

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Puriton commencing at 6:30pm on Thursday 12th July 2018 when the following business was transacted:

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

Parish Clerk S Diaz and Previous Clerk T Jay as an observer.

Village Ranger C Gulliford

Prior to the meeting commencing, presentations were given from the developers applying for applications 42/18/00014/RM and 42/18/00016/DD. Questions were asked by Councillors and members of the public.

18.94 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received from Cllr J Lunn.

18.95 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda

Cllr S Tizzard declared an interest in any matter relating to the Sports Centre and Planning application 42/18/00016.

Cllr J Fletcher declared an interest in any matter relating to the Sports Centre.

18.96 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

18.97 To receive the clerk's report.

Sedgemoor District Council has been contacted about collecting the grass cutting following their work on the verges in the Parish, however the equipment that they have is not suitable for doing this. It merely cuts the grass.

Taylor Wimpy have confirmed there will be three-way traffic control on Riverton Road from 9th July to 6th August. However, this has been amended on the road sign to 19th July 2018

This response has been received from SCC regarding traffic issues in the Parish:

The SCC Traffic Engineer, is not currently in work although we are hopeful she will be able to return in July. Unfortunately, we are not therefore in a position to be able to

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respond to this matter at the present time. However, your concerns are noted and you will receive a full response at the earliest opportunity.

The Clerk will ask for a response by the next meeting on 11th September.

All council meetings from September onwards will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall.

The Village Ranger has requested that the Parish Council purchase a petrol vac blower so that he can blow away the debris when he cuts grass in the Parish. It was decided to approve this purchase which would be in the region of £100 - £130.

Reports had been requested regarding recycling rubbish being deposited in the Parish. No reports had been received.

The Clerk is now chasing the outstanding payments for the advertisements in the Parish Newsletter for 2018-19. Unfortunately some advertisers still have not paid.

A Cllr has been invited to attend the EDF Transport Forum Agenda meeting at Wembdon on 2nd August 2018, It was agreed that Cllr Dennis will attend with Cllr B Crow.

Correspondence has been received from Sedgemoor regarding the affordable housing options at Riverton Road and Puriton Hill and the eligibility for houses to be allocated to local people. The Clerk will request that a member from Sedgemoor District Council allocation department attends the Parish Council meeting in September to discuss the matter in more detail and clarify how applications are made.

The Clerk attended a Parish Council meeting at Wembdon regarding speeding concerns in their area. Andy Coupe from Highways was in attendance to explain the procedure for addressing speed issues. These principles could be applied in Puriton.

The Council can create a speed watch team initially or purchase a Speed Indicator Device to monitor speed in the village. Once the data from the SID is collected and examined the issues can be discussed with SCC regarding the validity of physical speed measures.

The Clerk will contact the new PPLO for an update on the footpaths in the Village.

18.98 To comment on planning applications:

42/18/00014/RM

This Council objects this proposal on the following valid planning grounds:-

- The roundabout will have double use age which will create queuing traffic and traffic congestion.
- It is an Archaeological Heritage site, therefore further investigation will be required.
- There are concerns regarding the cycle path around the site, cyclists will have to cross over the new entrance road in this busy area.
- The potential for accidents will increase due to the increased volume of traffic in the area, as this section of the highway is very busy.
- There are noise and light pollution implications which will impact upon the neighbouring residents if this application was to be approved.
- This site does not comply with the Local Plan's aims for a "Welcome to Bridgwater" vision as it will be a prominent site and not eye catching aesthetically.
- Residents expressed drainage concerns for the area

It was resolved to oppose this application.

Cllr S Tizzard left the meeting

42/18/00016/DD

It was resolved to support this application on the following grounds: -

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- The proposed cycle path will be a community asset and it will avoid this proposed application.
- There will be no additional access points needed at the existing roundabout.
- There are no major concerns regarding traffic issues.
- The convenience shop would be of benefit to the local community

Cllr S Tizzard returned to the meeting

41/18/00011/DRT

The Councillors chose not to comment upon this application as it is not in the Parish.

42/18/00013/LR

It was resolved to support this application as it is in keeping with previous planning applications in the area

42/18/00017DT

It was resolved not to comment on this application

18.99 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.**

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

42/18/00010. The Gables, Puriton Hill, Puriton. TA7 8AF. Alterations and conversion of garage to two bedroom flat. **Granted.**

42/18/00012. Crooked Cottage, Downend Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA6 4TJ. Erection of single storey extension to South elevation to form granny annexe. **Granted.**

The decisions were noted.

18.100 To approve the following payments:

Payee	Item	VAT	Total
Chris Gulliford	Salary June 2018		535.00
Chris Gulliford	Expenses June 2018		29.09
Tony Jay	Salary June 2018		677.33
Tony Jay	Expenses June 2018	21.99	201.62
Sally Diaz	Salary June 2018		344.00
Sally Diaz	Expenses June 2018	34.08	268.79
HMRC	PAYE		292.09
Amazon	Book for Clerk		100.99
Zurich	Annual insurance		404.73

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Microsoft Office	Annual Office Suite Package		79.99
Plusnet	Broadband and phone for Sports Centre		52.20
E-On	Electricity for Rye	0.42	8.79

It was resolved that payments were approved.

- 18.101 To consider a request from Puriton WI to place a wooden planter on the Village Green near the church

This has been deferred to the September meeting.

A representative from the WI informed the Clerk they would attend the meeting to discuss the planter, however no one attended.

- 18.102 To consider obtaining three quotes for the renovation of the remaining two sides of the village Triangle in Rye.

The Chairman is asking contractors to submit sealed bids regarding this work to the Clerk.

- 18.103 To receive the following reports for information only

- (1) Village Hall

There was no report

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields

The following events are taking place in the Parish:

Bark in the Park 29th July 2018

Village Flower Show 11th August 2018

Party in the Park 18th August

- (3) Parish Councillors

Concerns were raised regarding the signage and parking at Hillside. The Clerk will contact County Highways asking them to have a site visit with the Parish Council. Cllr V Crow agreed to meet with a representative from the County Highways Department to discuss these problems. The Clerk will arrange this.

One of the traffic lights has been damaged at the roundabout on the southbound exit from Junction 23. The Clerk will contact County Highways to ask when this will be repaired.

Cllr Fletcher will complete and return the Puriton nomination for the SCC Chairman's award.

Concerns were raised regarding fly tipping in the area. Councillors were asked to report fly tipping to SDC when they see it.

A request was made for the Clerk to contact SDC to ask what the position is regarding the Exchange Inn at Downend, which is now derelict and becoming an eyesore.

Any concerns from locals regarding anti-social youth behaviour should be

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made by calling 101 and if the name of the individual is known to provide details at the time of the call

(4) District & County Councillor(s)

Clr Healy had provided a report prior to the meeting, which had been circulated to all Councillors.

(5) Chairman

The new Parish Clerk will commence her training towards obtaining her CiLCA qualification on 19th July. The Parish Council fully supports the Clerk in obtaining this qualification and will fund this.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Tony Jay for his services as Parish Clerk, and wished him well for the future.

18.104 To consider the date of the next Parish Council meeting, and whether future meeting should be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall.

It was resolved that from September 2018 onwards all future Parish Council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at Puriton Village Hall at 7.30pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st July at 7.30pm at The Sports Centre to discuss planning applications. The next full Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 11th September.

Actions

18.97(1)	The Clerk
18.97(2)	The Clerk
18.97(3)	The Clerk
18.97(4)	The Clerk
18.100	The Clerk/The Chairman
18.103(3)	The Clerk/ Councillors

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