

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors M. Buckland (Chairman), D. Heaver, B. Pye, J. Arak- Newman, G. Fry,  
R. Williams & A. Simon

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Buckland (Parish Clerk), County Councillor R. Coatsworth, District Councillor J. Russell, D. Robbins (Homewatch), A. Lovell (Transport) & D. Bird (Footpaths)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors E. Sinclair & V. Baker-Sims.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Simon Declared an Interest in Item 8) Planning 1. Application No WD/D/14/002640 – Tamarisk Farm, West Bexington

### 3. PUBLIC TIME

- a. There was a water leak at Puncknowle Manor Farm entrance – opposite the Village Hall – Clerk to ring Farm Office.
- b. Water leak at Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – to ask DCC to test water to see if it is mains water.
- c. The Village Hall Committee needs volunteers to paint the Hall walls– details to Anna Lovell.

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

### 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Buckland advised that there would be a short meeting of the Napper Charity Trustees at the end of this main meeting.

### 7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- i. **Allotments**  
No report
- ii. **Footpaths**  
No Report
- iii. **Homewatch**  
Dave Robbins advised that there had been a "break-in" at the Allotments. The Police had attended & advised on theft prevention measures.
- iv. **Playing Field Committee**  
Councillor Heaver reported that the final cut of grass had been done at the end of November. It was agreed that the Grass Cutting Contract would be renewed (for 2 years) with Lee Quincey.
- v. **Transport**  
Anna Lovell had nothing to report
- vi. **Village Hall**  
The Village Hall AGM had been held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**  
No Report
- viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
No report but Simon Nobes had advised that he had been unable to work on the website for last few months & would not be issuing a bill during this time.

## 8. PLANNING

### Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

1. Application No WD/D/14/002640 – Tamarisk Farm, Beach Road, West Bexington – Erection of a polytunnel to house sheep during the winter and grow vegetables in the summer – No Objections
2. Tree Application No WD/CA/14/00413 – Home Farm, Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – Fell (5) Monterey Cypress trees – No Objections
3. Application No WD/D/14/002752 – Burton Mere, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock – this application to include a new entrance onto the B3157- Agreed to Object

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) There was a large pot hole in the road at the Berwick Farm entrance – Clerk to report again
- b) Church Street & Swyre Road, Puncknowle – The grit on either side of road had now been swept up.
- c) Hedge at the top of Clay Lane – still not cut back – contact Dave Maunders, DCC again.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

## 11. FINANCE

**Payments for Approval: Resolved** that the two invoices listed below be authorised for payment

### Payments for Approval: -

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary November)	£271.08
BT Business (Broadband connection 3 months)	£75.60
Total Cheques	£346.68

### Other Finance:

- a. Dorset County Council Members Divisional Fund - £360 Grant on New Projects - the original suggestion of 2 Dog/Litter Bins would not be permitted as these would incur ongoing costs for West Dorset District Council. Another suggestion was a bench at Swyre Memorial near the Bus Stop. – Councillor Heaver to look at details.
- b. NALC had confirmed that Clerks salaries would increase from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Details had been circulated to all Councillors.
- c. Because the Parish Council will not meet in January 2015 it was agreed to write a cheque dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 for Mrs C. Buckland (Clerks Salary - December) for £289.32.

## 12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Councillor Fry reported that details of the New Vicar in the Benefice would be announced at Church Services this Sunday.

## 13. PUBLIC TIME

- a) Safety concerns re change of route of the Thorners School Bus - in the mornings this bus bypassed Puncknowle going to West Bexington first & collecting children from Puncknowle on the way back – but children have to go across the road from the Bus Shelter to board the bus – Councillor Arak-Newman agreed to speak with the Head at Thorners School & other parents.
- b) County Councillor Coatsworth advised that the Leader of Dorset County Council had stood down.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.07pm.

This was followed by a short meeting of the Napper Charity Trustees.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....