

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Buckland, 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 reported that West Dorset District Council were working with 9 Authorities, but he advised that they were having major problems with planning issues with over 12 weeks delay. The new Waste Recycling Centre at Broomhill was now open.

The Main meeting continued:

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3rd November 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 9. Highways Issues c. The Old Rectory, Puncknowle – water being diverted via culvert onto the road & eroding the road surface. Blair Turner of DCC Highways had sent letter of reply – Clerk to contact him again to arrange a meeting on-site.

Item 13 Public Time iii. The wreath at Swyre for Remembrance Day did not happen.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Report

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Dave Bird reported that the Work Party planned for last Sunday had been cancelled due to the high winds.

ii. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

iii. Homewatch

PCSO Dave Ash had sent his report that there had been no incidents in Puncknowle, Swyre or West Bexington but there had been 2 thefts from cars parked at Cogden Beach.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the grass cutting had been completed for the year with 18 cuts done. Councillor Heaver had had to remind Mr Quincey that cuts exceeding 16 required his (Councillor Heaver's) authorisation. Mr Quincey had not sought such authorisation. Moss was growing on the woodwork – he would spray this shortly. The "Polite Notice" asking people not to park in front of the main gate needed to be replaced – he would arrange this.

- v. **Transport**
Councillor Taylor had attended the Transport meeting the previous week – a private company (e zek) operated the Dorset Community Transport for Dorchester Hospital & had their own “set of rules” for patients eligibility to this scheme.
- vi. **Village Hall**
There were problems with some Village Hall bookings overlapping - Councillor Sinclair to look into this.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
Councillor Fry reported on the BLAP meeting – the Bridport area had had an excellent 2015 holiday trade. There were not enough local workers so many of the casual jobs had been taken by foreign workers. West Bay had a dog messing problem. The Youth Services in Bridport were having financial cut-backs. The Vearse Farm planning application had many objections. There was not enough affordable homes for local people.
- viii. **DAPTC**
Councillor Williams reported that he had been unable to attend the DAPTC AGM on 7th November 2015
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
Dianne Sinclair had now taken over the updating of the Website from Mike Brown.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

None

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a. Speeding Cars in Puncknowle – a survey of traffic speed had been done in June 2010 & these data sheets were circulated. Agreed to ask PCSO Dave Ash for his advice.
- b. Further to request that in severe weather conditions the gritting lorry swing into the West Bexington turning – a reply had been received from Martin Hill, DCC. Agreed to write again to arrange a meeting on-site to discuss. Councillor Heaver agreed to speak with the owners of the 2 properties close to this junction with offers of salt for spreading.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 3rd November 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 November/backdated increase)	£461.78
Lee Quincey Landscapes (Grass Cutting x 8)	£720.00

Total Cheques £1181.78

Other Finance:

- a) The money set aside in the Budget for the new Parish Council computer had not yet been spent. Councillor Heaver had suggested a Lenova 15.6” lap top (£350 complete with Window 10) from Double Drive Computers in Bridport. Councillor Sinclair now said that an Acer lap top from PC World would be a better buy. No agreement was made & this decision was carried forward to the February 2016 meeting.
- b) Dorset County Council Members Divisional Fund – there was a Total of up to £414 to spend. It was agreed on a Cornelius Indoor Table Tennis Table for the Village Hall from TableTennisDirect at a cost of £332.50 (plus £66.50 vat) & the Litter Bin for the Puncknowle Bus Shelter (agreed last year) from Glasdon UK at a cost of £85.34 (plus vat). To confirm these details with Ron Coatsworth & Dorset County Council to order.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Superfast Broadband was now available in Puncknowle with some residents already signed up & getting good speeds. Swyre may now become connected early in 2018.
- b) Councillor Williams raised concerns that West Bexington residents had been intermittently losing their phone lines during the last 3 weeks. He asked for a letter to be written to BT & a copy sent to Oliver Letwin MP.

13. PUBLIC TIME

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Signed:

Dated: