

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of **Puriton Parish Council** was held at the **Puriton Sports Centre Puriton** on **Tuesday 12th July 2005** which will commence at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors M P Herbert (Chairman) Mesdames J Fletcher S Tizzard Messrs D Good J Hood M Randle and W Watts together with the Clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition one member of the public – Mr Easterwood – was present

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the clerk asked Mr Easterwood to comment. He commented on the fact that he had for many years attended the Council's Annual Parish Meeting in the month of May when reports were received from many of the village groups. Yet this year he had not seen any notices of an Annual Parish Meeting which apparently had been held in April. The Parish Clerk was asked to reply. He stated that an Annual Parish Meeting was required to be held between the 1st March and the 1st June and an Annual Council Meeting in May of each year. In order not to confuse the two meetings he had recommended to the Council that in future the Annual Parish Meeting be held in April of each year. This recommendation was accepted hence the reason why it was held in April this year. The clerk also confirmed that the meeting had been correctly notified. Mr Easterwood thanked the Council for the explanation and then retired from the meeting.

“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”

12.5.1 Councillor Mr M P Herbert	Executive Member Sedgemoor District Council
12.7.2 Councillor Mrs J Fletcher	Chair/Trustee – Puriton Playing Fields
12.7.2 Councillor Mrs S Tizzard	Trustee - Puriton Playing Fields
12.7.2 Councillor Mr M Randle	Trustee - Puriton Playing Fields

12.1 Apologies

Councillors B Crowe (Holiday) and M Healey (another Meeting)

12.2 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2005 were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

12.3 Matters Arising

(1) Matters Raised by the Public

- (a) Road Junction – Hall Road/Puriton Hill
- (b) Manse Lane

The comments were noted in respect to these two matters.

(2) “No Ball Games” Sign

The clerk explained the latest comment from SDC on this matter and it was agreed that it should now be removed from the agenda.

(3) Youth Shelter

Nothing to report

- (4) Enforcement Action – Illegal Encampment
- (5) School Signs - Hillside
- (6) Car Boot Sales

The clerk advised the meeting of SDC's response to these matters regarding promise of enforcement action.

(7) Alliance Leicester – Three Monthly Statements

Agreed to stay with the Alliance & Leicester for the time being.

(8) Bus Shelter – Broken Glass

It was hoped that this would be concluded later this week.

(9) Dunball Wharf – Clearance of Footpaths

In hand by SCC

(10) Community Access Fund

Councillor Fletcher advised the Council on the scheme and indicated she would report again on the matter at the August Meeting

(11) 106 Money

It was noted that a sum in excess of £2,000 was currently available to Puriton.

(12) Chapel Path

Currently being undertaken by SCC

(13) Hedge/Grass obscuring 30 mph sign

Completed by SDC Highways

(14) Weight Sign

SDC Highways had replied by saying that they were unaware of any weight restrictions in the village especially on the bridge.

(15) Neighbourhood Sign

Reported to the Central Police scheme

12.4

Finance

(12)	SPFA	Annual Subscription	10.00
(13)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – June	387.50
(14)	Bruce Poole & Company	Postage – June	3.25
(15)	Mr G Blackmore	Various Works	85.00
(16)	Telecomm	Broadband	22.12 3.87
(17)	Moore Stephens	Audit Fees	120.00 21.00

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per Bank Statements as at 30th June 2005
Current Account 13351.34

Total 13351.34

Opening Balance 11260.47
Receipts 7651.20
Sub Total 18911.67
Payments 5555.33

Balance at 30th June 2005 13356.34

Current 9035.53
Street Light Reserve 2000.00
Election Reserve 320.81
Youth Shelter 2000.00

Error Cheque No 000079 5.00

13351.34

The Chairman left the meeting at this point.

In the absence of the Planning Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillor Mark Healey Councillor Good assumed the role of chairman temporarily.

12.5 Planning Committee Report

(1) Outstanding Applications

42/05/00006 – Refused 07/07/2005

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

42/05/00007 – Withdrawn 27/06/2005

Formation of retirement village including dwellings care home and communal facilities
Adjacent to A38 and North of Dunball Roundabout Puriton

42/05/00010

Erection of five dwellings garages and formation of access
Land to the North of Oversteel Hillside Puriton

Despite the suggested amendments to the application the Parish Council were of the same mind and the clerk was asked to respond accordingly emphasising their concerns as to over development and increased traffic movement.

(2) New Applications

42/05/00038

Erection of detached garage
Meadow View Puriton Hill Puriton

42/05/00039

Erection of Entrance Gates
40 Riverton Road Puriton

42/05/00040

Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof and erection of rear conservatory
51 Woolavington Road Puriton

Due to the absence of any plans the previous three applications were not discussed.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

The Clerk pointed out to the meeting how essential it was that full details of planning applications should be available on the night of the Parish Meeting so that they could be discussed in full. Likewise if a member of the public wished to question or make comment to the Council they had an opportunity to do so.

It was agreed that the Council would re-examine its “mode of operation” at the August Meeting.

(3) Appeals

APP/V3310/04/1164386 – Date of Hearing 12/13th July

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

APP/V3310/H/05/1181062

Retention of one non illuminated hoarding
Sign adjacent to M5 Southbound and Church Field Lane Puriton

(4) Other

42/04/00007

Amendment to permission

12.6 Open Spaces Committee Report

- (1) Footpaths & Bridleways

See 12.3.10

12.7

Reports

- (1) Village Hall

No report

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields

Councillor Mrs Judith Fletcher informed the meeting that the trustees were still chasing funding to assist in their proposed improvement scheme to the children's playground.

- (3) District Councillor

The Chairman reported on a number of topics including the recently published Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

- (4) County Councillor

- (5) Village Beat Officer

No reports

- (6) Parish Councillors

- (a) Councillor Mrs Sandra Tizzard commented on the following:

- (i) 100th Birthday

Agreed that a card should be sent.

- (ii) Leaf compaction on the "S" bend at Downend

Clerk to advise Highways of this problem

- (iii) Hedge at Court Cottage

Councillor Fletcher agreed to follow up this matter.

- (iv) Pots in the road – Canns Farm

Land Registry enquiry to be made.

- (v) Parking problems – Culverhay/Middle Street

Agreed that the Police should be notified accordingly.

- (b) (i) Social Housing

Councillor Mrs Judith Fletcher asked what the level of Social Housing was in the village. The Parish Clerk was asked to obtain the information from SDC.

- (7) LAT

Councillor Hood advised the meeting that he was hopeful that a further meeting of the Group would be held during the next week.

- (8) Poldens Cluster Meeting

It was announced that a meeting was scheduled for next week.

12.8

Correspondence

(1)	SDC	Planning Applications 02/06/05 to 08/06/05	C
(2)	SCC	Community Access Fund Launch Meeting	JF
(3)	defra	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	C
(4)	SDC	Planning Applications - 09/06/05 to 15/06/05	C
(5)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 609 27/06/05	C
(6)	SDC	Section 106 Contributions	JF
(7)	SCC	Bridge on Hillside etc etc.....	BP
(8)	SCC	Temporary Road Closure – A39 Puriton Hill	MH
(9)	SCC	Somerset Gateway – Information	BP
(10)	SDC	Register of Electors – Notice of Alteration – July	BP
(11)	SDC	Planning Application – 16/06/05 to 22/05/05	C
(12)	SDC	Various replies	
(13)	Marie Curie	Fundraising Letter	
(14)	SDC	Variations Summary – Puriton Inn – Licence	MH

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda

(15)	Clerks & Councils	Direct – July 2005 – Issue 40	C
(16)	SDC	Planning Applications - 23/06/05 to 29/06/05	C
(17)	Alliance Leicester	Statements	C
(18)	SDC	“What’s On July 2005” Leaflet	C
(19)	Moore Stephens	Conclusion of Audit	BP
(20)	SLCC	“The Clerk” Vol 35 No 3 July 2005	C

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Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To receive a report from the clerk:

Zurich Municipal – Local Council Advisory Service - Annual Risk Assessment Seminar

The clerk reported on his recent attendance at this seminar and outlined a number of matters that are likely to impact on the Council. Report placed in the circulation pack.

- (2) To note the posting of the “Conclusion of Audit” Notice

It was noted that a clear audit had been achieved by the Parish Council and it was noted that the appropriate notice confirming the conclusion had been posted on the village notice boards that night.

- (3) The Council received a tabled set of accounts for the three months ending 30th June 2005

12.10

Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 9th August 2005 commencing at 7.30 pm.