

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Office Hours 10.00 am – 1.00 pm**

The Annual Parish Meeting of Puriton Parish Council was held in The Village Hall Riverton Road Puriton on Tuesday 14th April 2009 commencing at 7.30 p.m. when the following business was transacted:

**PRESENT** Councillor Mark Healey (Chairman) and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were twenty eight members of the public present including the speakers PC Jasmine Desmond Mr Doug Bamsey Mr James White - three representatives of The Dance Circle together with the following Parish Councillors Mesdames J Fletcher S Tizzard Messrs P Burke B Crowe M P Herbert G Lavick and W Watts

In the first instance the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman Judith Fletcher and thereafter by the Chairman Mark Healey

**APOLOGIES** None other than the expected late arrival of the Chairman.

**MINUTES** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 was read by the clerk and thereafter approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It has been an exciting year for your Council and for Puriton as a whole. I would firstly like to thank all members of the Puriton Council for their dedication to service and continual commitment to the village they serve.

What we have achieved:-

1. The Village Newsletter gets better and better each time it is published - a special thanks to Peter Burke its Editor who always puts 110% effort into it.
2. The Village Web Site again a big thank you to James White – a resident of Puriton – who's Company designed it free of charge and to Peter and Bruce Poole our Parish Clerk who maintain it for us. We are continually looking for local news and events to put into it.
3. The Bright Lights Award – the Christmas lights around the village. This gave a lot of people a great deal of pleasure as they walked around the village viewing all the contributors.
4. The IT Equipment and Internet access recently installed in the Village Hall has proved to be a great asset to Puriton bringing us into the 21st century. It means the Parish Council can now view planning applications on line and gain immediate access to all sorts of internet web sites relating to local government information. Better still this facility can also be enjoyed by anyone using the Village Hall. The other benefit is that outside bodies will want to use our facilities which in turn bring in much needed money to our public buildings.
5. Notice Boards for public information. In the next few weeks a new much larger Notice Board will be erected in the Car Park of the Village Hall. It will have three independent sections – one for use of the Parish Council – one for Puriton Playing Fields Committee and one for the Village Hall and its user groups. The Notice Board will be illuminated so it can be enjoyed during the evenings as well as during the day.

As you can see your Parish Council has been busy and I'm sure you will agree that we are indeed a good Council acting on your behalf. One of our future aspirations is to secure Quality Council status putting us amongst the better run councils in the country. On a personal note I have been proud and privileged to serve as your Parish Council Chairman

## **PURITON PLAYING FIELDS**

It has been another successful year for the Charity, although there is always more work to be done than we have hands to do it!

We have made some important improvements to the lighting in the Range at the Sports Centre, and the building has been made more secure by the addition of galvanised coverings to the doors. At the Riverton Road field, we have provided disabled access for the multi-use games area and youth shelter. This was done with the help of a Parish Council grant.

The Local Action Team have been offered a site at Riverton Road for a skate park, but since the trustees held a meeting with them in the summer, the LAT have not been in contact with us to carry this project further.

The focus of the trustees' efforts this year is on raising funds for a lift in the Sports Centre and for the refurbishment of the children's playground at Riverton Road.

In addition to bowls, archery, target shooting, football, cricket, youth club and dancing classes, the Sports Centre is now home to a junior karate club.

For bookings, contact Sandra at Puriton Post Office, 01278 685355.

## **THE 2009/10 PRECEPT**

The Clerk Mr Poole gave a short verbal presentation in respect to 2009/10 Council Precept a copy of which is attached to the minute book.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **PC Jasmine Desmond**

She gave a short resume of the recently introduced "PACT" initiative and how it has impacted on the village of Puriton. She was pleased to note that both Councillor Herbert and Healey had joined local beat managers to experience at first hand what a Friday Night Shift can be like. She answered a number of questions thanked by the chairman and then departed from the meeting

### **Mr Doug Bamsey**

He gave a comprehensive summation of the proposed planning applications for the large scale development on the British Cellophane Site and the Gerber site. A large number of questions were asked. Again Mr Bamsey was thanked for his time in attending the meeting.

### **Mr James White**

Mr White was introduced to the meeting as being the donator of the recently installed Village Web Site. He spoke of the advantages to be had by both the Parish Council and the residents of Puriton by the regular interactive use of the site. He was warmly thanked for his presentation and more importantly for his generous contribution to the village.

### **Dance Circle**

The gathering were then treated to a short exhibition of Circle Dancing which also involved a number of the audience

## **PRESENTATIONS – GRANT FUNDING CHEQUES**

It was announced that the following grant funding cheques had been forwarded to the respective organisations:-

Age Concern (Somerset)	150.00
St Margaret's Hospice	150.00
Relate	150.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	150.00
Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance	150.00
Sunshine Pre-School*	250.00

Sedgemoor Community Transport	500.00
Puriton Playing Fields	1000.00
Sub Total	2500.00
Amenity Grants	
Puriton Village Management Committee	500.00
Puriton Playing Field	500.00
St Michaels & All Angels PCC	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4000.00</b>

#### **OPEN FORUM**

A number of general questions were asked. This was then followed by refreshments.

#### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and gave special thanks to Councillor Paul Herbert for organising the refreshments.

The Meeting concluded at 9.15pm.