

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sports Centre Puriton commencing at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT - Councillors S Langley (Chairman), A Barnaby, J Fletcher, M Healey, J Lunn and S Tizzard.

Parish Clerk T Jay.

Village Ranger C Gulliford

18.59 To elect a Chairman.

It was resolved to elect Cllr Langley as Chairman.

18.60 To receive a Statutory Declaration of Office from the Chairman.

The Chairman signed the declaration of office.

18.61 To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Crow and V Crow.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

18.63 To elect a Vice Chairman.

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Fletcher as Vice Chairman.

18.64 To resolve that the Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence under the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 in that it has been at least two thirds elected and has a qualified clerk.

It was resolved to confirm that the Parish Council has this power.

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

No applications have been received, although one Parishioner has expressed an interest.

18.66 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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The minutes were approved.

18.67 To receive the clerk's report.

Cllr V Crow had provided an update regarding the ponies in the field opposite the Hillside junction. The RSPCA is now working with the owner. Some of the poorer condition ponies have been moved as they needed extra care. They have water and are receiving supplements. The fence is an issue that the RSPCA can only advise upon, but they recognise there is a significant risk - given the location of the field in relation to motorway and junction- should the fence be placed under strain.

18.68 To comment on planning applications:

There were no applications to consider.

18.69 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.**

18.70 To approve the following payments:

Payee	Item	VAT	Total
Chris Gulliford	Salary April 2018		535.00
Chris Gulliford	Expenses April 2018		21.00
Tony Jay	Salary April 2018		677.53
Tony Jay	Expenses April 2018		108.03
HMRC	PAYE		211.51
Plusnet	Broadband and phone for Sports Centre		
E-On	Electricity for Rye		
SDC	Dog bin emptying	139.36	836.16
In Touch	Monthly charge		

It was resolved to approve the payments.

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

It was decided to reply that the Parish Councillors have agreed to this request in principle but would like more information about the proposed size of the planter, and its proposed location.

Also, that the WI confirm that they will be maintaining the planter.

Lastly, the Council will need to receive a risk assessment report from the WI prior to granting approval if the planter is to be placed in an area where the public walk.

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- 18.72 To consider the implications of GDPR for the Parish Council.
- The Chairman has circulated instructions to every Parish Councillor regarding how to set up a new email address for Parish Council business. Every Councillor needs to set this up ASAP and then inform the Clerk that it has been done and give details of their password on the new address.
- 18.73 To consider obtaining three quotes for the renovation of the remaining two sides of the village Triangle in Rye.
- The Chairman is progressing this.
- 18.74 To consider a request from SDC to donate towards the refurbishment of the Willowman.
- It was resolved to pledge £500 to the refurbishment if the project goes ahead.
- 18.75 To consider whether the Parish Council should re-join the Somerset Association of Local Councils.
- It was resolved to re-join SALC.
- 18.76 To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to support the letter from Cossington Parish Council regarding the 'Polden Project' (previously circulated).
- It was resolved to support the letter.
- 18.77 To consider the Parish Council's procedures regarding the CIL funding shortly to be received from SDC.
- A working group will be set up to examine the procedures. The Chairman said that he wished to be involved. Other Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to be involved.
- 18.78 To receive the following reports for information only
- (1) Village Hall
- The plant sale was well attended. The telephone box at the hall has now been planted and potted. A solar light will be installed to illuminate the area. Meetings will now be held bi-monthly.
- (2) Puriton Playing Fields
- A survey of the drains and sewers has taken place. Everything is fine, apart from water seeping into a septic tank. Costings for this work are being sought.
- An asbestos survey will be taking place shortly.
- (3) Parish Councillors
- Parking on the grass verge at the Triangle was discussed. Two signs should be ordered stating 'Please do not park on the verge' which will be put on spikes and put on the grass behind the wall. The Clerk will order the signs.
- There have been problems regarding the sign that the Council installed in Court Grove asking for no parking in the turning space. One resident has complained about the sign, and not being able to park in the turning area. The Parish Council fully supports the principle that cars should not be parked in the turning space.
- Concerns were raised about the number of school places that would be available in the local school for the children who would be moving into the village on the

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new housing estates. The Chairman confirmed that plans are in place to deal with this problem.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Frances Nicholson and Chief Executive Pat Flaherty for details of the provisions which have been put in place for extra school places.

Concerns were raised regarding the tractors which are taking soil away from the Coln building site. The Clerk was asked to contact the builders regarding this.

*(NB. Following the meeting the Clerk contacted Coln Developers who have invited three Councillors to attend a site meeting with the site manager to raise concerns directly. The site manager stated that the use of tractors on the site was properly regulated and completely legal).*

The Clerk was asked to contact Taylor Wimpey to obtain details of any future work which is planned for Riverton Road.

Cllr Fletcher attended the recent Hinkley Point forum. Andy Coupe (County Highways) stated that progress has been made on the pedestrian and cycle path from Puriton to Bridgwater. There has been a delay regarding the crossing of the King Sedgemoor Drain where the footpath is quite narrow. Also, the balustrade on the bridge is quite low. Solutions are being explored.

The Clerk has contacted County Highways regarding the weight limit and speed limit on Hillside. There has been no reply, so the Clerk will chase this up.

(4) District & County Councillor(s)

Cllr Healey provided the County Council update. He reported that the footpaths on the new housing estates are too narrow, which have been reported to the builders. The majority of people buying the new houses are from Puriton.

(5) Chairman

The Chairman will be contacting Paul Lowndes of the ROF site regarding a number of issues, including the new road network and a possible new skatepark. Mr Lowndes will be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting to provide a full briefing. The Chairman will report the outcome of his meeting to the Councillors.

18.79 Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Actions

18.71 The Clerk  
18.72 All Councillors  
18.73 The Chairman  
18.77 All Councillors  
18.78 (3) The Clerk  
18.78 (5) The Chairman

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