

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), M. Buckland D. Heaver, B. Pye,
E. Sinclair, D. Robbins, T. Taylor & 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, Councillor J. Arak-Newman & PCSO D. Ash

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

- a) County Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that the County Council Wards were changing & he would be covering "Bridport South" - the rural area south of the A35.
- b) Dave Bird advised that footballs were still being kicked into his garden from the Playing Field – Councillor Heaver would look into costs for a net behind the goal post at that end.
- c) The hedge at the Swyre Junction with the B3157 was again getting overgrown and obstructing vision.
- d) The hedge on the bend going into Swyre was also overgrown.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 13th May 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3 d) – The overgrown hedge at Manor Cottages - Councillor Fry had not yet been able to speak with the new owners of the property to ask for it to be cut back.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Dave Bird reported that the vacant ½ plot had now been taken on by someone just moving into the village. The Allotments inspection to be completed before the July meeting. The Allotment gatepost had been replaced by Councillor Buckland & Councillor Robbins had fitted the "furniture".

ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird reported that he had been up to Knackers Hole with a brush cutter. He asked that any footpath walkers take a pair of secateurs with them just to keep all paths clear.

iii. Homewatch

Councillor Robbins reported on several local minor crimes – a lawnmower had been taken from a shed at Rectory Lane, Puncknowle in April & a dog had become aggressive down at Looke Lane, Puncknowle.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that there was a problem with the double swings with the support rusted off. Councillor Fry agreed to see what could be done. The woodstaining of the fences in the Playing Field had been completed by 8 people. There had been a request from several residents for a new piece of equipment – an outside table tennis table – Councillor Heaver to look at costs, etc. The Annual Inspection had been completed on 19th May 2015 with 3 minor items raised – a) worn grass in front of the goal posts b) rust on parts of the single swing c) the seal see-saw needed work.

- v. **Transport**
Councillor Taylor gave a report on the WATAG meeting he had attended – Network Rail had a Plan 2018 to improve the London to Exeter Service (through Crewkerne) – this line may get extra funding. Non-Emergency transport would be an Agenda Item for the Health Scrutiny meeting. Passengers arriving at Weymouth had a half mile dash to catch the X53 Bus. “Real time information” for the Bus Services should be shown on the plaques at each Bus Stop. Concessionary bus passes had been discussed - Dorset had less funding from Government than other Counties (36% of cost of this service). There was to be an Integrated Transport Review.
- vi. **Village Hall**
The outside light was still not working - Councillor Sinclair agreed that this would be done before the July meeting.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**
Councillor Fry had attended the BLAP meeting on Thursday 28th May 2015. There had been a poor take-up of broadband in Bridport, West Bay & Burton Bradstock due to higher charges. Lodgers/Up-Lodgers had sent a petition to DCC & it was agreed to ask Steve Green to set up a similar petition to keep up the pressure for Superfast Broadband for Swyre & West Bexington. Concerns had been raised re the Enforcement Office at West Dorset District Council. Concerns had also been raised re the selling off of Magna Housing stock (right to buy) & the lack of affordable housing.
- viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
No Report

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council is being consulted:

1. Application No WD/D/15/000851 – Unit 6, St Giles, Beach Road, West Bexington – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the retention of existing building (4 year rule). This building had a long history of failed planning applications with the Planning Enforcement Officer visiting in 2013 (less than the 4 years). Agreed to Object to the 4 year rule & also as Overdevelopment.

Decisions:

- A. Application No WD/D/15/000445 – Bradstone, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Remove existing main roof & erect first floor extension. Construct Porch to north-west elevation. 2/No Velux roof lights over Kitchen. 2/No dormer windows to north-east elevation. 2/No dormer windows to south-west elevation – Consent Granted

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a. Uneven surface past Swyre Church (where the concrete joins the tarmac).
- b. Rectory Lane – large dips in the road surface at the manhole (on the right) going North towards Dark Lane
- c. The large road sign left at Puncknowle Notice Board after resurfacing still not collected – Clerk to report all 3 items.
- d. Funds from West Dorset District Council to cover the cost of the West Bexington Coastal Path repairs – agreed to ask District Councillor John Russell when he returns to work.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 12th May 2015 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

11. FINANCE

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

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary May)	£277.04
D. Heaver (Playing Field paint)	£64.94
Mrs C. Buckland (Clerks expenses)	£50.23

Total Cheques £392.21

- a) The Clerks Review would be done by the Chairman shortly. There was money in the Budget for a new Parish Council computer – Councillor Sinclair still to look at prices of a new laptop and a back up unit.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) The Swyre Fete would be held on Saturday 13th June 2015.
- b) Ian Jackson had donated 200 daffodil bulbs – it was agreed that these could be planted at the top of Hazel Lane, Puncknowle.
- c) An email had been received from Historic England re Swyre War Memorial – they were doing an assessment to see if this War Memorial had any Special Interest to “List” it. Councillor Heaver to check the history of this.
- d) The seat for the Bus Stop at Swyre would now be installed shortly.
- e) Councillor Williams had posters from “Keep Britain Tidy” asking dog owners to “bag that poo” – he agreed to laminate 10 copies to be put around the villages.
- f) The Public Notice board at West Bexington still needed repairs or replacing.

13. PUBLIC TIME

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7th July 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.38 pm.

Signed:

Dated: