal is to convert redundant unused office spaces into 2 self contained single storey dwelling houses with front access and rear garden amenity space.

Location : Rogers Hill Farm Rogers Hill Briantspuddle DT2 7HJ

Decision : Approved with a query as to whether CIL will apply

[P/TRC/2025/07649](#) - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : Apple - Thin crown by 30%

Location : Dairy Ring House 30 Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HT

Decision : Noted

[P/TRC/2026/00021](#) - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : Various Tree Works

Location : 34 Briantspuddle Dorchester DT2 7HT

Decision : Noted

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To consider Dorset Councillors report

Report was noted, no further comments raised

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Finance, Payments and Accounts

Payments

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
M Soul	Salary	£474.50	£497.10
	Home Working Allowance	£10	
	Mileage for December Parish Council meeting	£12.60	
Village Hall	Hire of jubilee room 10 th December	£25	£25
HMRC	Employer Tax Due month 8 – 6th November to 5th December 2025	£26.52	£26.52
		Total	£548.62

RESOLVED : **APPROVED** payments

The budget vs actual spend was reviewed and noted. Forecasts updated with approved spend in this meeting

A budget for 2026-2027 was considered and APPROVED

The precept increase for this year was discussed and it was decided to leave the current precept at £13,709 which reduces the amount paid within a typical band D council tax from £51.44 to £50.33

Reserves were reviewed and updated as part of the budget review and movements into/out of approved with some earmarked reserves removed and a new added. This was APPROVED

25/102 **To discuss the concerns of when residents wish to remain anonymous with communication to the Parish Council and the advice received from DAPTC**

After a debate it was agreed that this item should be deferred to a future meeting.

25/103 **Traffic Management through Parish**

Some of this item had been covered under public participation. The Chair reminded the meeting that residents of Pallington had also raised issues of speeds of vehicles travelling from Tincton to Waddock Cross. It was agreed that once a response had been received relating to Throop, the Council will approach Dorset Highways to have a further discussion about Pallington.

25/104 **To discuss correspondence received**

Car Park Boundary – A resident has asked if the Parish Council can arrange for a physical deterrent to reduce the risk of vehicles bumping into the wall in the car park as it borders their property and keeps getting damaged. The Chair suggested considering this as part of a comprehensive scheme to repair and improve the Car Park.

George Tom's memorial bench – A resident has asked the Parish Council if they would be happy if a bench were to be put by the bus shelter in memory of George Tom. Parish Councillors agreed that there was no issue from the Council on doing this subject to ensuring that the landowners are in agreement.

It was reported that the CAB had again submitted a grant request. It was agreed that we would explore the possibility of funding a drop in event at the village hall to provide residents with more information on the work of CAB

School Lane sign – The clerk received an email about a vandalised sign in School Lane. The Clerk will respond stating that this is not a matter for the Parish Council.

25/105 **Items noted for next meeting and date:**

- **Waddock Cross defibrillator**
- **Annual Grants**

Date of next meeting 11th February 2026.

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