

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor B. Pye & PCSO D. Ash.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Meeting on 21st October 2016, 11 am at the WI Hall, Bridport would discuss medical care in this area. There would be a "Forum for Equality" Meeting on Wednesday 19th October 2016, 5.30 pm at Mountfield, Bridport.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 6th September 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record after an alteration to Item 17) - Date of Next Meeting: to read Tuesday 1st November 2016.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item 3. Public Time – re "Speeding Cars" at West Bexington - Councillor Sinclair confirmed that this problem was from 11 am at weekends along Swyre Road and Beach Road - Clerk to contact PCSO Dave Ash again.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Fry advised that he and Councillor Heaver had attended the Best Kept Village Competition Awards at Cerne Abbas where Puncknowle had received the West Dorset District Council "Best Community Award" with £100 prize money.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

The Allotment AGM had been held & the Allotment Rules were amended & Rule 5 clarified. Debbie Legge is the Chair, Councillor Heaver the Secretary, Dave Bird continues on the Committee. A final letter would be sent to one Plot holder & her Plot offered to the next person on the waiting list.

ii. Footpaths

No report.

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

Nothing to report.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the safety posts/rails around the big swings had been repaired. Councillor Fry confirmed that he would repair the seal see-saw.

v. Transport

Anna Lovell advised that the WATAG meeting had discussed school buses - pupils within 3 miles walking distance of school were not eligible for School Transport. There would be a Transport Meeting tomorrow. The Ring & Ride Bus was only carrying 2 people & was still at risk.

vi. Village Hall

Councillor Arak-Newman advised that the scratches on the Hall floor had been due to one of the table legs which had lost its rubber end. The Village Hall Notice Board needs replacing.

vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership

Councillor Fry had attended the BLAP Steering Group Meeting. The Enquiry into Molly's Den Café, West Bay would be held at Dorchester in December.

- viii. **DAPTC**
The DAPTC AGM would be held on Saturday 5th November 2016.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
No Report

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

1. Application No WD/D/16/0001833 – Spring Gardens, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Extension & Improvement of the house & garage – No Objections.
2. Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00321 – Home Farm Camp/Caravan Site, Puncknowle – Fell 2 trees/prune 12 trees – No Objections
3. Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00324 – Appletrees, Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – Fell 4 Conifer trees – No Objections
4. Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00321 – Swyre Cross, Swyre – Fell/work to 9 trees – No Objections

Decisions:#

- A. Trees Consultation WD/D/16/001751 - Swyre Cross, Swyre – Erect extension & external alterations – Consent Granted

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) The repairs to the Berwick Culvert, at Bredy Road, Burton Bradstock had now been completed and the road had been re-opened today (4th October).
- b) The B3157 would be closed at Abbotsbury Hill from 10th to 18th October 2016, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.
- c) Reduction in Highways funding and local choices - Agreed to make a list of work that needs to be done & then discuss further at a future meeting.
- d) The overgrown hedge at Golly Knapp Farm, Rectory Lane, Puncknowle was discussed – Highways to be contacted.
- e) An overhanging tree limb at West Hay, Church Street, Puncknowle also to be reported to Highways.
- f) Trees/bushes on the north side of Swyre Road, West Bexington were obstructing the highway.

10. CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Reshaping Your Councils – This survey was discussed & the Parish Council comments were agreed – Option 2a – strongly oppose, Option 2b (Medium Conurbation: Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch, Medium Dorset: East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland) – strongly support & Option 2c – tend to oppose. This Consultation closes on 25th October 2016 & to be completed online.

11. WINTER WEATHER PLANNING

Councillor Heaver gave details of the Winter Weather Plan – there were 9 areas identified in Puncknowle and 9 volunteers ready with buckets of salt & Councillors Williams & Sinclair would coordinate the West Bexington residents. On the forecast of snow or ice – the volunteers would spread (40g per square meter) on these areas. There was still a supply of salt in stock but if needed a 1 tonne bag would cost £57.75 plus vat.

12. PROPOSED EMERGENCY PHONE LINE AT WEST BEXINGTON BEACH

West Dorset District Council as owners of the West Bexington Beach Car Park to be consulted re an emergency phone line. Councillor Sinclair would report back at the November meeting after he had attended the Coroner’s Enquiry Meeting into the drowning at West Bexington Beach.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 6th September 2016 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

14. FINANCE

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

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Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary September)	£310.89
Mrs C. Buckland (BT Broadband connection X 3)	£86.40

Total Cheques	£397.39
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Napper Charity Account:-

National Allotment Society (Membership Fees)	£44.00
BWBS Ltd (Allotment Water)	£42.88

Total Napper Charity Account Cheques	£86.88
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Other Finance:

- a) The Audit of 2015/2016 had now been completed & there was one Issue Arising: “The value of fixed assets included in the Annual Return appears to be undervalued.” Agreed that the laptop computer & table tennis table should be added to the Fixed Assets Register.

15. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) The Mobile Library Service would no longer be operating after 1st April 2017.
- b) The Pre Budget meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th October 2016, 7.30 pm at the Chairman’s House.

16. PUBLIC TIME

None

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1st November 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

Signed:

Dated: