

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell,
County Councillor R. Coatsworth, D. Bird (Footpaths)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Heaver, PCSO Dave Ash & C. Marsh (West Bexington Homewatch)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Time:

3. PUBLIC TIME

District Councillor John Russell advised that the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan 2011-2031 had been adopted.

The Main meeting continued:

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 6th October 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 5 – Matters arising from September 2015 Meeting – Councillor Sinclair had put together his report on the safety concerns following the accident at West Bexington Beach – The signage was poor, rescue equipment inadequate and cars had blocked the Car Park for the Rescue Teams. This Report would now be sent on to the HM Coroner's Office.

Matters arising still from September 2015 Meeting - The uneven road surface past Swyre Church still not repaired – to contact Dave Maunders of DCC again.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Report

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Dave Bird reported that there had been a Work Party on Sunday to cut back the Allotment hedges. The Allotment Bonfire Party would be on Friday 6th November 2015.

ii. Footpaths

No Report but Footpath 3 at Swyre would be discussed later under Item 9) Highways.

iii. Homewatch

Councillor Robbins had nothing to report but would be meeting with the West Bexington Homewatch coordinators the following week.

iv. Playing Field Committee

The dry stone wall by the big gate had been repaired.

v. Transport

Councillor Taylor advised that the X53 Bus was running more consistently.

- vi. **Village Hall**
Councillor Sinclair reported that Paul Pritchard was leaving Swyre but he would continue as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
Nothing to Report.
- viii. **DAPTC**
The DAPTC AGM would be held on Saturday 7th November 2015 at 10am at Dorchester – Councillors Fry & Williams were unable to attend.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
Councillor Sinclair agreed to ask Dianne about the Website & for her to contact Mike Brown direct.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

- A. Application No WD/D/15/002370 – Chesil Lodge, Beach Road, West Bexington – Erect extension – No Objections

Decisions:

- a) Application No WD/D/15/002043 – Litton Creek, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Remove PVCU Conservatory & erect single storey extension – Consent Granted
- b) Application No WD/D/15/001913 – Hillside, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Demolition of existing 3/4 bedroom bungalow and construction of a replacement 4 bedroom house – Consent Granted

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a. Footpath 3 at Swyre (running north behind Swyre Road/Green Barton) – Councillor Taylor had circulated details and a map of this path. The ditch on the east side of the Footpath may need some attention from the landowner in the future as it can get a bit muddy. A Memorial Seat has been placed on the Footpath. The scrub/wooded area to the west leading to a lane is in private ownership with no public right-of-way. The Footpath goes north to the stile & into the field.
- b. Consultation: P160 Proposed diversion of Bridleway 8, Puncknowle – this path needs to be diverted as the current bridleway is obstructed by the new buildings at Ashley Chase Cheese House – There are no objections to this diversion.
- c. Stone culvert at The Old Rectory, Puncknowle – water is being diverted via this culvert onto the road. This is eroding the edges and surface of the road & will be a safety issue when the weather gets colder & this water freezes- Clerk to write to DCC Highways & send a copy to County Councillor Ron Coatsworth.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 6th October 2015 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: -

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary October)	£277.04
Total Cheques	£277.04

Napper Charity Account:

BWBS Ltd (Water bill for Allotment)	£54.07
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Other Finance:

a) SETTING OF BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2016/2017

Following a Budget sub-committee meeting on Wednesday 21st October 2015 a copy of the suggested Budget had been circulated to all Councillors before the meeting. It was Resolved that the Parish Council's Budget for the Year 2016/2017 be approved at £8755 with the Local Council Support Scheme Grant set at £106 and the Agreed Precept of £7894 (Making the Total of £8000 available) - See attached sheets.

- b) Clerk's Review/Salary – It had been Agreed by Parish Councillors at a short meeting following the June 2015 Meeting that the Clerks hours would be increased from 27 hours per month to 30 hours per month with this increase backdated to 1st June 2015.
- c) Dorset County Council Members Divisional Fund - £360 Grant available on New Projects – There was also £54 carried forward from last year making a Total of up to £414 to spend. Projects to be decided at the December Meeting. Suggestions for this fund –included an indoor table tennis table for the Village Hall. The Litter Bin for the Puncknowle Bus Shelter had been agreed last year but had not yet been ordered as this would have cost more than the funds available from Dorset County Council.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- i. Superfast Broadband Update – The Green Box was now in position in Puncknowle & connections may be available in early 2016.

13. PUBLIC TIME

- i. Councillor Robbins raised the issue of speeding cars in Puncknowle & requested “Speed Signs” be made an Agenda Item in December.
- ii. Councillor Pye asked about a wreath for the Remembrance Service at Swyre – Councillor Taylor to check
- iii. It was believed the area of the Swyre Memorial to be on the Deeds of Swyre Gate.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1st December 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Signed:

Dated: