

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Prior to the meeting the council received a highly informative presentation from Steve Mawes of Tidal Lagoon Power Ltd about the proposal for a tidal lagoon at Bridgwater. Heather Strawbridge also updated the council on progress with obtaining a defibrillator.

Minutes of the Meeting of Puriton Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Puriton commencing at 8:30pm on Tuesday 13th **October 2015** when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillors Julie Jones (chairman), Mr Simon Langley (Vice Chairman), M Healey, J Lunn, J Fletcher, S Tizzard, O Strawbridge, B Crow together with the Parish Clerk Sam Winter.

Two members of the public and District Cllr Hamblin were in attendance.

116.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Cllr A Barnaby

116.2 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda

Cllrs S Tizzard & J Fletcher declared interests in item 116.5(1) & 116.14
Cllrs J Fletcher & S Langley declared interests in item 116.6(4)

116.3 To receive and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

116.4 To receive the clerk's report as circulated for the purpose of information only:

(1) Bank reconciliation and statement for September.

Approved as circulated

(2) To receive a 6 month budget report

Received .

(3) Update on PPC's obligations under the new pensions regulations (as circulated)

Accepted as circulated.

(4) Feedback on Community Land Trusts training date with Duncan Harvey

The affordable Housing team from Sedgemoor DC have offered the date 11/11/15 to meet with the council for a training session on Community Land Trusts. Members to confirm attendance with clerk asap.

(5) Update on the Riverton Road bus shelter (as circulated)

Noted as per report

(6) Update on the disposal of the phone box (as circulated)

Noted as circulated

(7) Order of village welcome signs (as circulated)

Noted as circulated

(8) Update on the defibrillator (as circulated)

Noted as circulated

(9) County Councillor Health & wellbeing grants available (as circulated)

Noted as circulated.

(10) SCC grant application to add pinch points to Woolavington Road min 115.8

Matter send to County Cllr Mark Healey, who has submitted the application

(11) Submission to SDC of the draft Cllr Expenses Scheme (as circulated) min 115.5

Noted.

(12) Update on need for risk assessments for the green at The Rye, with emphasis on the Victorian Evening (as circulated)

Noted.

(13) Update on progress with website (as circulated)

PPC has a new website, which is being populated and will switch places with old once complete.

(14) Update on blocked drains Newlyn Crescent min 111.9.4(a)

Additional instances of flooding reported to SDC, who have requested info on ditch/landowners.

116.5 Resolutions

- (1) To formulate a response for the designated reps to the Polden's Cluster Meeting in respect of Shapwick & Polden Cricket Club's application for £40k RLT3 funding

Resolved: The council does not support the application.

It was noted that if successful the application would take all available RLT3 funds, leaving the other areas in the cluster group with nothing. It was perceived as being more equitable if the total amount was shared more equally between areas and competing applications.

- (2) To resolve that the clerk takes action to complete and repair the PPC 25 year commemorative plaque previously mounted in the village hall and that the bill for restoration is passed to the village hall committee for payment.

Resolved: to approve that the clerk takes necessary action to correct, complete and repair the plaque and to invoice the village hall for the cleaning element.

- (3) To approve that the grass cutting contract with Sedgemoor Clean Surroundings will run October 2015 to October 2016

Resolved: entering into an annual contract with Clean Surroundings was approved.

- (4) To resolve that the RFO undertakes an adjustment in the accounts to move £800 from the code for Hall Hiring to the code for Youth Project and increase the Youth Project budget from £800 to £1500.

Resolved: to approve RFO makes the adjustment.

- 5) To resolve the RFO creates a new budget code for Village Improvements and allocates funds to be agreed to that budget.

Resolved: RFO is authorised to create a Village Improvement budget code with £10,000.

116.6 Grants and financial appeals (2015/16 budget £5000)

- (1) To resolve how much donation to make to the Sedgemoor CAB appeal.

Resolved: to pay Sedgemoor Citizens Advice £200.

- (2) To receive a grant application of £100 to 1st Puriton Guides and to resolve whether to approve payment

Resolved: To grant 1st Puriton Guides £100

- (3) To receive a grant application of £400 from Puriton Afternoon Club for its Christmas meal and to resolve whether to approve payment. VT will grant £300. Approx. 40 members

Resolved: Not to grant £400 to the Afternoon club for a Christmas meal.

The council felt that the community benefit in the application offered nothing further than the taking of a meal. It did not feel that paying for a Christmas meal was in the spirit of the Grants Policy. However, County Cllr Mark Healey stated that he is able to support the application under the Health & Wellbeing Scheme should the group wish to apply.

Cllr Julie Jones requested that her abstention from the vote is minuted.

- (4) To receive a grant application of £384.30 to support the Victorian Evening to be held in December and to resolve whether to approve payment.

Cllrs S Langley & J Fletcher left the meeting and took no part in the decision

Resolved: to grant £384.30 to support the Victorian Evening

Cllrs S Langley & J Fletcher returned to the meeting.

- 116.7 To resolve which contractor to instruct to remove the phone box and make good the highway.**

Resolved: to accept the quotation from Phillip & Son at £900

A total of 3 quotes were presented from contractors authorised and insured to work on the highway; the council accepted the lowest.

- 116.8 To resolve whether to sell the phone box at Hillside to Glastonbury Reclamation for £300.**

Resolved: Not to sell the phone box at Hillside to Glastonbury Reclamation.

- 116.9 To discuss and resolve the options with regard to reducing the deposits held with Unity Trust.**

Resolved: that the council will consider and agree a forward plan to spend the sum of money not covered by the financial services compensation scheme as a matter of urgency.

Projects to be added to a forward plan for spend should be brought to the meeting in December when the budget will be discussed.

- 116.10 To agree that the council registers with NALC with the aim of at least retaining its LCAS foundation status.**

Resolved: that the council registers with NALC at a cost of £50

- 116.11 To agree on whether to move PPC to internet banking with Unity Trust.**

Resolved: that the council will change its bank account to internet banking with Unity Trust

It was agreed that Puriton Parish Council is a progressive, modern council that recognises the benefit and added security of a modern system of banking.

- 116.12 To acknowledge that the well used path running from Middle Street to The Rye presents a hazard to pedestrians due to a build up of silt and water.** It is suggested that:

1. the clerk requests SDC to remove a mud bank and stones to the rear of the fence of 1&3

Middle Street. The bank creates a lot of the silt problem as every rainstorm erodes this bank washing the silt down across the path, and;

2. the clerk requests SDC (Clean Surroundings) to clean all of the existing silt and debris from the path in order that it can then be maintained by the village ranger, and;

3. the clerk requests SDC to ensure that a roof sited on a shed in 11 Court Grove, and overhanging Middle Street, is adapted to prevent additional rainwater from running onto the path and creating an area of light flooding.

Resolved: that the clerk undertakes action on all the points as raised.

116.13 To agree a response to the consultation on Sedgemoor District Council's Draft Sports/Leisure and Recreation Open Space Strategy.

Resolved: to delegate the response to the clerk once feedback has been provided by the Playing Fields Committee

116.14 To consider and resolve whether to support Puriton Playing Field request for RTL3 funds for a MUGA project at the Sports Centre.

Cllrs J Fletcher and S Tizzard left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Resolved: to support in principle an application subject to final figures.

116.15 Finance

(1) To approve the following items of expenditure for September:

Payee	Item	Cost £	VAT £
(80) Mrs S Winter	Salary & expenses Sept*	635.93	0
	*Incl. 16 additional hours worked August (min:115.5(4))		
(81) Mr C Gulliford	Salary & expenses Sept	457.86	0
(82) HMRC	PAYE & NI Sept	281.55	0
(83) SAGE	Sept subs DD	15.00	2.50
(84) Village hall	Hire July	19.00	0
(85) Playing fields	Hire 13/07/15	11.70	1.95
(86) Playing fields	Hire youth club July	57.60	9.60
(87) Staples	printer ink	29.96	4.99
(88) SDC	Dog bins 26 wks	836.16	139.36
(89) Eurosigns	village signs	855.38	142.56
(90) Viridor	eurobin DoC Aug DD	12.00	2.00
(91) Viridor	eurobin Aug DD	45.29	7.54
(92) Microshade	Citrix Sept	51.60	8.60
(93) Intouch	website hosting	35.99	6.00
(94) Jenny Morgan	ink for parish welcome pack	33.60	0
(95) Staples	filing cabinet	159.98	26.66
(96) Microshade	Citrix Oct	51.60	8.60

Resolved that the invoices presented are agreed and payment is authorised.

116.16 To receive the following village reports

- (1) Village Hall
 - None.
- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways
 - None
- (3) Village Ranger schedule of works (clerk)
 - Complaint rec'd that tree (poss hawthorn) is in a poor state. It is holding firm, but once Rye works are complete an arboricultural assessment will be required
 - Will receive delivery of free spring bulbs for planting from SDC
 - SCC has offered de-icing grit from 21/11. VR to collect or arrange delivery to VH car park.

- (4) Puriton Playing Fields
None
- (5) SALC
 - Cllr Antony Carr (Chilton Polden) has taken the seat as SALC Area Chairman for Sedgemoor.
- (6) Councillors
 - MH – Pinch point application for Woolavington Rd to be looked at by Somerset CC in Feb min 115.8
 - MH – Puriton has been identified as an enterprise zone due to the energy park.
 - SL – To organise with Housing Services the siting of the noticebrd min 113.5(9)
 - SL – Kids to get together in Dec and to progress with Sharon Tate min 114.6(5)
 - SL – seeking quote on a bespoke bus shelter for Riverton Road
 - ST – The Post Office premises are being informally advertised for sale as a retail unit and will be formally advertised in the new year. ST hopes to remain on site until any sale progresses. Clerk to contact reclamation yards to ascertain interest in buying & removing the phone box
- (7) Chairman
None
- (8) Village Beat Officer
Remove as standing item on agenda
- (9) Poldens Cluster Meeting
Next meeting 20/10/15 to which Cllr Lunn will attend.

116.17 The receipt of the following letters and emails were acknowledged

(1)	The Pension Regulator	Confirmation of staging date	L
(2)	Clean Surroundings	Offer of free spring bulbs	E
(3)	Yvonne Kay	Resignation of village agent	E
(4)	SDC	Offer of planning training	E
(5)	SDC	Consultation event on local plan	E
(6)	Unity Trust	New bank sort code	L
(7)	Somerset Film	use of film in neighbourhood plan	E
(8)	National Grid	New Hinkley C Project mgr	L
(9)	Zurich	Increase in Insurance Premium tax	E
(10)	SCC	De-icing grit offered	L
(11)	SCC	Use of egress switch to open emails	L
(12)	CRISP	Setting up a community resilience group	L
(13)	SCC	winter services on highways	L
(14)	Viridor	Notice of intended planning app at Walpole	E

116.18 Other business referred to the Clerk

To find out any progress on the council's application for Hinkley Point funding for the Puriton community Link Project.

116.19 To receive a letter of resignation from Cllr Julie Jones, Chairman, and to thank her for the hard work and commitment she has shown during her years of service to Puriton Parish Council.

The resignation of Julie Jones was received by the council and Julie was thanked for all of the work she has undertaken for the parish.

116.20 To elect a chairman

Resolved: Cllr Simon Langley is elected chairman and permitted to sign his declaration of acceptance of this office at the meeting of Puriton Parish Council on 10th November 2015.

116.21 Date of next Meeting - Parish Council Meeting 10th November 2015 commencing at 8.00 pm.

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