

PUNCKNOWLE & SWYRE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors M. Buckland (Chairman), D. Heaver, B. Pye, E. Sinclair, V. Baker-Sims, R. Williams & A. Simon

IN ATTENDANCE: C Buckland (Parish Clerk), District Councillor J. Russell, D. Robbins (Homewatch), PCSO D. Ash, D. Bird (Footpaths), A. Lovell (Transport)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor J. Arak-Newman & County Councillor R. Coatsworth

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC TIME

- a) Water was again running down Rectory Lane, Puncknowle – Clerk to report.
- b) The overhanging hedge at Rectory Lane, Puncknowle (from Golly Knapp Farm to past Sewage Works)- this had been reported in June to Dorset County Council – Clerk to report again & also contact Wessex Water.
- c) Overhanging hedge at Church Street, Puncknowle - the house was for sale & Councillor Sinclair had been in contact.
- d) Japanese Knott Weed was again growing at the Electric Sub Station at the Timberyard, Puncknowle

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 1st July 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 11. – The Alex Walsh Seat – Martin Yeates had agreed to move & reinstate this seat.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Buckland advised that the Dorset Best Kept Village Competition Presentation would be held at Morden Village Hall on Thursday 18th September 2014 from 7pm & asked for a Councillor to attend. There was now £924.84 still available from the West Dorset Fund after the 2 stone benches had been paid for. There would be a short meeting of the Napper Charity Trustees following on from this one, to discuss an application for funds.

7. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

i. Allotments

Councillor Heaver reported that the Allotment gate had been fixed by Dave Robbins. There was now a bonfire rota with 6 volunteers. The weed problem of "Mare's Tail" at the top of the Allotments was being dealt with. The 2 vacant allotments had been taken and there were no vacancies at present. The Allotment AGM would be on Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

ii. Footpaths

Dave Bird reported that there had been lots of cutting back of vegetation from the local footpaths & it was good to see that other villagers were helping with this. The Coastal footpath at West Bexington – there was a petition on the bar of the Manor Hotel, West Bexington.

iii. Homewatch

Nothing to report.

iv. Playing Field Committee

Councillor Heaver reported that the Playing Field Committee meeting had been held on 8th July 2014 in the Playing Field – 11 items were noted for attention & 7 had been done already. There were splits of 6mm in the new equipment & if these increase to 8mm Sovereign will come & sort it out. Asbestos had fallen off

the gutters of the garages into the Playing Field- he would talk to the garage owners about removal to Weymouth Recycling Centre.

- v. **Transport**
Anna Lovell advised that the New Bus Time Tables from 28th September 2014 were out. The 47 Bus to Yeovil was on the Agenda for discussion at the Cabinet meeting tomorrow. No buses would be going via Shipton Gorge – road works starting Monday 8th September 2014.
- vi. **Village Hall**
Councillor Sinclair reported that work to the yard starts in September.
- vii. **Bridport Local Area Partnership & DAPTC**
Councillor Simon reported that BLAP had had their usual stand at Melplash Show in August. The Coastal Communities Group was meeting next week & Councillor Simon to attend.
- viii. **Puncknowle, Swyre & West Bexington Web Site**
No report

8. PLANNING

Applications on which the Parish Council were consulted: -

- 1. Tree Application No WD/CA/14/00247 – 24 Swyre – T1 Sycamore – Pollard- Councillor Pye had visited the site & there were no objections

Decisions:

- a. Application No WD/D/14/000931 – Augustine, Beach Rd, West Bexington – Remove outbuildings and erect double garage/garden equipment store with parking/turning area - Consent Granted

Other Planning Issues:

Appeal Ref: APP/F1230/A/14/2213987 – Land adjacent to Rothley, Beach Road, West Bexington – Erection of three beach huts – Appeal Dismissed

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) The new road surface through Puncknowle had been completed.
- b) Overhanging hedges – See Item 3. Public Time.

10. COASTAL PATH/BEACH AT WEST BEXINGTON

Councillor Williams gave another update on the Coastal Path/Beach - talks were ongoing with the Coastal Access Team. The stone boulders needed to be re-instated to stop vehicles driving onto the path. Residents of West Bexington had sent a petition to Oliver Letwin who had then written to Dorset County Council. Richard Edmonds, the Dorset County Council Geologist & Carmel Wilkinson had agreed to attend the October meeting to talk on Coastal Erosion.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A schedule of correspondence received since 1st July 2014 had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Council's meeting.

12. FINANCE

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

Mrs Carolyn Buckland (Clerk's salary August)	£271.08
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (Cradle swing seat)	£148.80
DAPTC (Social Media Seminar Fee)	£30.00
Lee Quincey Landscapes (Grass cutting x 8)	£720.00
BT Business (Broadband Connection) for 3 months	£75.60
D. Heaver (Glue-Playing Field matting)	£14.86

Total Cheques £1260.34

Other Finance:

- a. A Donation of £150 had been received from Kudos Film & Television Studio following filming of “Broadchurch” at the Knoll at Puncknowle.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Councillor Sinclair had attended the Social Media Seminar in July & advised that this had been very informative.
- b. The New Bins/ Recycling Bins had arrived - the 1st collection would be on 16th October 2014

14. PUBLIC TIME

- a) There was graffiti on the Bus Shelter seat at Puncknowle – Councillor Heaver agreed to deal with this.
- b) Lester Cowling an active resident of West Bexington had moved to Dorchester – agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to him.
- c) District Councillor John Russell advised that West Dorset District Council had re-consulted on the Housing Plan – 2020 Vision.
- d) Water was still running down Bull Lane, Swyre to the Bull Inn Pub Car Park – to advise DCC Highways & check with Mr Wild (owner of field & ditch above).
- e) There had been a request from a resident of West Bexington for Speed Bumps along Swyre Road, West Bexington – to discuss at October meeting & find out “Rules on Speed Bumps”.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the Council’s next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7th October 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

This was followed by a short meeting of the Napper Charity Trustees.

Signed:

Dated: