

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Sports Centre Puriton commencing at 7:30pm on Wednesday 14th March 2018 when the following business was transacted:

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

Parish Clerk T Jay.

Village Ranger C Gulliford

18.26 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Crow, M Healey and S Tizzard.

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

Cllr Fletcher expressed an interest in the grant applications made by Puriton Happy Tots, and Puriton allotments. (Agenda item 18.37)

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

No applications have been received from Parishioners who would like to be a Parish Councillor.

18.29 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th February 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

18.30 To receive the clerk's report.

The forthcoming road closure at Riverton Road was discussed. Parishioners are asked to follow the diversion sign through Woolavington, rather than using Hillside.

The Clerk will inform County Highways of the concerns regarding the use of Hillside during the Riverton Road closure.

The Parish Council supports the letter sent from Cossington Parish Council to SDC regarding Woolavington pharmacy.

Julia Glinister has kindly volunteered to become the new public paths liaison officer. Julia was thanked for volunteering.

18.31 To consider and respond to the following new planning application:

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

It was resolved to support this application as the dwellings will be occupied by local people who wish to live in the village.

18.32 To note the outcome of the following planning applications:

42/18/00001. Puriton Manor, 2 Rye, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8BZ. Trees adjacent to boundary wall: 8 No. Yew, 1 No. Holly and 1 No. Elder crown lift all trees to give 3-4m clearance from ground level and reduce lateral growth overhanging road in line with wall. 1 No. Horse Chestnut remove 2 No. dead stems and ivy growth. 1 No. purple plum fell. **Granted.**

42/18/00002. 19 Puriton Park, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8BL. Erection of first floor extension to South elevation, erection of single storey infill extension to rear (West) elevation and replacement roof to conservatory. **Granted.**

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. **Awaiting decision.**

18.33 To approve the following payments:

Payee	Item	VAT	Total
Chris Gulliford	Salary February 2018		534.60
Chris Gulliford	Expenses February 2018		35.08
Tony Jay	Salary February 2018		671.96
Tony Jay	Expenses February 2018		66.47
Village Hall	Room Hire		18.25
HMRC	PAYE		211.91
Plusnet	Broadband and phone for Sports Centre	8.70	52.20
Mendip Community Trust	Donation		100.00
Noticeboard Co.	New noticeboard	70.80	354.00
Scribe	Accounting package	56.60	339.60
E-On	Electricity for Rye	1.11	22.89
Puriton Playing Fields	Room hire	10.45	62.70
In Touch	Councillor email addresses set up fee (£50) and monthly charge (£12)	15.28	91.66

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It was resolved to approve the payments

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

The Clerk provided an update. There is still a great deal of uncertainty about how this new legislation will affect Parish Councils.

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

No update had been received.

18.36 To consider the Parish Council's contribution to the Clerk's pension from April 2018 to March 2019.

It was resolved to increase the contribution to the Clerk's pension from 1% to 2% (the minimum allowed under the pension regulations).

18.37 To consider grant applications.

Puriton over 60's club. Request £500

The request was for a donation towards the pensioners Christmas lunch.

It was resolved not to donate to the over 60's club. The Parish Councillors felt that the club should apply to 'Villages Together' for a donation towards their Christmas lunch.

Puriton Sunshine Pre-school Request £1000

The consideration of this donation will be adjourned to the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Councillors would like to know how many of the children who attend are from the Parish before deciding upon their grant.

Emerald Class Request £500

The request was for a donation towards the cost of their annual summer camp.

It was resolved to donate £500 to the Emerald Class.

Puriton Village Hall Request £750 - £1000

The request was for a contribution to the replacement of heavy and worn out chairs in the hall. Various user groups had requested that these chairs should be replaced.

It was resolved not to donate to the village hall.

Cllr Fletcher left the meeting.

Puriton Happy Tots. Request £500

The request was for the replacement of toys.

It was resolved to donate £250 to Puriton Happy Tots. The Parish Councillors felt that the club should apply to 'Villages Together' for additional donations.

Puriton Allotments Request £100

The request was for a donation towards the general maintenance of the allotments.

It was resolved to donate £100 to the Puriton allotment association.

Cllr Fletcher returned to the meeting.

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

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village Triangle in Rye.

This will be adjourned until the next meeting. The Chairman will make enquiries and report to the next meeting.

- 18.39 To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to submit an official complaint to SDC regarding their response to the postcode problems in Woolavington Road.

It was resolved not to make a complaint to SDC.

- 18.40 To review and re-approve the Parish Council's Corporate Policy.

It was resolved to approve the Corporate policy with no amendments.

- 18.41 To consider the purchase of a lawn mower for the use of the Village Ranger.

It was resolved that the Village Ranger can purchase a Mountfield lawn motor for Parish Council use only for £349 from the local supplier Gwilliams.

- 18.42 To consider the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 11th April 2018.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held in the Puriton Sports centre at 8pm. Heather Strawbridge from the 'Villages Together' team will give a presentation to the meeting. If any planning applications are received in the meantime then a Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm to discuss the applications, and any urgent business.

- 18.43 Reports

Quotes will be obtained shortly for the first stage of the refurbishment to the Sports centre.

The roundabout at Junction 23 of the M5 now is controlled by traffic lights. More signage needs to put in place to warn motorists of the new layout, and the existence of traffic lights. There should be yellow box markings on the road to prevent motorists clogging up the junction.

The junction of the A39 and Hillside needs to be reviewed. Cars are still travelling down the wrong side of the road when entering Hillside from the A39, ignoring the centre island. A significant number of pedestrians walk along Hillside, and there are no footpaths. Pedestrian safety needs to be reviewed on Hillside.

The Clerk will report these issues to County Highways.

The Clerk will write to the people who helped clear the snow recently.

Councillors were asked to provide suggestions for the names of the roads on the new housing estates.

There are some inaccuracies on the Parish Council website. The Clerk asked for details of required changes to be emailed to him.

Signs should be installed on the verges at the Rye triangle, asking for no parking. The Chairman will investigate this and report back to the next meeting.

- 18.44 Date of next meeting – 11th April 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting) at 8pm. A Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm if any planning applications are received in the meantime.