

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors G. Fry (Chairman), D. Heaver, B. Pye, M. Buckland, E. Sinclair
R. Williams, D. Robbins & T. Taylor.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from PCSO D. Ash

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

District Councillor Ron Coatsworth advised that the Council Tax would rise by 2% (£50). The Fire Service will be amalgamated with Wiltshire Fire Service from 1st April 2016, there would be no change in services but some savings at Headquarters.

Anna Lovell reported that Pops had no candidate for this area.

The verge opposite Green Barton, Swyre had been dug out & hard-core laid – Clerk to contact Dorset County Highways & send a copy to District Councillor Ron Coatsworth.

Litton Cheney were installing a defibrillator & Councillor Sinclair requested that this be put on the April Agenda for discussion.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 2nd February 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3. The pot holes at Hazel Lane, Puncknowle had been repaired but farther holes were already there.

Item 5. The Old Rectory, Puncknowle -the culvert had still not been unblocked – Clerk to contact Blair Turner, DCC for update. Tony Laver Jackson had done some work to clear blocked drains further down the road.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Fry gave a report on the Local Plan Meeting he had attended. West Dorset District Council had to build 775 New Dwellings per year between 2011 & 2031 & were already behind in numbers. There would be a review in 2021. Chickerell already had 220 with planning permission which was part of the 820 urban extension of Chickerell. 760 dwellings to be built at Vearse Farm, Bridport- if these are not passed an alternative site needs to be found & a further 40 to be built behind Bredy Vets. The full document is available to read – see Chairman.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver advised that it has been the wettest winter on record.

ii. Footpaths

The Chairman advised that new footpath stiles had been put in at Dark Lane, Puncknowle. Dave Bird had again cleared the footpath to Knackers Hole.

iii. Homewatch

Councillor Robbins had met with Fran Marsh & the Traffic Light sign at West Bexington had been updated. A wood- burner stove complete with flue had been stolen from a chalet at West Bexington.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the algae had been cleared from the woodwork and the weeds cleared around the path. Fallen branches had been cleared & removed and the Gascoyne's Scarlet apple tree pruned. The woodwork needs to be stained & the metalwork painted black. 6 years ago the 3 seats were painted & covered in varnish & now need to be done again. Lee Quincey to continue the grass cutting contract for a further 2 years. The asbestos from 4 of the 8 garages next to the Playing Field needed to be cleared & taken to the specialist tip at Weymouth – Councillor Heaver would draft a letter to the owners of these garages explaining the risk/health & safety issues.

v. Transport

Anna Lovell advised that at the recent Cabinet Meeting the subsidy had been withdrawn for the “market day buses” with further cuts next year. The DCC Scheme for Car Drivers – there was no evidence that this was working. Cancer treatment would soon be available in Dorchester.

vi. Village Hall

Councillor Sinclair reported that there would be a Bring & Buy Sale on Saturday 30th April 2016 (£6 per table) & there would be Teas served in the afternoon. The fire extinguishers were being serviced on Wednesday. The Table Tennis Table had now been delivered & needs to be assembled. It was agreed that cheaper bats and balls would be purchased by the Parish Council using money from the Dorset County Council Members Divisional Fund Grant.

vii. Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC

Nothing to report

viii. Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site

The website had not been updated for some time – agreed to contact Dianne Sinclair. The Domain Renewals were due in March – Agreed to renew all 3 names at a cost of £105.12 for 2 years -see Item 11) Finance.

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

1. **Application No WD/D/16/000165** – 25 Swyre – Remove existing garden lodge & erect replacement garden lodge - It was agreed that there would be No Objections as long as a "Condition" was attached to any approval that it should not be used for residential/holiday use. The War Memorial next to this shed is "Listed"

Decisions:

- a. WD/D/15/002573 - Manor Hotel, Beach Road, West Bexington – Erection of a single storey glazed veranda to the rear of the property - Consent Granted
- b. WD/D/15/002574 - (Listed Building Consent) - Manor Hotel, Beach Road, West Bexington – Erection of a single storey glazed veranda to the rear of the property - Consent Granted
- c. Tree Application No WD/CA/16/00032 – Chantry House, Bull Lane, Swyre - Consent Granted

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

No issues raised.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 2nd February 2016 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

11. FINANCE

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

Payments for Approval: -

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary February)	£307.83
Mrs C. Buckland (purchase of Parish Council Laptop - £341.65 + £68.33 vat)	£409.98
Mrs C. Buckland (Clerk's Expenses x 10 months)	£104.98
Puncknowle Village Hall (Grant)	£1000.00
PanoScope Ltd (Website Domain Renewals- 2 years)	<u>£105.12</u>
Total Cheques	£1927.91

Other Finance:

- a) Grant of up to £350 available for Website Development - Dianne Sinclair to give details of her Website expenses.
- b) New arrangements for External Audit of Small Local Authorities – further to advice from DAPTC it was agreed that the Parish Council would “opt-in” to the SAAA scheme. These arrangements to take effect from 1st April 2017.
- c) Request from Puncknowle Village Hall Committee – It was agreed to issue the £1000 Grant set aside in the Budget.
- d) Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) – further to the letter received from TSB re the Parish Council’s ineligibility for this scheme – Clerk to contact DAPTC for advice

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- i. Annual Parish Assembly – Agreed date of Tuesday 26th April 2016 with a 7.30pm start
- ii. Mobile Library Service Review – New schedules from May 2016 - The Library Van would no longer stop at Napier Close, Puncknowle only at Church Street.
- iii. The Chairman reported that the Litter Bin for the Puncknowle Bus Shelter had now been delivered & he had fitted it. He thanked District Councillor Ron Coatsworth for the money from his Members Divisional Fund which had been used to purchase the Table Tennis Table & the Litter Bin.

13. PUBLIC TIME

Water was flooding the BT hatches at Swyre (near the War Memorial).
Flooding was still a problem off Bull Lane onto the Bull Inn Car park.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 5th April 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.33pm.

Signed:

Dated: