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Prior to the meeting commencing Mr and Mrs Hillier of 8 Puriton Hill brought up issues of teenagers gathering on Village Hall playing field at night an incident of vandalism that evening and the height of trees in Village Hall field. Councillor Mrs Sandra Tizzard indicated that Puriton Playing Fields had taken advice re trees with regard to another resident of Puriton Hill and that they had been advised that trees were not overgrown and no action was therefore required. Councillors agreed that vandalism was a police matter. It was also suggested that although it was not a direct responsibility of the Parish Council the Clerk be asked to write to SDC relating to the trees in order to obtain the Landscape Officer's advice.

Mr Greenwood of Purewell brought up issue of inconsiderate/illegal parking in Canns Lane, Waterloo, Purewell areas. He had contacted police who had distributed leaflets to some effect. However problem had worsened again and he asked that the Parish Council give the matter their serious consideration.

The Chairman then formally opened the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Minutes of a Meeting of Puriton Parish Council that was held at **The Village Hall Puriton** on **Tuesday 14th July 2009** that commenced at **8.15 pm** when the following business was transacted.

The Chairman announced the death of Councillor Bill Watts who had served the Parish Council for a number of years. There then followed a few moments of silence.

PRESENT Councillors M Healey (Chairman) supported by Mrs J Fletcher (Vice Chairman) Mrs S Tizzard Messrs P Burke R Hindle G Lavick.

“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 age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

53.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillors B Crow (Daughter's illness) Paul Herbert (Royal Garden Party) and the Parish Clerk Mr Bruce Poole (Conference – Cheltenham)

53.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
53.8.1	M Healey	Personal	Chair – Village Hall Management
53.8.2	Mrs J Fletcher	Personal	Chair/Trustee – Puriton Playing Field
53.8.2	Mrs S Tizzard	Personal	Trustee – Puriton Playing field

53.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2009

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 9th June 2009 that had been duly circulated be taken as read and be approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

53.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only

- (1) Notice Boards – Downend & Village Hall BP

It is noted that the Chairman has a local contractor who is preparing to carry out the work. The New Notice Board will be located outside the Village Hall whilst the present one will be installed at Downend. The Chairman is also investigating the possibility of having solar lighting installed within the new Notice Board.

- (2) Hillside Telephone Box BP

The matter is slowly proceeding through the various avenues of red tape and that the Parish Council is waiting to be issued with MPAN Number

- (3) Pathway – Webbers Way/Rowlands Rise MH

Resolved that this subject matter be removed from the Council Agenda

- (4) Overgrown Boundary Hedges – Webbers Way/Hall Road BP

The Clerk indicated that there were two courses of action that the Parish Council could undertake. One is to undertake the repair of the fencing and the is other that the owners of the offending trees be personally written to asking them to take the necessary remedial action

- (5) Village Bus Services and Hall Road Bus Stop GL

SCC report that they have carried out a couple of surveys in the am and pm peak and have also tracked down the Safety Audit paperwork from the original work done at the bus stops. The pre and post audits show no concerns with regard to visual issues for vehicles approaching from either direction whilst buses are parked at the stops. It is highly unlikely that agreement will be given by SCC to agree to moving the bus stops for this reason and on cost grounds.

- (6) Dys-functional Street Light – Hillside & Middle Street PH

Despite numerous attempts to SEC via SCC no-one seem to be taking any notice that these lights are still not repaired. It was noted that the Parish Clerk will continue to chase.

- (7) IT Equipment MH

It was noted that the Parish Council have funds in its accounts that need to be dispensed as soon as possible.

- (8) Dog Faeces JF

This subject matter seems now to have reached a natural conclusion

- (9) Affordable Housing Survey BP

The Parish Council are now required to put up a minimum of two Councillors to form part of the land exploratory committee.

- (10) Keep Left Sign BP

The Parish Clerk has confirmed that the matter was duly reported to SCC

(11) HGV's through the village JF

This matter was being followed up by the District/County Councillors

(12) Bus Shelter Redecoration

It was noted that the Parish Clerk was pursuing an insurance claim

(13) Car Boot Signs – Fly Posting

This matter has been robustly followed up by SDC and they confirm that they will continue to monitor the situation

(14) Blocked Drain – A38

Councillor Richard Hindle has had confirmation from SCC that the matter has received their attention

(15) Roadside Verges ST

The Council are fully aware of the responses received from SCC on this particular subject

(16) Polden Post JF

It was noted that the Clerk had some concerns in respect to this subject matter. See 53.8.7(a)

(17) Flower Show Society – Council Plaque MH

It was noted that this matter was now in the hands of the Chairman

53.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the past month

(18) SPFA	Annual Subscription	10.00	
(19) Allianz Insurance	Policy Endorsement	28.61	
(20) Staples	Stationery	54.97	8.24
(21) Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – June	663.95	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

53.6 Planning Committee Report

(1) To receive an update on the following considered applications

42/09/00005 – Approved 01/07/09 MPH
Erection of two bungalows, garages and formation of access
On land at The Oaks Downend Road Puriton

42/09/00006 – Approved 26/05/09 GL
Erection of two storey side extension
26 Woolavington Road Puriton

42/09/00007 – Target Date 14/06/09 JF
Erection of Dwelling
Land to the West of 71 Rowlands Rise Puriton

Noted that this application had been subject to a SDC Planning Committee site visit and a decision was awaited.

42/09/00008 – Approved 01/07/09 GL
Erection of single storey front and rear extension two storey side extension partly on site of garage (to be demolished) and detached garage (amended scheme)
12 Puriton Park Puriton

(2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications

42/09/00009 – Approved 08/07/09

Erection of two storey extension to rear (South)
9 Culverhay Close Puriton

42/09/00010 – Target Date 03/08/09

JF

Erection of part two storey part single storey side extension partly on site of garage (to be demolished) single storey front extension erection of detached garage and formation of access

95 Rowlands Rise Puriton Bridgwater TA7 8BU

The Parish Council approved this application with the proviso that something be done to remedy the overlooking of 30 Webbers Way from the first floor window.

42/09/00011 – Target Date 23/07/09

BW

Erection of single storey extension to side and rear
10 Court Grove Puriton

The Parish Council agreed to approve this application

53.7 Open Spaces Committee Report

To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Footpaths & Bridleways JF

It was noted that concern was being expressed re: BW 28/3 and BW28/13 and it was agreed that the concern be communicated to Footpaths Liaison Officer

- (2) Village Newsletter PB

It was reported that a Middle Street Resident had reported non-delivery of the current Newsletter.

- (3) Web Site PB

It was noted that the site received 152 hits in the previous week. Parish Councillors were to be encouraged to sign up for the Newsletter

53.8 To receive the following reports

- (1) Village Hall

Gate post to be repositioned - ladies loos to be refurbished - flower show is next big event.

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields

Complaints had been noted about trees at Village Hall field - debris on MUGA may be evidence of wish among young people for skate ramp - PPF are progressing disabled parking and changing room projects.

- (3) SALC

Nothing to report

- (4) District Councillor

Reported that Sedgemoor Splash is to close and plan is to replace it with pool at Chilton Trinity

- (5) County Councillor
- (6) Village Beat Officer

No formal reports

- (7) Parish Councillors

- (a) Councillor Judith Fletcher

- (i) Polden Post

Despite the village Newsletter and Website she was of the view that a summary of the minutes should still be sent to the Polden Post. The reason given was that firstly because it was produced monthly rather than quarterly secondly because other villages like to follow what Puriton was doing and vice versa. It was agreed that the Chairman would raise the issue with the Clerk.

- (b) Councillor Geoff Lavick

- (i) Illegal Parking

Asked that police be requested to take formal action about illegal parking. It was agreed that a public meeting be called to discuss parking in the village and that the Police Highways and SDC planners be asked to accompany parish councillors to visit sites (in the evening)

- (ii) Affordable Housing Project

Queried whether or not the Parish Council had formally adopted affordable housing project. Councillors agreed to defer this issue till next meeting and ask for clerk's clarification.

- (c) Councillor Sandra Tizzard

- (i) Formal Documents

She asked that every effort be made to use correct street names in formal documents

- (ii) Land at Rye

She had been approached by resident of Rye who when applying to Somerset County Council to purchase a strip of land at bottom of his garden was informed in writing that SCC were in process of selling entire site behind Rye to SDC for affordable housing. Can SDC clarify this? Does it have any connection with the affordable housing survey?

- (iii) Fly-Posting

She asked that organisations be asked to remove these when an event is over.

- (iv) Middle Street Verge

Verge at end of Middle Street – still concerned at state of this (cut by 'amateur').

- (v) Manor Wall

It was noted that some tree seedlings were growing out of this listed structure and overhanging road. Clerk to write to owner and ask for this to be resolved?

(d) Councillor Richard Hindle

(i) Sustainable Communities Competition

He recommended this initiative to the Parish Council. Other councillors agreed this was a good project, but

- (a) Parish Council did not own any buildings in village and
- (b) time scale (end September) was much too short.

It was suggested that Councillor Hindle enquire whether or not this would be an annual event.

(3) Councillor Peter Burke

'Village Day'

He asked that the issue of a 'village day' in 2010 (celebration and fundraising event for all villagers and organisations) be put on agenda for next meeting and that Parish Council take lead in organising it. Pete noted that this idea had been the brainchild of Councillor Richard Hindle.

(8) Poldens Cluster Meeting

(9) The Clerk

No reports presented on these two subjects

53.9

To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails

(1)	NALC-Legal Briefing	Good Race Relations – Gypsies & Irish Travellers	C
(2)	SCC	Temporary Road Closure – Canns Lane Puriton	C
(3)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 711 – 15/06/09	C
(4)	SDC	Strategic (Parish) Clusters	C
(5)	Pioneer Somerset	Up Date Letter	C
(6)	SCC	The Tour of Britain Cycle Race	C
(7)	SPFA	Request for Annual Subscription Renewal	C
(8)	SDC	Affordable Housing Open Day – 16/07/09	C
(9)	HMR&C	Employer Budget Pack 2009	BP
(10)	HMR&C	PAYE 2009 Seminars	BP
(11)	SCC	Somerset Local Access Forum	C
(12)	SCC	Public Rights of Way	C
(13)	Clerks & Councils	Direct Issue 64 July 2009	C
(14)	E-Mail	Footpath	JF
(15)	NALC	DISExtra – Issue 712 – 29/06/09	C
(16)	Mr E Woolmington	Proposed Property work	BP
(17)	Police	Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods – Newsletter	C
(18)	Mrs K Ridler	Formal request for the provision of an allotment	BP
(19)	SDC	Affordable Housing Fact Sheet – Issue 2 June 2009	C

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda

(20)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 713 13/07/09	C
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53.10

Other Business referred to the Clerk

(1) To resolve to carry out the required remedial repairs to the damaged fencing in Hall Road

Councillor Sandra Tizzard reported that from her information odd bits of land in and around Webbers Way now belong to Persimmon Homes.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Persimmon giving them one week to repair the fence after which PC would do the work and send invoice to Persimmon.

- (2) To resolve to instigate a Village Ranger Service

Agreed to defer this issue until next meeting as various aspects need clarifying

- (3) To resolve to grant the usual delegated powers to the clerk during the closed period of August

Resolved Clerk to be consulted re: duties of Chairman and Vice Chairman

- (4) To consider the Council's Assets

As the Councillors did not have the said revised list of assets it was agreed to defer this matter until September

- (5) To consider a request from Mr Huey of The Hollies 1 Court Farmyard Rye for a Finger Post to indicate "Court Farmyard (Rye)"

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Parish Clerk as the Councillors were unsure of their powers or responsibilities

53.11

Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 8th September 2009 commencing at 7.45 pm.