

# PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

## PRESENT:

Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Robbins, B. Pye, D. Heaver, J. Marsh, T. Taylor  
J. Arak-Newman & 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: Councillor E. Sinclair, PCSO Alex Bishop & C. Marsh (Homewatch)

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

## 3. PUBLIC TIME

- a) The owner of the stables at Hazel Lane which had been burnt down on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 attended and asked if anyone in the Village had any information to assist the Police with their enquiries.
- b) The issue of the recently installed Speed Hump at the entrance to Greystones Farm leading to the Old TimberYard Development was raised – some local residents thought this was unsightly and not in keeping, with the yellow strips very visible – Agreed to make an Agenda Item for the March Meeting when several Parish Councillors would need to “Declare an Interest”.
- c) Concerns were again raised about dogs continually barking at the middle plot at Hazel Lane, Puncknowle, which was disturbing local residents late into the night. Agreed that a letter should be sent to the Environmental Health Officer asking for advice.

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council’s meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 14 – Public Time - The building site at Meadfoot Swyre Road, West Bexington – With the builders vans & lorries parking on the Highway - the architect had not replied to the Clerks emails re this issue – There was now mud and builders rubble on the road, the verges were damaged and the drain blocked – Clerk to contact the architect again and also Highways.

## 6. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

No Report

## 7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

### i. Allotments

Dave Bird advised that the Allotments were too wet to work.

### ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird advised that the Footpaths were also very wet.

### iii. Homewatch And Community Police Report

PCSO Alex Bishop had sent a Police Report – there had been 5 dogs stolen from kennels, a fire destroying a stable containing a couple of vintage cars and theft of 3 sheep - all separate incidents from the 3 paddocks at Hazel Lane. There had also been a theft from a shipping container in West Bexington.

**iv. Playing Field Committee**

Councillor Heaver advised that he and the Chairman had repaired the Slide support with marine ply which had been supplied by Bradfords, Dorchester free of charge, the surplus wood had been used for repairs to the Play House. The Grass Cutting Tenders close on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 & it was agreed that he & the Chairman would look at these Tenders and send an email to all Councillors with their recommendation.

**v. Transport**

Councillor Taylor advised that a Saturday Bus was being run by a Litton Cheney Group as a “Club” with a £3 charge and no Bus Passes to be used. If this was successful it would become a regular service.

**vi. Village Hall**

Councillor Arak –Newman advised that the Village Hall Committee had decided that the Hall boiler needs to be replaced in the summer and asked if the Grant money for this year and also next years’ could be used towards this. District Councillor Russell advised that if this Donation was made it would need to be “ring fenced” in the Village Hall Accounts and that the Parish Council should receive a copy of these Accounts. Agreed to contact the Hall Chairman (Jill Neill) for confirmation and then the Grant monies to be paid at the March meeting.

**vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership**

The Chairman reported that he had again attended 2 BLAP meetings and the Minutes of both had been circulated to Councillors. Bridport Town Council had taken over the Tourism, Public Toilets and the street cleaning of the Town from the County Council.

**viii. DAPTC**

No Report

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

The Website was up-to-date.

**8. PLANNING**

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted:

1. **Application Nos WD/D/18/000124** – (Adjoining Consultation) – Ourganics, Litton Lane, Litton Cheney – Modification of Planning Obligations on Section 106 Agreement dated 1/7/2010 of Planning Approval 1/D/09/001292 – No Objections but agreed that this Application should not set a precedent for future Applications in the Bride Valley.

**Decisions:**

- a) **Application Nos WD/D/17/002418** – 6 Green Barton, Swyre – Consent Granted
- b) **Application Nos WD/D/17/002455** – Land Adjacent to Upper Beach Road, West Bexington – Erection of Dwelling, detached garage & associated Vehicular Access - Refused

**Other Planning Issues:**

- a. Public Path Diversion Order 2018 – Part of Bridleway 8, Puncknowle at Parks Farm – No Objections

**9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- a) Community Speed Watch – Councillor Marsh needs to be advised of locations in Puncknowle & Swyre where this equipment would be used and then the Risk Assessment would be done by the PCSO.
- b) Finger Posts – The finger post at the south end of Hazel Lane had been repaired by Tony Laver-Jackson but the sign at the north end of Hazel Lane was missing.
- c) There were again Pot Holes at Hazel Lane – Clerk to report

**10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A schedule of correspondence received since 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council’s meeting.

**11. 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 December & January)	£621.78
Mrs Dianne Sinclair (Website management x 2)	£50.00
D. Heaver (Repairs to Playing Field Slide Support)	£20.68
7 Donation Cheques (See List Below)	£300.00
Total Cheques	£992.46

**Other Finance:**

- a) The donations cheques were discussed & it was advised that the Bride Valley Youth Club had been disbanded and it was agreed to make a donation to the Bride Valley News instead and to increase the Donation to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance to £90. It was resolved to make the following S137 Donations for 2016/2017 and the cheques to be issued after the meeting:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£35
Bride Valley Fledglings /Thorners School	£35
The Samaritans	£35
Dorset Air Ambulance	£90
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£35
Bride Valley First Step Toddlers Group	£35
Bride Valley News	£35
Making the Total Donations	£300.00

- a. Village Hall Grant 2017/2018 of £500 (see under Item 7. vi) Representatives Report - Village Hall) – to be made an Agenda item for March 2018 Meeting.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The two suggested dates for the Annual Assembly were either Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 or Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Councillor Arak-Newman to contact the recipient of the Charity Grant in 2016 to ask if she would be willing to give a short presentation at this Village Annual Assembly.

**13. PUBLIC TIME**

Agreed to report the road surface at Hazel Lane which was getting bad again.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Council's next meeting would take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....