

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell,
County Councillor R. Coatsworth & A. Lovell (Transport)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor R. Williams & D. Bird (Footpaths)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell asked why the surface of the road at Swyre (from the Church to the B3157) had not been repaired – this problem had already been reported to DCC Highways. The Coast Watch had confirmed that there were no funds available for installing a phone on West Bexington Beach. County Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that the Health Service would be reorganised over the next 5 years with the location of Hospitals a big issue. The NHS consultation form was available on the internet. The next DCC Scrutiny meeting would be held on 21st December 2016.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 1st November 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 4th October 2016 be amended – Item 8. Planning (Page 2 as per sheets attached) & agreed and signed as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No Report

8. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Derek Heaver reported that the Allotment hedge along the east side had been cleared by Nigel Arak-Newman & his son.

ii. Footpaths

No report.

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

PCSO Luke White & PCSO Pete Smith were now working in the Beaminster Area –they had replaced PCSO Dave Ash – their e-mail details to be forwarded to the Homewatch coordinators. There had been some vandalism of property at West Bexington.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that jobs for the winter period would be clearing weeds and treating the woodwork with Jeyes Fluid.

- v. **Transport**
Anna Lovell reported that First Buses had been “On Strike” but this had now been resolved. The 210 Bus may be under review next July. There was talk of withdrawing the 73 Bus which takes 12 children from Bridport to Powerstock School. It was suggested that the Chairmen of the local Parish Councils in the Bride Valley should meet to discuss the future of the Community Bus.
- vi. **Village Hall**
An email had been received from Jill Neill re work that would be eligible for the £500 Grant for the Village Hall - The dishwasher would be serviced & repaired rather than replaced.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
The Chairman had attended the BLAP Steering Group meeting last week where Bus Passes had been discussed & it was agreed that these passes should be used by elderly people in the middle of the day instead of the over 60’s using it to go to work. The Coast Watch have the building at Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock for a further 3 years.
- viii. **DAPTC**
The Chairman had also attended the DAPTC AGM on Saturday 5th November 2016.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
The website was just “ticking over” but needed more input.

9. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

1. **Application No WD/D/16/002148** – Tamarisk Farm, West Bexington – Outline Application for an essential rural workers dwelling The proposed site is in the wrong place – on a Greenfield Site in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The need for an essential rural workers house on this farm was also questioned. 6 letters of objection had been received from local residents– All Councillors agreed to Object.
2. **Application No WD/D/16/002397** – Golly Knapp Farm, Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – Change of use of dwelling to create 2 dwellings – No Objections

Decisions:#

- A. **Tree Application WD/CA/16/00419** – Colbet Cottage, 3 Clay Lane, Puncknowle – 1 Willow – Pollard to 20 feet. – Consent Granted.

10. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Reduction in Highways funding and local choices – (See Item 14. Other Finance - £2500 set in the 2017/2018 Budget to cover the additional costs). Dorset County Council would only be cutting the verges once a year. There will be courses on Pot Holes & how to manage traffic when working on the Highway.
- b) Overgrown hedges at Golly Knapp Farm, Puncknowle – DCC Highways had written to the 2 owners of these hedges but nothing had yet been done – Agreed to contact Blair Turner again.
- c) The road had been marked at Swyre Cross, Swyre and the gully to be cleared.

11. PROPOSED EMERGENCY PHONE LINE AT WEST BEXINGTON BEACH

No further information available.

12. CONSULTATION RE DISCONNECTION OF BT PHONE BOXES

All 3 Telephone Boxes in the 3 Villages had not been used in the last 12 months & were on the list to be disconnected. Councillor Sinclair asked what the cost would be to purchase the telephone kiosk at West Bexington and what else it could be used for.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 1st November 2016 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

14. FINANCE

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

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Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary November)	£310.89
Mrs C. Buckland (Clerk's Expenses – 9 months)	£49.99
Total Cheques	£360.88

Other Finance:

a) **SETTING OF BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2017/2018**

Further to the discussion at the November 2016 meeting when all figures for the Budget were agreed except the amount for Highways Maintenance - it was now agreed that the figure for Highways Maintenance for 2017/2018 would be set at £2500. It was Resolved that the Parish Council's Budget for the Year 2017/2018 be approved at £10977 with the Local Council Support Scheme Grant set at £53 and the Agreed Precept of £9947 (Making the Total of £10000 available) - See attached sheets.

b) Because the Parish Council will not meet in January 2017 was agreed it was agreed to write a cheque dated 1st January 2017 for Mrs C. Buckland (Clerks Salary - December) for £310.89.

15. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

16. PUBLIC TIME

None

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 10.08 pm.

Signed:

Dated: