

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Heaver, M. Buckland, D. Robbins, J. Marsh,
T. Taylor & E. Sinclair

IN ATTENDANCE: C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell,
County Councillor R. Kayes, A. Lovell (Transport) & C. Marsh (Homewatch)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence: Councillor J. Arak-Newman & D. Bird (Footpaths)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sinclair declared an Interest in Item 7. ix. & Item 11. Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Website.

3. PUBLIC TIME

Newly elected County Councillor Ros Kayes was welcomed by the Chairman. She advised that there will be a gap in Bus services after July 2017 & the 210 Bus would stop. Dorset County Council were trying to link all transport and not have 4 separate services. A feasibility study would be done into the Community Bus around Bridport spurring off to local villages. The Bridport Community Hub was being formed but would not happen in the next few months.

Anna Lovell advised that the Car Service had held an event at Burton Bradstock and were looking for drivers. This service was only for hospital /doctors' appointments and the charge would be 45/50 pence per mile.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 2nd May 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the Standing Orders outlined the procedures for dealing with Planning Applications (Page 13 Para 66).

7. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES

It was RESOLVED that the following appointment be made: -

That Councillor J. Marsh be appointed to serve on the Allotment Committee.

There were no nominations for the vacancy of Vice Chairman or for the DAPTC Western Area Committee.

8. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver reported that a ½ Plot had been given up & would be advertised locally. Nigel Arak-Newman and Ernest Watson had agreed to keep this plot tidy until a new tenant could be found. Soil was being delivered at the weekend to fill the ruts on the west side of the field.

ii. Footpaths

No Report

iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

Councillor Robbins reported that there had been an attempted break-in at a garage in Swyre. A garden seat had been stolen from Looke lane, Puncknowle.

- iv. **Playing Field Committee**
Councillor Heaver reported that 11 volunteers had painted the woodwork in the Playing Field. The Playing Field Annual Inspection had been completed & the Report circulated. The splits in the new equipment would be monitored. He and Nigel Arak-Newman would repair the back gate tomorrow. The replacement of the seal sea saw - quotes from 4 companies had been circulated. All agreed on the quote from Outdoor Playpeople of £1523 for delivery & installation. (Delivery alone would be £1014 & Delivery, installation, safety matting/turf would be £2291. The Tree Inspection – a quote of £230 had been received for the inspection alone - agreed to get another 2 quotes.
- v. **Transport**
Councillor Taylor reported that everyone was waiting until the end of the month for final decisions on routes.
- vi. **Village Hall**
Councillor Sinclair advised that the Village Hall Committee had met last night. The Fire & Safety Inspection of the Hall had been completed. There were no smoke alarms in the building.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership**
Councillor Fry would attend the BLAP Parish Meeting on Thursday 15th June at Mountfield.
- viii. **DAPTC**
Councillor Buckland had attended the Western Area DAPTC meeting on Thursday 25th May 2017. No decisions would be made on merging the District Councils until after the General Election.
- ix. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
See Item 11 below.

9. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council is being consulted:

1. Application No WD/D/17/000762 – Meadfoot, Swyre Road, West Bexington – Demolition of 1920's Bungalow replacing with a new chalet style Bungalow - concerns about the extensive expanse of non-porous external surfaces shown on Plans & the amount of water run-off. Arrangements need to be made to catch this run-off water to stop this running down the Highway. A reduction in the amount of hard surfaces at the top of the site would also reduce the potential problem. If these issues could be addressed – the Parish Council would have no further objections.
2. Application No WD/D/17/000924 – Silvercroft, Swyre Rd, West Bexington – Proposed single storey extension, Loft conversion, Demolition of Garage and New Entrance – No Objections
3. Application No WD/D/17/000852 – Collingbourne, Hoopers Lane, Puncknowle – Demolition of the existing front porch & erect new porch, demolition of the existing rear extension & erect new two storey extension – Amended Plans – No Objections

Decisions:

None#

Other Planning Issues:

Small Holding at Hazel Lane, Puncknowle – the occupant had been tipping building waste, old cars, etc. on this site & these issues had been raised at the June 2016 Meeting when he had been given 12 months to tidy up the site. Nathan Rawlings advised that he had been clearing this site in the last month but there was still much to be done. There were also concerns raised of his dogs barking all day and night.

10. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Speed of Traffic at West Bexington – Parish Councillors and interested residents had met with Paul Eastwood and Jon Lake of Dorset County Council Highways at Swyre Road, West Bexington on Monday 8th May 2017. Their recommendation was that there should be “road narrow” signs and yellow markers on the road to slow traffic in the narrow stretch of road before the sharp bend at Tamarisk Farm buildings. Also yellow markings on the road going down towards the village to try to slow traffic down. The email showing these markings/signs had been circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Paul Eastwood to request that these works be done as soon as possible. Councillor John Marsh to look into costs for speed cameras.

- b) Caravans were parking overnight in the West Bexington Beach Car park – District Councillor J. Russell agreed to ask the new West Dorset District Council Car Park Manager to check.

11. PROVISION FOR COSTS TO UPDATE THE WEBSITE

The Chairman had met with Dianne Sinclair about the future of the Website. There were adverts on the website which had not been paid for – agreed to ask these for a contribution towards the website costs. It was agreed that Dianne should now be paid £25 per month (in arrears) from 1st June 2017 to develop the Website.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 2nd May 2017 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

13. FINANCE

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

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk’s salary May)	£310.89
D. Heaver (Paint for Playing Field)	£62.93
Playsafety Ltd (Playing Field Annual Inspection)	£105.00

Total Cheques £478.82

14. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) The Swyre Church Committee would be holding a Bingo Night on Friday 30th June 2017.

15. PUBLIC TIME

None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 9.42 pm.

Signed:

Dated: