

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Heaver, D. Robbins, B. Pye,
J. Arak –Newman, R. Williams, E. Sinclair & M. Buckland

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 Councillor T. Taylor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

Anna Lovell again advised that there were pot holes at Hazel Lane, Puncknowle – this had already been reported to Dorset Council Highways. All roads should be in a reasonable condition before any Parish Councils take on any of the responsibilities from Dorset County Council.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 7th February 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3 Public Time - The Beach Clean was confirmed as Sunday 23rd April 2017 10 am to 1 pm at West Bexington Beach.

Item 9. a) Highways – The overgrown hedges at Golly Knapp Farm, Puncknowle – Blair Turner, DCC Highways had agreed that the owners would cut back their privet hedges.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Councillor Williams had given his resignation with effect from the end of March 2017. Councillor Williams was thanked for his service to the Parish Council and the local community over the last 5 years. This vacancy would be advertised after the 1st April 2017.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver reported that the Allotment boundary hedges were being cleared and Nigel Arak- Newman had been coppicing the willows at the top of the field. Another Plot had been split in half and relet.

ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird reported that he would be putting up new Footpath signs where necessary.

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

Fran Marsh advised that there would be a new leaflet circulated to revitalize the Homewatch Scheme.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver had nothing to report.

v. Transport

Anna Lovell reported that there would be a Transport meeting the following day. The 210 Bus was not put out to tender. A notice to be put in the Puncknowle bus shelter re the "Ring & Ride" Bus.

vi. Village Hall

The new cooker had now been installed in the Village Hall kitchen.

vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership

Councillor Fry had attended the BLAP Steering Group meeting. A new privately owned "Fitness Suite" was being set up at Gore Cross, Bridport and concerns had been raised that this may affect the Bridport Leisure Centre.

- viii. **DAPTC**
Nothing to report.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
The Website had been updated recently.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

- 1. **Tree Application No WD/CA/17/00078** – 15 Napier Close, Puncknowle – The previous application No WD/CA/17/00004 to fell 5 trees had been withdrawn & this application was now to fell 4 trees. It was agreed to Object to this Application for the same reasons as the 1st application.
- 2. **Application No WD/D/17/000467** – Blue Anchor Café, Beach Road, West Bexington – Make alterations to existing café building, amend parking arrangements and construct 3 wooden shelters - Agreed to Object as Over-development of the site - only parking spaces for up to 7 cars. No Disabled Access - no ramps or handrails & no disabled access to the Toilets. Just 1 female & 1 male Toilet in Plans - this is inadequate for the number of proposed diners & no staff toilets.

Decisions:

- 1) **Application No WD/D/17/000322** – Spring Gardens, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Amendment to pp WD/D/16/001833 to allow change to roof of kitchen extension (Non-material amendment) – Consent Granted

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) There were large pot holes on the lane to Chilcombe.
- b) It was agreed to get a quote for future Highways maintenance to give a basis for budgeting.
- c) Water was still running down Rectory Lane from the culvert at the Old Rectory, Puncknowle – agreed to contact Dorset County Highways again.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 7th February 2017 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: -

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Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary February)	£310.89
L.G. Quincey Landscapes (Grass Cutting x 10)	£900.00
Total Cheques	£1210.89

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Annual Assembly would be held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7.30 pm. The Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau had agreed to come and give a presentation. Councillor Fry would talk about the Precept Increase and the additional work needed to be carried out at the cost to the Parish Council. It was also suggested that the cuts to Local Transport should be discussed.

13. PUBLIC TIME

The sides of the road at Church Street, Puncknowle were very muddy – agreed a working party be arranged to clear with shovels.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 4th April 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.04 pm.

Signed: Dated: