

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), County Councillor R. Coatsworth, D. Bird (Footpaths), A. Lovell (Transport)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor J. Russell, Councillors M. Buckland, E. Sinclair & T. Taylor

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell advised that it was “Rural Housing Week” with a display in the Bridport Arts Centre tomorrow (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July) until 4pm.

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council’s meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 5 – The overgrown hedge at Manor Cottages - Councillor Fry had spoken with the new owners who had confirmed that this hedge would be cut back in due course.

### 6. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Councillor Fry advised that he had attended the Planning Meeting held by Bridport Town Council and would give a full report at the September meeting.

### 7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

#### i. Allotments

Dave Bird reported that another vacant ½ plot would be taken on by someone moving into the village. The Allotments inspection had been completed. The Allotment AGM would be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm.

#### ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird reported that he had been up Bull Lane, Swyre with his brush cutter. The 1<sup>st</sup> half of the footpath at the end of Hoopers Lane was getting overgrown. At Looke Farm the footpath leading to the small bridge was very overgrown (for approx. 100 meters) – he would check this.

#### iii. Homewatch

Fran Marsh & Maureen Eveleigh had agreed to take over as joint Homewatch coordinators for West Bexington from Janet Jackson. Councillor Robbins reported on several local minor crimes –garden ornaments had been taken from gardens in Burton Bradstock and Askerswell.

#### iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the Playing Field Committee Meeting had been held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 in the Playing Field and he had been re-elected as Chairman. The damaged support of the double swings had been repaired by Councillor Fry and had now been painted. The 2 dead laurel bushes had been replaced. Re the issue of footballs being kicked into Dave Bird’s garden – Councillor Heaver had looked into costs of a net across the boundary hedge – a 6 metre high net at a cost of £200 with 3 aluminium posts to support this net - £1800- plus an additional cost of a cubic metre of cement for each post – The Playing Field Committee had decided that these costs were unviable and agreed that Dave should monitor the number of

balls being kicked into his garden. The older boys had already been asked to be more considerate when kicking footballs.

- v. **Transport**  
Anna Lovell advised that the next WATAG meeting would be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 when Hospital Transport would be on the agenda.
- vi. **Village Hall**  
Anna Lovell reported that the income from lettings was not covering the expenditure. The outside light was still not working.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**  
There had been no meetings of BLAP or DAPTC.
- viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
Mike Brown had advised that from the end of August 2015 he would no longer be able to work/update the Website. There was no one willing to take this on at present and questions were raised on how few users had visited the site over the last few months. Agreed to discuss the future of this Website at the December meeting.

## 8. PLANNING

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

- A. **Application No WD/D/15/001300** – Matthew Cottage, Old Coastguards, Burton Road, Abbotsbury (Adjoining consultation) – First floor extension in dormer construction – No Objections

### Decisions:

- a) Application No WD/D/14/003310 – Long House, Labour In Vain Access Road, West Bexington – Demolition of 2 prefabricated concrete garages, extensions & modifications to the existing main dwelling, including the reinstatement of a previously demolished section, and the construction of an “Eco Energy Centre” timber stable/barn in the rear stable yard - Consent Granted

### Other Planning Issues:

- a. Letter of reply re possible Removal of Permitted Development Rights on land east of Beach Road at West Bexington – an Article 1V direction was not justified on this site.
- b. Proposed Listing of Swyre War Memorial – a copy of the assessment had been received from Historic England & would now be sent to the Secretary of State for their decision.

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a. Uneven surface past Swyre Church (where the concrete joins the tarmac) – this had already been reported to Dorset County Council Highways but not yet repaired.
- b. Dorset County Council had sent an email re the provision of “Flooding” signs. After discussion it was agreed that the places for these signs would be at the bottom of Rectory Lane (near Golly Knapp Farm) (2) & also at Chicks Bridge (1).

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting: including a letter from the Monitoring Officer of West Dorset District Council reminding all Parish Councillors of their personal responsibility to complete their Registers of Members Interest Forms in full.

## 11. FINANCE

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

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| Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary June)       | £277.04 |
| Playsafety Ltd (Playing Field Annual Inspection) | £99.60  |
| DAPTC (Training seminar x 2)                     | £60.00  |
| D. Heaver (Paint & laurel bushes)                | £43.97  |
| Bridport Town Council (Planning seminar x2)      | £30.00  |
| DAPTC (Annual Subscription)                      | £186.47 |
| Mrs C. Buckland (BT Broadband Connection)        | £64.80  |
| Total Cheques                                    | £761.88 |

**Other Finance:**

- a. Because the Parish Council will not meet in August 2015 authorization is requested to write a cheque dated 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 for Mrs C. Buckland (Clerks Salary - July) - £277.04
- b. The signatories for the Nationwide Building Society accounts had now been completed.
- c. The mandate for the TSB accounts had been completed & Councillor Fry would visit the TSB shortly.
- d. There would be a short meeting following this meeting to discuss the Clerk's Review.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) The Superfast Broadband Petition for Swyre & West Bexington now had nearly 200 names – County Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that this Petition should be presented to the Chief Executive of Dorset County Council at the next Community Meeting – he would advise the Clerk of the date of this next meeting.
- b) The seat for the Swyre Bus Stop/War Memorial had now been installed.
- c) Puncknowle Fete would be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 2.30pm.

**13. PUBLIC TIME**

- i. County Councillor Coatsworth advised that Dr David Evans, Director of Environment, West Dorset District Council had retired.
- ii. On TV -Channel 5 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 8pm -the programme on Road Maintenance features Dorset County Council.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.06 pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....