

Minutes of a meeting of Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 in Briantspuddle Village Hall

Chair	Chair Cllr Sue Jones
Present	Parish Cllr's Peter Leatherdale, Steve Wootton, Campbell de Burgh and Danny Hall
Clerk	Matt Soul
Also, in Attendance	7 members of the public

Minute Number Comments

26/056 **Apologies for absence**

Parish Cllr David Leigh Ewers, Dorset Cllrs Laura Beddow and Mike Baker

26/057 **Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None.

26/058 **To notify that Parish Council member Angela Tozer has stepped down.**

The Chair thanked Angela Tozer for her service and support on the Parish Council, especially on local issues.

26/059 **Public participation**

Bladen Social Club

The club secretary of the Bladen Social Club submitted responses to queries made by the Parish Council in respect of a request to locate a bench in the car park.

Perceived fire and flood risk across the Parish

A resident asked about progress on responses to their emailed queries, including flooding; particular sites were discussed. The resident also advised that the Parish website has been updated with information about fire risk mitigation in the area.

Cllr Peter Leatherdale had already shared some information with the resident about flooding. Action Cllr Hall will liaise with the landowner regarding the removal of excess silt in order to improve the flow of water immediately upstream of Briantspuddle bridge.

Other Matters

The same resident as above also informed the Parish Council that there was support in the Parish to establish a footpath connecting the villages of Briantspuddle and Affpuddle. Cllr Hall offered to liaise with landowners about establishing a footpath through their properties to better and more safely connect Briantspuddle with Affpuddle for pedestrians. Action Cllr Hall to consult with landowners.

Another resident advised that they had applied to restore firebreaks on their heathland in Briantspuddle. This cannot be done until the necessary permissions are granted because the area is an SSSI.

26/060 **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday August 12th 2026.**

RESOLVED : APPROVED.

26/061 **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings**

Ombudsman Complaint

A response was received from the Ombudsman advising that the complaint could not be considered, as a Local Government body (Parish Council) cannot raise complaints about another Local Government body (Dorset Council). The Parish Council has asked DAPTC for clarification on this matter.

Perceived fire risk around the Parish

The Forestry Commission responded to the request to close car parks when fire risk level is high and advised that this was not possible, and that educating the public is the best way forward.

Dorset Council advised that signage could be put up as requested, but the Parish Council would have to fund this.

The Chair read out a response from Dorset Council about oversight of response to wildfire matters.

An article has been written for the Parish Magazine and will appear in the October edition.

26/062 **To consider the responses from BSC concerning a request to place a smokers bench in the car park**

The Chair thanked the Bladen Social Club secretary for responding to the Parish Council's queries. These were read out at the meeting by the Chair. It was proposed that an agreement be drafted for consideration by the Parish Council, in the first instance, at a subsequent Council meeting. Action: Draft Agreement to be prepared asap.

26/063 **Planning and other applications/notifications**

[P/LBC/2026/04675](#) - Listed Building Consent

Proposal : Rebuild partially collapsed boundary wall

Location : The Dairy House Turnerspuddle DT2 7JA

DECISION : APPROVED

[P/HOU/2026/04440](#) - Householder Planning Permission

Proposal : Erect a conservatory

Location : Annexe Golden Springs Farm Waddock Cross Westwards To Golden Springs Farm Waddock DT2 8QY

DECISION : APPROVED

[P/TRC/2026/04367](#) - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : Various Tree Works

Location : 15 Moor Lane To Throop Hollow C79 Briantspuddle DT2 7HS

DECISION : NOTED

[P/TRC/2026/04616](#) - Tree Works - Conservation Area

Proposal : Pine - Remove (Fell)

Location : Barn To Bladen Valley C79, Affpuddle, DT2 7HH

DECISION : NOTED

26/064 **To consider Dorset Councillors' report**

There were no comments raised.

26/065 **To consider annual pay increase agreed by Local Government Services for Clerk & RFO Matt Soul**

Increase **APPROVED**

26/066 **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	£490.09 £77.99	£590.68

	Backdated salary increase to April 2026 Home Working Allowance Mileage for June meeting	£10 £12.60	
HMRC	Employers NI	£8.62	£8.62
Village Hall	Hire of hall 12 th August	£25	£25
AWW Garden Services	July Grass Cutting 14 th 3 hrs 1110/2026	£75	£75
Normtec	Repair of Traditional Fingerpost at Briantspuddle (Sares/Southover Wood)	£400	£400
Ken Parke Consultants	Consultancy (linked to minute ref 25/007) Consultancy - VAT	£500 £100	£600
Total			£1,706.30

RESOLVED : **APPROVED** payments

The invoice from Normtec was £60 higher than the original quotation because one part could not be repaired and had to be replaced, increasing the total from £340 to £400. This was **APPROVED**

26/067

To consider Briantspuddle Defibrillator as support ending October 2026

The Chair put forward a proposal for planning and budgeting (£1,500) for a future defibrillator replacement, and to plan for replacement pads and batteries, which fall under the current service plan. This was **APPROVED**.

The Parish Council also thanked a resident who gives their time and expertise to manage the maintenance of the Parish defibrillators on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council approved a budget of up to £50 to replace the defibrillator sign.

26/068

To discuss correspondence received

A request was received from Dorset Air Ambulance charity to place a clothes bank in the village Hall car park. After discussion, it was decided that the site was not suitable for a clothes bank. Action Parish Clerk to write to the charity explaining the Council's decision.

26/069

Items noted for next meeting and date:

- **Correspondence received after the August Agenda will be added to the September meeting.**

Date of next meeting 14th October 2026

Meeting closed at 8:20 pm.....Sue Jones (Chair)

Date: