

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited a resident of Hillside to address the meeting. She indicated that it was becoming a regular feature for the residents of 1-3 Hillside Drive to leave their rubbish out all week. The meeting agreed that she should not be happening and would be asking the Clerk to report the matter to the appropriate authority. She was thanked and then left the meeting.

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

PRESENT Councillors Mr M Healey (Chairman) Mrs J Fletcher (Vice Chairman) Mrs S Tizzard Messrs P Burke M P Herbert 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"

48.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Barrie Crow

48.2 To receive any declarations of interest

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

48.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 and the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday 16th December

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th December 2008 and the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday 16th December that had been duly circulated be taken as read and be approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

48.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

(1) Council Bank Mandate
Now concluded BP

(2) Notice Board – Downend BP

It was agreed that progress was now dependent on the replacement of the Village Hall Notice Board. The clerk also confirmed that he was waiting for two more quotations before being able to make a recommendation to the council.

(3) Hillside Telephone Box BP

No progress to report

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

It was suggested that SCC Rights of Way team be advised of the condition of the path.

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

The clerk provided the members with an up date

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

It was noted that the Council was waiting to have a meeting with a representative from SCC

- (7) Mrs B Wills BP

Councillors Healey & Herbert agreed to deal with the “Honours Board”

- (8) Dis-functional Street Light – Hillside PH

The clerk agreed to report this faulty light for the fourth time

- (9) SDC – CEO Response – Gypsy Site BP

The holding response received by the clerk on the 23rd December was read to the meeting. It was agreed that whilst it had dealt with the main thrust of the Council’s concerns there were a number of other issues that still needed to be addressed. The clerk was asked to follow it through with SDC.

- (10) Footpath Survey JF

Councillor Mrs Judith Fletcher requested permission from the Council for her to enlist the services of one of the villagers who was a keen walker and a Sedgemoor Rambler to assist in this survey.

Resolved that she should take the requested action.

- (11) Model Publication Scheme BP

- (12) Sustainable Communities Act BP

It was confirmed by the clerk that these two matters had been concluded.

48.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the months of January 2009

(47)	Village Hall	Hall Rent – November	14.00
(48)	Village Hall	Hall rent – December	14.00
(49)	Royce’s	Shield & Engraving	62.00
(50)	Staples	Stationery	100.48 17.59
(51)	SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	94.00
(52)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – December 2008	609.41
(53)	SLCC	Practioners’ Conference	63.33
(54)	Mr B Poole	Christmas Drinks	35.80
(55)	Mr B Poole	Broadband Services Jan-Mar 09	30.00

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

The Council received a tabled report from the Parish Clerk showing the Council’s current financial for the period 01/04/08 – 31/12/08

48.6 Planning Committee Report

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

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

42/08/00018

PH

Change of use and conversion of farmhouse to three dwellings including a two storey side extension. Demolition of double garage and erection of triple garage. Erection of double garage for previously approved barn conversion and provision of access. Land at Downend Farm Downend Crescent Puriton

It was agreed that as these two applications had only just been received on the day of the meeting that a separate planning committee be called once Councillors Herbert and Healey had made a site visit. Agreed.

48.7 Open Spaces Committee Report

To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Footpaths & Bridleways JF

It was noted that the upper gate on BW28/1 adjacent to Chislett Covert was padlocked. It was also reported that the required notices appeared not to be posted as yet on the proposed diversion at Dunball Wharf.

- (2) Village Newsletter PB

Councillor Peter Burke reported that he had received a number of requests to advertise in the Village News Letter which the clerk was preparing to invoice. The next issue was planned for the spring

- (3) Web Site PB

Councillor Peter Burke reported on the number of hits (645) the web site had received since the launch 264 of who had been unique visitors.

48.8 To receive the following reports

- (1) Village Hall

A successful Christmas Fayre had been held in the Village Hall and plans were in hand in respect of the Pantomime

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields

It was reported that a local Arts Group was showing interest in using the centre.

- (3) SALC

Nothing to report

- (4) District Councillor

- (5) County Councillor

Councillor Mark Healey reported on the negotiations he and Councillor Burke had had that day with PC World in respect to the IT Grant given by SCC.

Councillor Fletcher asked what would be the rules for the use of the equipment and who would retain ownership. Confirmed that the equipment would remain in the possession of the Parish Council.

- (6) Village Beat Officer

No report

- (7) Parish Councillors

- (a) Councillor Mrs Judith Fletcher

She commented on the serious problem in the village of dog faeces which seemed to be getting worse despite the ample provision of dog bins. It was agreed that the matter should be reported to Tina the SDC Dog Warden on 01278 435210 and the direct line 0845 4082540.

- (b) Councillor Sandra Tizzard

Questioned whether or not the visibility requirements at the traveller's site would be done.
Clerk to seek information from SDC as to when and how.

(c) Councillor Mark Healey

He reported that the winning family in the recently held Village Best Christmas Decorated House competition was Mr & Mrs Curtis of 60 Puriton Park.

(d) Councillor Peter Burke

He reported on the increasing evidence of Horse Manure on the footpaths especially in Hall Road.

(e) Councillor Paul Herbert

Reported on a recent occurrence adjoining his property at the front with Middle Street where a telegraph pole had been knocked down.

(8) LAT

No report

(9) Poldens Cluster Meeting

Councillor Mrs Judith Fletcher reported on the question to be asked at that meeting by Woolavington Parish Council in regards to pooling RTL3 money within the Cluster Group.

Resolved that Councillor Fletcher be tasked with accepting the proposal on the basis that it be recognised that the arrangement should be reciprocal in the future

(10) The Clerk

Mr Poole set out what plans he had for Councillor Training in the new financial year.

48.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails

(1)	SCSN Somerset's Community Safety Newsletter – Winter 2008 No 7	C
(2)	SLCC The Clerk – November 2008 Vol 40 No 6	C
(3)	NHS Consultation – Development of Mental Health Services in Mendip	C
(4)	Alliance Leicester Acknowledgement of Deposit	BP
(5)	NALC DISExtra – Issue 699 22/12/08	C
(6)	EDF Positive Results of Consultation	C
(7)	SCC Proposed Diversion of Footpath BW 28/10 (PART)	NB
(8)	DCLG Consultation Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity	C
(9)	SCC Signed Letter of Agreement – IT Equipment	BP
(10)	RCC "Thatch" – Winter 2008	C

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda

(11)	SLCC The Clerk Magazine – January 2009 Vol 41 No 1	C
(12)	SCC Explore Somerset – RoW Website	JF
(13)	NALC DIS Extra – Issue 700 – 12/01/09	C
(14)	Mr J Miller Letter of Resignation	BP

The Council noted with regret the recent resignation of Councillor John Miller. It was confirmed that the Parish Clerk had already written to Mr Miller to acknowledge his resignation and to thank him for his past services.

(15)	Clerks & Councils Direct January 2009 - Issue 61	C
(16)	Sage Payroll Year End Information	BP

48.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To receive and approve a recommendation from the Finance Committee in order to set a Precept for 2009/2010

Resolved that a precept of £26,000 be set for 2009/10

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