

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Meeting** of **Puriton Parish Council** was held at Puriton Sports Centre Puriton on **Tuesday 10th May 2005** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillor P Herbert (Chairman & District Councillor) Mesdames J Fletcher S Tizzard Messrs D Good M Healey (Vice-Chairman District & County Councillor) M Randle together with the Clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were three members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest

10.19	Councillor P Herbert	Member District Development Planning Committee
10.21.1	Councillor Mr M Healey	Chairman - Village Hall
10.21.2	Councillor Mrs J Fletcher	Chair/Trustee – Puriton Playing Fields
10.21.2	Councillor Mrs S Tizzard	Trustee – Puriton Playing Fields
10.21.2	Councillor Mr M Randle	Trustee - Puriton Playing Fields

“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race gender sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

10.1 Apologies

Councillor J Hood (Holiday)

10.2 To receive any amendments to the Register of Interest

The clerk brought to the Councillors attention the need to make any necessary amendments to the Members Register of Interest

10.3 To Elect a Chairman

Councillor P Herbert was proposed seconded and elected as Chairman

10.4 To Receive a Statutory Declaration of Office

The Statutory Declaration was made and signed

10.5 To Elect a Vice Chairman

Councillor M Healey was proposed seconded and elected Vice Chairman

10.6 To Receive a Statutory Declaration of Office

The Statutory Declaration was made and signed

10.7 To Elect the following Committees

(a) Planning

Chairman Councillor M Healey together with Councillors D Good M Randle and S Tizzard

(b) Footpaths and Bridleways

Councillor Mrs J Fletcher

(c) Finance & Personnel

Councillors D Good M Healey and P Herbert

(d) Roads & Transport

Councillor M Healey

10.8 To propose Representatives to the following Village Organisations

- (a) Puriton Sports Centre
- (b) Village Hall
- (c) Polden Hills Cluster Group

No change to current representatives

10.9 To re-adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Adopted

10.10 To approve the Council's Asset Register

It was confirmed that a park bench and the newly installed Bus Shelter should be added

10.11 To approve the Council's Bank Mandate

Agreed as being any two signatures from nine

10.12 To receive the Parish Council's Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2005

- (1) To approve the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2005
- (2) To approve the Annual Return Statement of Assurance

The clerk gave an explanation of the annual accounts for the ended 31st March 2005 which was subsequently approved by the council. He then proceeded to go through the list of assurances and on completion these were also approved by the council.

10.13 To reaffirm acceptance of The Audit and Account Regulations 2003 and The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2004

Re-affirmed

10.15 To re-affirm the Council's Publication Scheme and confirm the Parish Council's qualified Persons under Section 36 of The Freedom of Information Act 2000

Re-affirmed

10.14 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting

None

10.16 The Minutes

Subject to an amendment to record Councillor Mrs S Tizzard's declaration of interest the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2005 were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

10.17 Matters Arising

- (1) Matters Raised by the Public

- (a) Street Lighting – additional provision

- (2) "No Ball Games" Sign

MR

Still waited

- (3) Downend Residents Visit – Wessex Water
- (4) Casual Vacancy
- (5) Footpath – 41 to 53 Webbers Way

MH
BP

Matters now completed

- (6) Youth Shelter

PH

No progress

- (7) Constitutions & Accounts BP
 Received
- (8) Enforcement Action – Illegal Encampment BP
 It was noted that the Council were still waiting for a reply from SDC
- (9) School Signs - Hillside BP
 It was noted that the Council were still waiting for a reply from SCC
- (10) SCC – Letter of Thanks – Donation MH
 Matter now complete

10.18 Finance

(6)	Allianz Cornhill	Annual Insurance Renewal Premium	340.88	
(7)	BT	Broadband 01/04/04-30/06/05	22.12	3.87
(8)	Staples	Stationery	137.77	24.11
(9)	SLCC	Regional One Day Conference	73.00	
(10)	Mr B Poole	April Salary & Expenses	448.00	
(11)	Bruce Poole & Company	Postage – April	4.32	

It was **Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per Bank Statements as at 31st March 2006

Current Account 15254.16

Total 15254.16

Opening Balance 11260.47

Receipts 7651.20

Sub Total 18911.67

Payments 3652.51

Balance at 31st March 2005 15259.16

Current 10933.35

Street Light Reserve 2000.00

Election Reserve 320.81

Youth Shelter 2000.00 **15254.16**

Error Cheque No 000079 5.00

15259.16

The Chairman retired from the meeting (7.55pm) temporarily and the Vice Chairman assumed the chair.

Councillor Healey on a proposal from the Council suspended standing orders and invited Mr J Tancock and his architect Mr P Martin to address the meeting. This they did then retired from the meeting. There then followed a brief discussion on the problems and it was agreed that probably one of the better ways forward was to organise a public petition.

10.19 Planning Committee Report

(1) Outstanding Applications

42/05/00003

Retention on one non illuminated hoarding

Sign adjacent to M5 Southbound and Church Field Lane Puriton

42/05/00004 – Approved 26/04/2005

Erection of agricultural building to house livestock
Agricultural Building to the East of Puriton Sports Club Batch Road

42/05/00005 – Approved 06/04/2005

Reduce height of one Lombardy Poplar Tree by 3 metres and reduce height of one Copper Beech Tree by 2 metres and thin crown by 10% both within area G1.
26 Hillside Puriton

(2) New Applications

42/05/00008

Removal of one branch Wellingtonia Tree (T1)
11 Riverton Road Puriton

The Council approved the application

42/05/00006

Use of land to sell garden plants and accessories other than those grown on site erection of six greenhouses and formation of footpath
Land to the North of The Gables Puriton Hill Puriton

The Council approved the application but had concerns regarding future road safety in the event that this intended use might increase traffic movements

42/05/00009

Erection of rear conservatory and front bay window
89 Puriton Park Puriton

The Council approved the application

(3) Appeals

APP/V3310/04/1164386

Formation of new access etc....
Express Power Ltd

The Chairman returned to the meeting (8.15 pm) and assumed the chair.

He then invited Mr David Hewlett to address the Council on his concerns regarding Puriton Hill and the Hall Road junction. He then left the meeting.

The Chairman then reinstated standing orders.

10.20 Open Spaces Committee Report

(1) Footpaths & Bridleways

JF

It was agreed that Mr G Blackmore should be asked to carry out any necessary remedial work.

10.21 Reports

(1) Village Hall

Councillor M Healey advised the meeting that the Village Hall Committee were about to embark on fund raising activities in order to raise sufficient funds to repair the hall floor which is likely to cost some £25,000 TO £30,000.

(2) Puriton Playing Fields

Meeting to be held in the next week

(3) District Councillor

General concern was voiced regarding the holding of the Car Boot sales and it was agreed that the Council should bring that concern to the immediate attention of Sedgemoor District Council.

(4) County Councillor

Congratulations was extended to Councillor Mark Healey on his recent re-election as a County Councillor

He advised the meeting on some of the comments he had received whilst canvassing regarding the perception of the council by villagers. They were

- Why are Parish Council Meetings not held in the Village Hall
- That Pictures/Names of Councillors should be published
- That a Quarterly Magazine should be published
- How is the precept spent

(5) Village Beat Officer

No report

(6) Parish Councillors

Councillor Mrs S Tizzard confirmed that she had reported the incident of the broken glass in the bus shelter to the clerk He confirmed what action he had taken. The Chairman agreed to ask a local contractor to carry out the work.

(7) LAT

(8) Poldens Cluster Meeting

No reports

10.22

Correspondence

(1)	SCC	Agenda & Minutes 20/04/05	C
(2)	Wicksteed Leisure	General Information	C
(3)	Environment Agency	The Brue Axe & North Somerset Streams CAMS	C
(4)	SDC	County Council Election	NB
(5)	SDC	Planning Applications 31/03/2005 to 06/04/2005	C
(6)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Direct Information Service – Issue 604 18/04/05	C
(7)	SDC	Public Entertainment Licence – Bills Bash at BIBIC	PH
(8)	Glasdon	Outdoor Furniture	MH
(9)	SLCC	Branch Meeting – 14/05/2005	BP
(10)	SDC	Notice of Poll	NB
(11)	SDC	Public Entertainment Licence – 37 Sports & Social Club	PH
(12)	SDC	Planning Applications 07/04/2005 to 13/04/2005	C
(13)	SDC	Amenity Grant Application Somerset Community Chest – Criteria for Funding	BP C
(14)	NALC	Trafalgar Weekend 21/23 rd October 2005	C
(15)	HMCE	Bacs re-payment of Vat £151.20	BP
(16)	Parliamentary Election	Nominated Persons	NB
(17)	SCC	Local Transport Plan (2006-2011)	MH
(18)	Alliance Leicester	Statements	BP

It was agreed that the introduction of three monthly statements from June 2005 was not satisfactory to the Council and the clerk was asked to investigate on line banking with the Alliance Leicester before the Council made any final decisions.

(19)	SDC	Regeneration Policy Update team	C
(20)	SDC	Planning Applications – 14/04/2005 to 20/04/2005	C
(21)	Puriton Playing Field	Letter from the Trustees – Youth Shelter	PH

It was agreed that the letter would be placed in the circulation pack for May and the proposals contained within would be placed on the agenda for June.

(22)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Information Service – Issue 605 – 04/05/05	C
(23)	Clerks & Councils Direct	Issue No 39 – May 2005	C

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda

(24)	SDC	Planning Applications 21/04/2005 to 27/04/2005	C
(25)	SDC	"What's On" Leaflet – May	C
(26)	Inland Revenue	Gratuity Payments	BP
(27)	Vitalise	Request for Grant Funding	C
(28)	SCC	Joint Race Equality Scheme for Local Authorities	C
(29)	Local Council	Update – May 2005 Issue 67	C
(30)	SPFA	The Playing Field – Spring 2005	C

10.23 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (a) To note the posting of the Notice of Annual Audit

Noted

10.24 Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th June 2005 commencing at 7.30 pm.