

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Office Hours 10.00 am – 1.00 pm**

Prior to the meeting commencing Councillor Mrs Judith Fletcher Vice Chairman invited Mr & Mrs Jones and Mr & Mrs Gooding to address the meeting. Mrs & Mrs Jones reiterated a number of points that they had made at the last parish council meeting. They also expressed their disquiet at the point that the Parish Council had not been included as yet in the consultation. They were assured that this particular issue was currently being addressed by the Parish Council. Mrs Jones read a letter from neighbours namely Mr & Mrs Smith. Mr & Mrs Jones and Miss Gregory were thanked for their presentations and were advised that all the points that they had raised would be noted and discussed with SDC.

Mr & Mrs Gooding then addressed the meeting in respect to Planning Application 42/09/00002. At the conclusion of their presentation they were also thanked for attending the meeting.

Minutes of a Meeting of Puriton Parish Council that was held at The Village Hall Puriton on Tuesday 10th March 2009 that commenced at 7.45 pm when the following business was transacted.

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

In addition there were five members of the public present

“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”

## **50.1 To receive and accept apologies for non attendance**

Councillors Mark Healey and Bill Watts

## **50.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
50.8.2	Mrs J Fletcher	Personal	Chair/Trustee – Puriton Playing Field
50.6.2	Mrs S Tizzard	Personal	Trustee – Puriton Playing Field
50.10.2	Mrs J Fletcher Puriton Playing Field	Prejudicial	Trustee – Puriton Playing Field
50.10.2	Mrs S Tizzard Puriton Playing Field	Prejudicial	Trustee – Puriton Playing Field
50.10.2	Mr M P Herbert Sedgemoor Community Transport	Prejudicial	Director – Sedgemoor Community Transport
50.10.2	Mrs J Fletcher Relate	Prejudicial	Trustee – Puriton Playing Field

## **50.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2009**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th February 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

#### 50.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only

- (1) Notice Boards – Downend & Village Hall BP  
Resolved that the Parish Council should proceed to purchase a triple Notice Board from Whitehilldirect with measurements for each panel of 2’x2’6” in a Coloured Finish in the sum of £1199.00 ex vat.
- (3) Hillside Telephone Box BP  
The Clerk advised the meeting on the up to date position – See 50.10.4
- (4) Pathway – Webbers Way/Rowlands Rise MH  
No tangible progress to report
- (5) Overgrown Boundary Hedges – Webbers Way/Hall Road BP  
It was suggested that letters be sent to all of the affected households
- (6) Village Bus Services and Hall Road Bus Stop GL  
The Council noted the progress to date
- (7) Dis-functional Street Light – Hillside PH  
Still not working
- (8) Padlocked Gate JF  
The comments from Mr East were noted
- (9) IT Equipment MH  
It was reported that this equipment had now been purchased and delivery was waited
- (10) Dog Faeces JF  
This problem is not improving and it was agreed that the problem should be highlighted in the newsletter and the web site.
- (11) Affordable Housing Survey BP  
It was noted that the survey forms were being delivered in concert with the village newsletter
- (12) Keep Left Sign BP
- (13) Tractors on grass verges PH  
SCC’s responses were noted
- (14) Councillor’s Photos PB  
It was noted that one or two would need to be retaken
- (15) County Gritting Policy BP  
Received and noted
- (16) Little Path – Post Box BP  
Now re-erected
- (17) Broken Hinge – Dog Bin at The Rye BP

Repaired

- (18) Dog Bin Emptying Quotation BP

Noted that the Council's request for a fortnightly collection had been confirmed

- (19) Community Council for Somerset – Housing Needs Survey BP

See 50.4.11

- (20) Rubbish at Hillside

It was noted that SDC were taken action in respect to this matter

#### 50.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the past month

(58)	SALC Training – Module 27 CiLCA		40.00
(59)	SDC Dog Bin Emptying	100.40	15.06
(60)	Mr B Poole Salary and Expenses – February 2009		649.59
(61)	Staples Purchase of IT Equipment	2059.00	308.85

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

Resolved that the cheque for invoice No 33 previously approved in September 2008 be drawn in respect to the University of Gloucestershire

#### 50.6 Planning Committee Report

To receive an update on the following considered 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 noted that Councillor Paul Herbert had made representations in support to SDC at the District Council's Planning Committee

##### 42/08/00019

PH

Construction of building for storage of classic cars

Land to the rear of 1 and 2 Station Road Dunball

It was noted that the District Council's Planning Committee were arranging a site meeting at which Councillor Paul Herbert would represent the Parish Council

##### 42/09/00001- Approved 25/02/09

GL

Erection of two storey side extension and formation of access and parking to the front  
26 Woolavington Road Puriton

To consider and respond to the following planning applications

##### 42/09/00002 – Target Date 10/03/09

GL

Erection of two storey side (West) extension and single storey lobby  
Hillside Farm Woolavington Road Puriton

The Parish Council recommended approval based on the following:

That SDC allowed an extension to the property as early as 2008 (see 42/08/2008) and that apparently did not impact on the property or indeed the immediate surroundings/landscape

That the application is compliant with national regional and local planning policy and guidance especially PPS7 – Sustainable Development in Rural Areas.

Sedgemoor District Local Plan 1991-2011 Policies are:-

Policy STR2 & STR3 because it benefits local economic activity

CNE3 and BE2

The applicants currently support an aged grandmother as well as their existing family. They are hopeful to increase their family all of which demands greater accommodation. It is also essential because the applicants also run two businesses which employs 11 people and is currently being run off the dining table.

## **50.7 Open Spaces Committee Report**

### **To receive reports from the brief holders**

- (1) Footpaths & Bridleways JF

Councillor Mrs Fletcher indicated that she had not as yet received a response from her proposed candidate

- (2) Village Newsletter PB

The current edition was in the process of being delivered to the residents

- (3) Web Site PB

It was confirmed that full details of how organisations in the village could benefit from this facility would be elaborated upon at the APM

## **50.8 To receive the following reports**

- (1) Village Hall

It was noted that a successful Pantomime had been held and a WI Jumble Sale

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields

Currently considering plans for the proposed changing rooms. Reported on a successful AGM

- (3) SALC

In the pack

- (4) District Councillor

- (5) County Councillor

Reported that SDC had approved a 4.5% increase on the rates.

- (6) Village Beat Officer

Apologies presented and a written report submitted

- (7) Parish Councillors

- (i) Councillor Sandra Tizzard

Reported on Little Lane and the Fence that had been erected and in fact should be removed

- (ii) Councillor Paul Herbert

Reminded the Councillors present of the planned Fun Day at Woolavington

Concerned at the increase of dog-fouling in the village – agreed that the dog warden should be advised

- (iii) Councillor Judith Fletcher

Asked for clarification on the cost of a "To The Church" sign

Sought a "grabber" for a volunteer who was helping with litter picking.

- (8) Poldens Cluster Meeting

No Meeting

- (9) The Clerk

Reminded everyone of the arrangements for the visit to Police Headquarters on the 19th March.

Advised the meeting of the concern expressed by a Woolavington resident about earth movements through the village to the Water Park.

**50.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails**

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| (1)  | SCC IT for all Report                                   | BP |
| (2)  | SDC Parish Council vacancy                              | BP |
| (3)  | SPFA "The Playing Field" Winter 2008-09                 | C  |
| (4)  | NALC DISExtra Issue 703 – 23/02/09                      | C  |
| (5)  | Staples Details of Business Account                     | BP |
| (6)  | SALC Affiliation Fees 2009/10 - £428.20                 | BP |
| (7)  | SBE Town & Parish Standard – Issue 4 February 2009      | C  |
| (8)  | HMR&C Employer Pack 2009                                | BP |
| (9)  | SCC Tractor Marks – Winter Gritting Policy              | C  |
| (10) | BT Agreement – Telephone Box at Hillside<br>See 50.10.4 | BP |
| (11) | Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue No 62 March 2009       | C  |

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda

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| (12) | SDC Improving Community Engagement through Strategic Clusters | C  |
| (13) | CPRE "Somerset Matters" Spring 2009                           | C  |
| (14) | SAGE Payroll Year End 2008/2009                               | BP |
| (15) | SLCC "The Clerk" March 2009 Vol 41 No 2                       | C  |
| (16) | NALC DISExtra Issue 704 09/03/09                              | C  |
| (17) | SDC Role and Function of Sedgemoor Settlements                | C  |
| (18) | SCC A38 & Red Routes  | C  |
| (19) | SALC Clerks Salaries & Mileage Allowances 2008-2009           | BP |

**50.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

- (1) To receive an update on the flooding problem in Downend Puriton

The Clerk provided the meeting with an up date

- (2) To receive a tabled report from the Finance Committee in respect to the 2008/09 Grant Funding

Resolved that the following Grant Funding for 2008/09 be made:

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
Total	4000.00

- (3) To note the comments relating to the Dog Bin located in Hall Road

The Clerk reported to the meeting the concerns expressed to him from a resident in respect to the location of the Hall Road Gog Bin. It would appear that they had been the subject of some anti-social behaviour where some young people had removed bagged dog faeces from the bin and threw it into their garden.

Resolved that the Dog Bin should be relocated further up Hall Road by some 100'

- (4) To agree to sign the Agreement for the sale of the Hillside Telephone Kiosk by BT Payphones to Puriton Parish Council

Resolved that the Agreement should be signed

- (5) To make final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

Final arrangements were agreed as to the format of the evening.

**50.11 Date of next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 14th April 2009 commencing at 7.45 pm.**