

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the commencement of the Meeting representatives from the Sunshine Pre-School Playgroup asked the Parish Council to consider paying for the annual inspection report on the equipment that was located with the confines of the Village Hall. The Chairman agreed that this matter would be considered formally at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of Puriton Parish Council that was held at **The Village Hall Puriton** on **Tuesday 13th October 2009** that commenced at 7.45 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors M Healey (Chairman) supported by Mrs J Fletcher (Vice Chairman) Mrs S Tizzard Messrs P Burke G Lavick and the clerk Mr B Poole

“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”

55.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor M Paul Herbert (Unwell)

55.2 To receive any declarations of interest

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

55.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2009

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 8th September 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

55.4 Past Subject Matters

To receive the Clerk’s circulated paper for the purpose of report only

(1) Matters Raised by the Public – September Meeting

BP

(a) Illegal Parking

It was noted that notes of this meeting had all ready been circulated to the main parties – decisions would need now to be made on how to move forward the issues that were raised. Agreed that the Parish Clerk should make further contact with PC Jasmine Desmond

(b) Planning Application 09/08/00017 MH

Chairman Mark who had attended the consultation provided to the meeting a verbal report of the consultation meeting.

(2) Notice Board – Downend BP

It was noted that the Clerk had spoken to the owner of the property in Downend Crescent where the Parish Council wished to erect a notice board (the one removed from the Village Hall location) and it was noted that he was happy for it to be erected on the grass verge.

(3) Hillside Telephone Box BP

It was reported the clerk was still waiting for the administrative paperwork to be concluded

(4) IT Equipment MH

It was noted that all the necessary equipment has now been finalised and the cheque to reimburse the Chairman was to be ratified at the meeting. All that remains now is to deliver the various items to the other participating parish councils.

(5) HGV's through the village JF

The Clerk reported that he has not as yet received a reply to his recent letter.

(6) Footpaths BW28/3 & 28/13 JF

It was noted that the Clerk as instructed had conveyed the wishes of the Parish Council to SCC and was now waiting for their action/response

(7) "Illegal" Parking & Meeting GL

See 1(a)

(8) Damaged Fencing – Hall Road BP

It was noted that the Parish Clerk was in discussion with a volunteer who had offered to carry out the work.

(9) Village Ranger – Councillor Survey BP

The Clerk confirmed that he had collated the various suggestions emanating from the survey and he was of the view that each of the Parish Councillors had acknowledged that there was a need.

(10) Finger Post request to SDC "Court Farmyard (Rye)" BP

It was noted that a request has been sent to SDC and that as yet a response had not been received

(11) Bright Lights Competition MH

The Clerk noted that this initiative needed to be actioned and promoted

(12) Bus Shelter Insurance Claim BP

It was noted that this matter was firmly lodged with the loss department of the Insurance Company.

55.5

To approve the following items of expenditure for the past month

(28)	Mr B Poole	Travel & Subsistence – NALC Conference	161.14	
(29)	Wood 'en stuff	Village Maintenance Work	255.00	
(30)	SLCC	National Conference	133.34	20.00
(31)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – September 2009	850.97	
(32)	ICO	Data Protection Renewal – Direct Debit	35.00	
(33)	SDC	Emptying Dog Bins	341.90	51.29

(34)	Moore Stephens	Annual Audit Fee 31/03/09	285.00	42.75
(35)	Turquoise	Cabling – IT Equipment	60.00	10.50
(36)	Playsafety Ltd	Pre-School Play Equipment – Annual Check	63.00	9.45
(37)	Staples	IT Equipment	5730.62	757.60

Resolved that the listed invoices be paid

55.6

Planning Committee Report

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

09/08/00017 – Council Target 16/09/09 - Amended Plans 21/08/09

Outline Planning Permission to include residential development of up to 2000 dwellings a mixed use local centre comprising up to 12,000 square metres retail floor space (Use Classes A1 A2 & A5) leisure (A3 and A4) community facilities (D1) and residential or B1 employment development primary school up to 110,000 square metres of employment development (B1 B2 & B8) sui generis trade units and car showrooms hotel sports and recreational facilities wind turbine strategic landscaping transport network and access connections and associated engineering works and infrastructure drainage and car parking and including full Planning Application details for the erection of part of the employment development comprising a Regional Distribution Centre (71,300 square metres of B8 warehousing and ancillary B1/B2 uses.

Land off A38 Bristol Road and A39 Bath Road and bounded by M5 Motorway and railway line Bristol Road Bridgwater

No action taken

42/09/00013 – Approved 09/10/09

PH

Erection of single storey extension to NW elevation to form indoor swimming pool
The Oaks Downend Road Puriton

42/09/00014 – Approved 07/10/09

RH

Installation of replacement window and replacement of window with door in west elevation
Drove Playing Fields Church Field Lane Batch Road Puriton

42/09/00016 – Refused 07/10/09

RH

Conversion of garage to living accommodation and erection of single storey rear extension
Orchard View Middle Street Puriton

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

42/09/00015 – Council Target 16/10/09

GL

Erection of two storey extension with porch/lobby/balcony (alternative scheme)
Hillside Farm Woolavington Road Puriton

The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal

42/09/00017

Erection of part two storey part single storey 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

The Parish Council notes that whilst this is an amended application to that previously refused it still does not deal with the central concern. This refers to the window at first floor level that overlooks 30 Webbers Way. The Parish Council recommends refusal on the grounds that the proposed application impacts on the neighbouring property through a loss of privacy.

42/09/00018 – Council Target 19/10/09

MH

Retention of Garden Shed
5a Rye Puriton

The Parish Council notes that this application is a retrospective application. One concern is that the adjoining neighbours appear not to have had notification of this retrospective

application from SDC which we understand is general policy. The Parish Council recommend refusal on the following grounds

- Contrary to SDC's BE2 & BE6 Policies
- Materials do not truly reflective the rural scene of this unique area of the village
- The bulk of the building is not in keeping with surrounding properties and impacts on the neighbouring properties
- Its visual appearance is detrimental to the character and appearance of the street scene

41/09/013 – Council Target Date 21/10/09

The use of land for the crushing screening and re-cycling of non hazardous construction and demolition waste at OS Field Ref 9820 (PT)
Walpole Landfill Site Pawlett

Resolved that no action be taken

55.7 Open Spaces Committee Report

To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Footpaths & Bridleways JF

Nothing tangible to report

- (2) Village Newsletter PB

It was noted that Issue No 6 was currently being distributed

- (3) Web Site PB

Councillor Peter Burke advised the meeting that the site had recently undergone a number of small but important amendments

55.8 To receive the following reports

- (1) Village Hall

Nothing tangible to report

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields

It was noted that the recently applied for planning permission had been approved

- (3) SALC

Details in the pack

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

No report

- (7) Parish Councillors

- (a) Councillor Geoff Lavick

Expressed his concern regarding the apparent non action in Little Lane

- (b) Councillor Sandra Tizzard

Confirmed what the problem was in respect of the overgrown hedge in Puriton Park

(c) Councillor Judith Fletcher

Notified the meeting of the forthcoming Village Meeting in respect to the proposed Village Fun Day

(d) Councillor Mark Healey

(i) Roadside Verges

He expressed his concerns regarding the grass verges around the village hall

(ii) BMX Park

He indicated that it was his wish to give this subject matter further investigation

(8) Poldens Cluster Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for the 20th October. It was agreed by all that Puriton Parish Council should take a more active role in this group

(9) The Clerk

Advised the members of the forthcoming Parish Council Election and the details of the SLCC Regional Conference to be held at The Four Pillars Hotel Cotswold Water Park on Thursday 3rd December

55.9

To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails

(1)	Police	Accident – Bus Shelter Riverton Road	BP
(2)	Police	Community Policing Awards 2009	C
(3)	SDC	LDF Report Issue No 2 September 2009	C
(4)	Mr N Garnett	Parish Council Vacancy application	BP
(5)	SDC	Polden Hills (Parish) Cluster Workshop 24/11/09	C
(6)	National Grid	Hinkley Point C Connection Project	BP
(7)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 718 21/09/09	C
(8)	SCC	Community Plans	C
(9)	NDASCAG	Consultation Events – 13/10/09	C
(10)	Viridor	Walpole Landfill Liaison Committee Meeting – 19/10/09	C
(11)	SDC	Notice of Election	NB
		Election Timetable	BP
(12)	SDC	LDF Newsletter – Issue No 2	C
(13)	SLCC	Revised Salary Scales	C
(14)	SCC	Councillors & Wards 2009	C
(15)	SDC	Poster – Anti Social behaviour	NB
(16)	SCC	Building Schools for the Future – Update 4	C
(17)	SDC	Precept 2009/10 2 nd Half Payment - £13,000	BP
(18)	Mrs L Mason	E-Mail – Illegal Parking and Street Lighting	BP

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda

(19)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 719 – 05/10/09	C
(20)	SDC	Sedgemoor Charter – Feedback	C
(21)	Miss Gregory	Copy E-Mail – Dunball – Lorry Parking	BP
(22)	ICO	Reminder of Data Protection Renewal	BP
(23)	SDC	Amenity Grants 2010-2011	C
(24)	NHS Somerset	Bridgwater Community Hospital – Consultation	C
(25)	SDC	Budget Consultation 2010-2011	C
(26)	SDC	Shaping the Future of Sedgemoor – 10/11/09	C
(27)	SDC	LDF Newsletter – Issue No 3	C
(28)	National Grid	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	C
(29)	SLCC	Regional Conference – 03/12/09	C
(30)	Victim Support	Fund Seeking Letter	BP
(31)	SDC	Polden Hills Cluster Group – 20/10/09	JF

55.10

Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To consider the Parish Council's Assets

After some discussion it was noted that a memorial bench located at the Sports Field should be included in the sum of £500.00

- (2) To consider the adequacy of the Council's Insurance Cover

Resolved that this subject matter be referred to the Finance Committee

- (3) To resolve to proceed with the Affordable Housing Survey Initiative

Resolved to proceed with the Affordable Housing Survey Initiative

- (4) To resolve to the setting up of a Village Day Working Party

Resolved that the Parish Council should be part of the proceedings

- (5) To note the 2009/10 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks wef 01/04/09

Noted

- (6) To receive Parish Council's half yearly accounts – 01/04/09 to 30/09/09

Received

- (7) To consider the Fly Posting problem in the village

Resolved that this problem should be tackled on a regular basis

- (8) To note the posting of the "Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return"

Noted

- (9) To receive and note the external auditor's report for the year ended 31st March 2009

Received

55.11

Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th November 2009 commencing at 7.45 pm.