

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D. Robbins & B. Pye,  
County Councillor R. Coatsworth, & PCSO D. Ash

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Fry Declared an Interest in Item 8) Planning – 1. Application WD/D/16/000345 –  
Long House, West Bexington.

### 3. PUBLIC TIME

West Bexington residents were still concerned about the future availability of Superfast Broadband  
& what alternatives would be feasible.

### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be agreed and signed  
as a correct record.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

### 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Chairman's Report.

### 7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

#### i. Allotments

Dave Bird advised that 40% of the Allotment plots were now being worked.

#### ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird reported that DCC had done some upgrading of stiles and footpath signs in the area.  
The stile at Swyre had now been repaired.

#### iii. Homewatch

Nothing to report.

#### iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that Nigel Arak-Newman had taken the asbestos guttering from the  
garages next to the Playing Field to the specialist tip at Weymouth. Jeyes fluid had been  
purchased to spray the woodwork. The Annual Inspection was due in May.

#### v. Transport

Anna Lovell advised that the withdrawal of subsidies would be discussed further at the  
WATAG meeting tomorrow. The Wednesday Bus & the 210 Bus may be next to be axed.

#### vi. Village Hall

Councillor Sinclair reported that the electrics and the fascia at the front of the Village Hall had  
been done. There would be a Table-Top Sale on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 10am to 12. There  
was some confusion about charges to use the new Table Tennis Table supplied by the Parish  
Council via a Grant– but it was agreed that there should be no additional charge for this – just  
the normal Hall Hire fees. The Table Tennis Table needed to be insured – confirmed that the  
Parish Council Insurance would cover this. The Village Hall Committee were doing mail drops  
through everyone's letter boxes to encourage use of this Table Tennis Table. The 100 Club had  
been stopped with immediate effect.

- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**  
Nothing to report
- viii. **DAPTC**
  - ix. Nothing to report
  - x. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**  
Some information still needed to be uploaded to the website including the Registration of Interests Forms – to check with DAPTC re this.

## 8. PLANNING

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

Councillor Williams Chaired the following part of the meeting:-

1. **Application No WD/D/16/000345** – Long House, West Bexington – Demolition of 2 prefabricated concrete garages and one of the existing dwelling, construction of a replacement 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 – No Objections. The Applicant (Mr Andrew Wadsworth) asked if the Parish Council could write to WDDC supporting his application – All Councillors agreed.

### Decisions:

- a. **Application No WD/D/16/000165** – 25 Swyre – Remove existing garden lodge & erect replacement garden lodge – Consent Granted on Condition that the lodge is only used as an integral part of the Main House.

## 9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) The finger post sign at the top of Hazel Lane, Puncknowle had been broken off but was now repaired.
- b) Drains at the top of Hoopers Lane/Looke Lane, Puncknowle were blocked with gravel.
- c) There were contractors working signs on the B3157 Coast Road near Othona - these signs were forcing traffic into the other side of the road & may not be compliant with Highways regulations – Clerk to report to Highways.

## 10. NEW DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED AT LITTON CHENEY

A defibrillator had been installed opposite the Bus Shelter at Litton Cheney. There had been an incident in the Crown Inn at Puncknowle the previous week where “life saving” techniques had to be used. The Crown Inn were now raising funds for a defibrillator for Puncknowle and Palmers Brewery had agreed to match any funds raised for this. Enough money had already been raised to fund a defibrillator to be installed on an outside wall of the Crown. Councillor Sinclair agreed to ask the owners of the Manor Hotel at West Bexington if they would be willing to have a similar machine for West Bexington and to help fundraise for this.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

## 12. FINANCE

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

### **Payments for Approval: -**

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary March)	£307.83
Karl Ives (Grass cutting at Swyre)	£100.00
Puncknowle Village Hall Fees (11 meetings)	£176.00
Mrs C. Buckland (Table Tennis Bats & Balls)	£54.39
D. Bird (Fuel for Footpath Work)	£13.08
D. Heaver (Jeyes Fluid for Playing Field)	£34.90

Total Cheques                    £686.20

**Other Finance:**

- a) The Clerk had been unable to contact the Internal Auditor (Paul Pritchard) re the Completion of the End of Year Accounts - Councillor Sinclair agreed to contact him.

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- i. The Annual Parish Assembly would be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm. Councillor Heaver agreed to design the flyers for this event.
- ii. The new email address for the Parish Council Clerk is [Puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:Puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

**14. PUBLIC TIME**

Councillor Sinclair raised the issue of Japanese Knot Weed at a property at West Bexington & the Chairman agreed to check this.  
Some dogs were running loose at West Bexington & dog fouling is still a problem.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....