

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), M. Buckland, D. Heaver, T. Taylor, B. Pye,
J. Arak –Newman, R. Williams & 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 D. Robbins & D. Bird (Footpaths)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell advised that there would be a Meeting re the CCG Consultation on Wednesday 8th February in Bridport Town Hall at 7.30 pm. There would be a “Future of Transport” meeting on Friday 24th February 11 am in Bridport WI Hall. The Dorset Beach Clean would be on either Sunday 23rd or Monday 24th April 2017.

Dog Fouling was still a problem at West Bexington. Further to the Meeting held at West Bexington in October 2016 re Broadband and telephones – Agreed to write to BT again for progress. There were Pot Holes along Swyre Road, West Bexington - Clerk to send details to everyone again on how to report these issues “online”.

Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised on the Health Service reorganisation over the next 5 years with the proposed Hospital closures – that nothing in this area will be affected.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council’s meeting held on 6th December 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 12. Consultation re disconnection of BT Phone Boxes – It was Agreed that all 3 Telephone Boxes should be Adopted by the Parish Council- Clerk to find out further details for this.

6. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

The Chairman had attended all the local (Bride Valley) Parish Council meetings where the Bus Services had been discussed (See Item 7. v. Transport). The South Western Ambulance Service would be at the Manor Hotel at West Bexington to demonstrate the New Defibrillator on Saturday 11th February 2017 – 2 pm to 4 pm. The Avian (Bird) Flu was in the area at Abbotsbury Swannery and there were local “back-yard” hens that were not complying with DEFRA Rules.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Dave Bird had reported that the Allotments were very wet.

ii. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

Nothing to Report

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the woodwork had been sprayed with Jeyes Fluid and the swing safety matting cleared. The Annual Inspection was due in May. A letter had been received asking for permission to use the Playing Field for access to the back garden of No 2 Looke Lane,

Puncknowle, to carry out extensive work to the back garden – concerns were raised re possible damage to the grass and tarmac surfaces and Health & Safety issues – it was agreed that this permission should not be granted.

v. **Transport**

The Chairman reported that after July 2017 the 210 Bus would not be put out to tender. A local taxi driver was willing to provide transport for 2 days per week (at reasonable rates) for up to 4 people per trip. Ron Coatsworth would be attending the Dorset County Council meeting where Transport would be on the Agenda. Anna Lovell reported that passengers using the Ring & Ride can use their Bus passes. There were Funds available for The Community Bus Scheme but only as a one off,

vi. **Village Hall**

There had been an inspection in the kitchen and it was recommended that an extractor fan be installed. The cooker was to be replaced, an invoice from Peach Electrical for £999.00 was presented and it was agreed that the £500 Grant available to the Village Hall should be paid towards this expense.

vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**

The next BLAP Steering Group meeting would be on Thursday 16th February 2017.

viii. **DAPTC**

Nothing to report.

ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**

The Clerk had contacted Shipton Gorge Parish Council & had been given details of their Webmaster – this should be followed up.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

1. **Tree Application No WD/CA/17/00004** – 15 Napier Close, Puncknowle – Fell 5 Trees – Councillors had Agreed to Object to this Application & the Comments Form had already been sent to the Planning Office, but the Application had now been Withdrawn.
2. **Tree Application No WD/CA/17/000011** – Delve Cottage, Church Street, Puncknowle – Fell 1 Elder Tree – No Objections
3. **WD/D/16/002702** – School House, Swyre – Conversion of existing garage into Holiday Let – No Objections providing a Section 106 Agreement is attached to any Approval linking this Garage to the School House.
4. **Application No WD/D/16/002181** – Bride Valley Nurseries, Looke Mead, Litton Cheney (Adjoining Parish Consultation) – There are numerous parts to this Application. Issues were found with several and it was Agreed that the Application as a whole should be objected to. The house was only Granted Permission (on Appeal) on Condition that the structures including the barn, lean-to, poly tunnel pod 2, car port, etc. were removed – there are no other Wind Turbines in The Valley & this would set a “Precedent” for future Wind Turbine Development. 3 Wind Turbines seems excessive for the size of the business. Concerns were also raised at the number of wild birds killed by hitting Wind Turbine blades. This site is in a Flood Zone and has been flooded numerous times in the last 10 years - Agreed to Object.

Decisions:

- 1) **Application No WD/D/16/002397** – Golly Knapp Farm, Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – Change of use of dwelling to create 2 dwellings – Consent Granted
- 2) **Application No WD/D/16/002148** – Tamarisk Farm, West Bexington – Outline Application for an essential rural workers dwelling – Application Withdrawn
- 3) **Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00512** – 12 Puncknowle Road, Swyre – 2 Trees – Reduce by 30% - Consent Granted
- 4) **Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00502** – Chantry House, Swyre – Fell - 1 leylandia – Consent Granted.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Overgrown hedges at Golly Knapp Farm, Puncknowle – DCC Highways had written to the 2 owners of these hedges – the northern hedges had now been cut but still nothing had been cut back by the owner of the south side - Agreed to contact Blair Turner again.
- b) Councillor Pye reported that the road at Swyre had been repaired.

10. PROPOSED EMERGENCY PHONE LINE AT WEST BEXINGTON BEACH

No further information available.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

12. FINANCE

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

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Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary January)	£310.89
Puncknowle & Swyre Village Hall (Grant)	£500.00
8 Donation Cheques (See List Below)	£300.00

Total Cheques £1110.89

Other Finance:

- a. The donations cheques were discussed & it was advised that the Bride Valley Fledglings were now part of Thorners School and it was again agreed to make a Donation to WATAG for the printing of the Bus Time Tables. It was resolved to make the following S137 Donations for 2016/2017 and the cheques to be issued after the meeting.

Bride Valley Youth Club	£35
Citizens Advice Bureau	£35
Thorners School (Early Learning)	£35
The Samaritans	£35
Dorset Air Ambulance	£80
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£35
Bride Valley First Step Toddlers Group	£35
WATAG	£10
Making the Total Donations	£300.00

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

Following the recent storms the shingle had again been washed up into the ditch at the back of the Beach at West Bexington. The Beach Car Park was also covered in gravel.

It was agreed that the Annual Assembly would be held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7.30 pm. The Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau would be asked to give a short presentation on their work for the community. There would also be discussion on the increase in the Precept and details of the additional work needed to be carried out at the cost of the Parish Council.

14. PUBLIC TIME

None

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm.

Signed:

Dated: