

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Chair Cllr Sue Jones
Present	Parish Cllr's Peter Leatherdale, Campbell de Burgh, David Leigh Ewers and Danny Hall Dorset Cllr Mike Baker
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	4 members of the public

Minute Number	Comments
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26/029 **Apologies for absence**

Parish Cllr Angela Tozer and Steve Wootton, Dorset Cllr Laura Beddow

26/030 **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

Cllr Sue Jones reported that she lives in the same area as planning application P/PABA/2026/03147 and would take no part in the discussion and leave the room when the Agenda item was discussed.

Cllr Campbell de Burgh reported that he had been asked to speak on behalf of a friend who is a close neighbour to Bladen Social Club when the request to place a bench in the car park is to be discussed.

26/031 **Public participation**

The Parish Council welcomed the Chair and Secretary of Bladen Social Club to the meeting. The Parish Council had received a request prior to the meeting for the Club to position a bench in the car park for members of the club who smoke to benefit from. Currently they stand at the entrance to the Village Hall.

Cllr Campbell de Burgh shared a concern from a local resident that in common with many public spaces the Parish Council should be taking a lead in discouraging smoking across all the property it owns.

The Chair of the Club confirmed that no drinks would be taken into the car park and this rule would be strictly enforced. It was also stressed the bench could be used by anyone.

A Councillor expressed concern, based on disturbing experience, that a bench in the car park could pose a danger when cars are manoeuvring when Club Members, or other users of the car park are arriving or leaving the premises.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council needed further information to consider the request. In summary the Club Committee would:

- Canvas the views of neighbours about the proposal
- Consult with the Clubs insurers to ensure that appropriate insurance for the clubs use of the bench as part of its activities is in place
- Provide Health and safety risk assessment
- Provide a picture of the proposed bench

26/032 **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday June 10th 2026.**

RESOLVED : APPROVED.

26/033 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Periods of increased vehicle movements & High speed through Affpuddle

It was previously reported that there were periods of up to 4 or 5 days of intense vehicle movements with greatly increased speed through Affpuddle along Southover Lane. Though this had been reported to Southover Farm and to Enforcement, no improvement has occurred. Because the movements only happen for 4 to 5 days, by the time the enforcement team look at the area they do not see an issue as the increased movements have ended.

In addition to this, there were also times when there was mass movements and tractors with trailers were clearly greatly exceeding the speed limit. Southover farm responded that these were not their vehicles.

Decision : A plan to consider a 20mph speed limit through Affpuddle will be added to the next meeting agenda. Mike Baker to discuss with the Enforcement team.

Throop Speeding issues

Dorset Highways were approached about the possibility of putting up roadside signs and painting SLOW markers on the road on each direction of the sharp bend in the area. An update will be given with a proposal at a later meeting once more information is obtained.

Wessex Internet

It was agreed that given the degree of knowledge in hand regarding Wessex Internet, rather than a meeting with the Parish Council, it would be more beneficial to ask the company to give a special presentation on implementation to all interested Parishioners once plans and evaluations are complete. The Parish Council will liaise with Wessex Internet to facilitate a presentation in the village hall.

26/034 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/HOU/2026/03051](#) - Householder Planning Permission

Proposal : Replace oil tank with air source heat pump

Location : Puddle Cottage Symmonds Barn To Bladen Valley C79 Affpuddle DT2 7HH

Note : Reply due to 1st July

DECISION : **APPROVED**

[P/PABA/2026/03147](#) - Prior Approval - Building for Agricultural/Forestry Use

Proposal : Erect an agricultural barn to measure 18.3m in length, 12.2m in breadth, with a ridge height of 6.5m and a height to eaves of 4.5m

Location : Turnerspudde Farm Turnerspudde Dorchester DT2 7JA

DECISION : **Council confirmed a written representation requesting a condition that there would be no external lighting if Prior Approval is determined.**

[P/TRC/2026/03221](#) - Tree Works Conservation Area

Proposal : Various Tree Works

Location : 4 Briantspudde Dorchester DT2 7HR

DECISION : **NOTED**

[P/TRC/2026/03304](#) - Tree Works Conservation Area

Proposal : Various Tree Works

Location : 33 Briantspudde Dorchester DT2 7HT

DECISION : **NOTED**

[P/TRC/2026/03405](#) - Tree Works Conservation Area

Proposal : T1 Ash - Remove (Fell). T2 Beech - Remove (Fell). H1 Beech Hedge - Reduce in height by up to 1 metre. - Reduce the sides back by up to 0.5 metre.

Location : Bridge House Moor Lane Briantspudde DT2 7HR

DECISION : **NOTED**

[P/TRT/2026/03301](#) - Tree Works TPO

Proposal : Various Tree Works

Location : 33 Briantspudde Dorchester DT2 7HT

DECISION : **NOTED**

26/035 **To consider Dorset Councillors report**

There were no comments raised.

26/036 **Finance, Payments and Accounts**

Payments

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Total to payee
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge – Paid by Direct Debit	£7	£7
M Soul	Salary	£474.50	£497.10
	Home Working Allowance	£10	
	Mileage for June meeting	£12.60	
HMRC	Employers NI	£8.62	£8.62
Village Hall	Hire of hall 10 th June	£25	£25
		Total	£537.72

RESOLVED : **APPROVED** payments

Credit of £201.29 interest on savings from Units Trust savings account noted

26/037 **To report on new Dorset Council “Return of Interests” process and requirements**

The clerk advised that he will be sending out an email shortly which will require all Parish Councillors to reconfirm their return of interests on the new ROI system. The deadline for Parish Councillors to complete this is 17th July.

26/038 **To Review Policies and Registers**

The Policy on hiring out Briantspuddle Amenity Park was reviewed and **APPROVED**

26/039 **To discuss meetings outside the formal remit of the Parish Council**

The Chair shared the background concerning the meetings of the Parish Community Groups. David Neudegg offered to chair the meetings. While no further meetings have been proposed the action point from the meetings, namely to make some changes to the website and encourage Community Groups to make more use of the facility have been completed. The effort, time and expertise of local residents who delivered this project were acknowledged.

26/040 **To discuss correspondence received**

Broken Fence surrounding the Village Hall oil tank

Part of the fencing about the oil tank for the village hall needs repair. The Chair will contact the Chair of the Village Hall to make him aware of the repair needed although it may be that matters are already in hand with the Village Hall Committee.

Birds in Shop Roof

It was reported that there are birds in the roof of the Village Shop. A member of the Parish Council will look into this and report back.

26/041 **Items noted for next meeting and date:**

- **Affpuddle 20mph speed limit**

Date of next meeting 12th August 2026

Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.....Sue Jones (Chair)

Date: