

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sports Centre Puriton commencing at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT - Councillors S Langley (Chairman), A Barnaby, B Crow, V Crow, J Fletcher, and S Tizzard.

Parish Clerk T Jay.

Village Ranger C Gulliford

18.44 To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Lunn and Cllr M Healey

18.45 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

18.46 To consider the co-option of a new Councillor to fill the current causal vacancy.

No applications have been received. Parishioners are encouraged to come forward to become a Parish Councillor.

18.47 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

18.48 To receive the clerk's report.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had submitted his resignation as Clerk. He will remain in post until a successor is appointed and will complete the annual audit returns and will carry out a full handover to the newly appointed Clerk.

A request has been received from the Polden Project for support and funding towards a health and wellbeing resource in Woolavington. This will be discussed at the next Parish council meeting.

18.49 To comment on planning applications:

42/18/00009. Land off Puriton Hill. Erection of dwelling.

It was resolved to support the application as the proposed development would enhance the village. There is a fly tipping problem on this land, and a new property would stop this.

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There is adequate parking in the grounds. The village needs individual properties such as this to enhance its character.

18.50 To note the outcome of the following planning applications:

42/18/00003. Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball. Erection of a two-story restaurant with associated drive – thru, car parking, landscaping and associated works and the installation of two customer order displays and associated canopies. **Awaiting decision.**

42/18/00004. Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball. Installation of seven internally illuminated fascia signs. **Awaiting decision.**

42/18/00005. Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball. Installation of one internally illuminated gateway sign, six internally illuminated totem signs, eighteen non-illuminated car parking signs, one non-illuminated banner unit, one internally illuminated banner unit and one internally illuminated display board. **Awaiting decision.**

42/18/00006. Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball. Installation of two internally illuminated 12m high totem signs. **Awaiting decision.**

42/18/00007. Land to the south of Puriton Hill, Puriton. Erection of dwelling. **Granted.**

42/18/00008/DT. Land between Crossway Cottage and The Puriton Inn, Puriton Hill. Erection of three detached dwellings and associated parking. **Awaiting decision.**

The decisions were noted.

18.51 To approve the following payments:

Payee	Item	VAT	Total
Chris Gulliford	Salary March 2018		534.80
Chris Gulliford	Expenses March 2018		12.98
Tony Jay	Salary March 2018		672.16
Tony Jay	Expenses March 2018		21.20
HMRC	PAYE		211.51
Plusnet	Broadband and phone for Sports Centre	8.70	52.20
Nest	Clerk's pension		6.41
E-On	Electricity for Rye	0.44	9.26
Puriton Playing Fields	Room hire	10.45	62.70
PATA	Payroll services		52.50
In Touch	Councillor email addresses set up fee (£50) and monthly charge (£12)	15.28	91.66

It was resolved to approve the payments.

18.52 To consider the implications of GDPR for the Parish Council.

Things are still uncertain as the implication date draws closer. The Clerk will be attending a short training course soon. Previous webinars joined are now obsolete as the implications keep changing. Councillor email addresses were discussed. Councillors are having trouble using their new addresses. The Chairman will research alternative email addresses such as GMX.

18.53 To receive an update from the Post Office working group.

Cllr Tizzard gave an update regarding the progress he working group is frozen for the time being.

18.54 To consider obtaining three quotes for the renovation of the remaining two sides of the

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village Triangle in Rye.

The Chairman asked that this is adjourned to the next meeting when he will report back.

18.55 To consider a grant application from Puriton Sunshine Pre-School for £1000.

It was resolved to make a donation of £500.

18.56 To consider the renewal of the Parish Council's contract with SDC for grass cutting and flailing in the Parish.

It was resolved to renew the contract.

The village ranger was asked to cut back the nettles at the top of Hillside when required.

18.57 To receive the following reports for information only

(1) Village Hall

The following report has been received:

*New access doors put in to increase the volume of people that can safely be in the hall at any one time.*

*Superfast Broadband has been installed. New drop-down screen and projector purchased for the recently converted conference room.*

*The hall enjoys regular bookings, but like all these facilities constantly look for more customers.*

*The Pantomime was its usual success and was enjoyed by all who went to watch it.*

*The adjudicator especially commented how comfy the chairs were. But they are bulky and take up a lot of valuable floor space. The reason for looking at collapsible ones.*

*We are currently sourcing funds for a mystery damp patch that has appeared.*

(2) Puriton Playing Fields

Electricians are doing testing work in the sports hall. Quotes are being obtained for an asbestos survey. The centre is in negotiation with villages together for help with the refurbishment.

(3) Parish Councillors

Hillside was discussed. The traffic using Hillside during the current road closure is horrendous.

Pavements need to be introduced at the top of the road as it is regularly used by pedestrians, who must 'jump into the hedges' to avoid being hit by traffic.

The lorries currently using the road have worn away the verges exposing the raw edges of the road with ragged edges which may cause motorists to have flat tyres.

The Clerk has emailed county highways regarding these problems, and the suitability of the bridge to carry lorries, but has not received a reply yet. He will chase this up.

A small group of Councillors will draw up a business plan to submit to County Highways regarding the problems in Hillside. I assume that this will include Vanda and Barrie – who else would like to join them? Please let me know ASAP.

Many horses are being kept in the field opposite Hillside. Possibly about forty. There are safety issues here as the horses could break down the field barriers and escape. Councillors were asked to report this to the Police on 101.

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The recent spate of thefts from cars were noted.

18.58 Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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