

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell,
A. Lovell (Transport), D. Bird (Footpaths).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence: Councillor J. Arak-Newman & PCSO Alex Bishop

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Fry Declared an Interest in Item 9) Highways Issues b) Speed Hump at Greystones Farm Entrance.

It was Agreed that Councillor D. Heaver would take the Chair for this Item.

3. PUBLIC TIME

a) District Councillor J. Russell advised there would be 2 Dorset Unitary Authorities from April 2019.

b) Anna Lovell advised of a Pot Hole 100 yards east of the Swyre Village post on the B3157 Coast Road.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 6th February 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record after a slight alteration – In Attendance – A. Lovell's name be removed

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3. Public Time c) - An email was read from Jane Williams, Environmental Health Officer in reply to concerns again raised about dogs continually barking at the middle plot at Hazel Lane, Puncknowle.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded everyone that Parish Councils were no longer Consulted on Tree Applications.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

i. Allotments

Dave Bird advised that the Allotments were still very wet.

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 a handbag stolen from a car parked at West Bexington.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver advised that the Grass Cutting Contract from 1st April 2018 had been awarded to Nick David from Beaminster. The safety matting had been cleared and edged. The woodwork would be sprayed with Jeyes Fluid in preparation for staining. The Council agreed that Councillor Heaver be authorised funds for the purchase of the wood stain. A Saturday morning work party was suggested to pick up the branches and debris in the Playing Field before the grass cutting started.

v. Transport

Councillor Taylor and Anna Lovell had attended the Integrated Transport Review Meeting. Councillor Taylor gave a summary of this Review. There was a large reduction in funding with £20million spent on school transport – each school had 1 bus operator. The company running the Saturday Community Bus was

Other Finance:

- a) It was Agreed to now pay the £500 Village Hall Grant for 2017/2018 towards the purchase of a new boiler for the Village Hall and The Village Hall Grant for 2018/2019 (£500) would also go towards the Hall boiler that would be replaced in Summer 2018. It was Agreed that these Donations would need to be “ring fenced” in the Village Hall Accounts and that the Parish Council should receive a copy of these Accounts when Audited.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Agreed that the Annual Village Assembly would be held on Tuesday 24th April 2018.
- b) South Dorset Ridgeway Landscape Village Surveys – Meeting Thursday 29th March 2018 at The Manor Hotel, West Bexington at 10.30 am.
- c) Dorset Best Kept Village Competition 2018 – Agreed that all 3 villages be entered this year with West Bexington to be entered in “the Hamlet” section.

13. PUBLIC TIME

- a) There would be a Bingo Evening on 23rd March 2018 at 7pm in the Puncknowle Village Hall in aid of Swyre Church.
- b) It was advised that there was a major water leak at West Bexington.
- c) The Notice Boards at West Bexington needed to be replaced/repaired.
- d) Dog fouling was still a problem at West Bexington.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

Signed:

Dated: