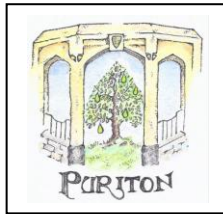


PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



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Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman announced the winners of 2014 Village Christmas Lights Competition.

1 st Prize	The Nobes Family	56 Puriton Park
2 nd Prize	The Curtis Family	60 Puriton Park
3 rd Prize	The Henderson Family	26 Woolavington Road

Minutes of the Meeting of Puriton Parish Council held in The Village Hall Puriton on Tuesday 13th January 2015 that commenced at 8.00 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs J Jones (Chairman) Mr Simon Langley (Vice Chairman) Mesdames J Fletcher K Newell and S Tizzard Messrs A Barnaby and O Strawbridge together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole.

Also in attendance were some three members of the public

109.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Councillor Mr M Healey

109.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

109.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015 that had been duly circulated, be amended to show missing apologies and approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

109.4 Past Subject Matters

To receive the Clerk's circulated paper for the purpose of report only

(1) Matters raised by the public

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Resolutions

- (1) To resolve whether not to register for NALC Local Council Award Scheme

Resolved to so register

- (2) To resolve to voice the Parish Council's concern relating to ever increasing problem of "Dog Mess" and to consider what action to be taken.

Resolved that all possible steps be taken to draw the attention of the village residents to this mounting and serious problem

- (3) To resolve to provide a formal response to Sedgemoor District Council's Consultation in respect to the Land North of Bridgwater Somerset entitled Development Brief and Design Principles Bristol Road North (previously known as Northern Gateway)

Resolved to note the action undertaken by the Council Chairman

- (4) To resolve to note the receipt of Mr Poole's letter of resignation as Parish Clerk effective from the 31st March 2015 and to note the arrangements currently in hand to appoint a successor

Resolved to note

It was also noted that the process for seeking a successor for Mr Poole had been implemented in respect to the Exit Strategy Policy of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the interview(s) would take place on Saturday 24th January. The interview panel as already discussed would comprise of Mesdames Jones & Newell and Mr S Langley.

- (5) To resolve to agree a meeting schedule for 2015

Resolved to accept the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2015

- (6) To resolve to agree a Budget for the Financial Period 2015-16 and as a consequence of that agreement to further resolve the Precept for the same period

Resolved that the Budget for the Financial Period 2015-16 be agreed at £29,520

Resolved that the Precept for 2015-16 be agreed at £32,000

This reflected in a Band D figure £46.86 a .76 pence (-1.60%) decrease on the previous year

- (7) To resolve to receive a set of accounts for the period 1st April 2014 to the 31st December 2014

Received

Finance & Personnel Committee

- (1) To approve the following items of expenditure for the past month

(68)	Staff	Salaries & Expenses- Dec 14	1193.31	
(69)	Puriton Playing Fields	Hall Hire – October	68.68	13.74
(70)	Puriton Plating Fields	Hall Hire – November	52.00	10.40
(71)	Mr B Poole	Vodafone	17.54	3.51
(72)	Viridor	Euro Bin Rental – 31/12/14	18.77	3.75
	Viridor	Ad Hoc Charges	10.00	2.00
(73)	MicroshadeVSM	Monthly Hosting Fee	43.00	8.60
(74)	RBS Rialtas	Alpha Software Maintenance	109.00	21.80
(75)	SLCC	Annual Membership	118.00	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

109.7 Planning Committee

- (1) To receive the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 19th December 2014 and to note the decisions thereto.

Received

109.8 Open Spaces Report

- (1) To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Footpaths & Bridleways

It was noted with regret that Mr Chris Hewitt had decided to step down as the Parish Paths Liaison Officer.

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Hewitt for all the voluntary work he had undertaken on behalf of the village

- (2) Roads & Transport MH
(3) SYRP Initiative
(4) Village Heritage Path Project

Mr Poole reported that he still wished personally to see this project reach a conclusion

109.9 To receive the following reports

- (1) Village Hall KN

Successful Christmas Fayre had been held

- (2) Puriton Playing Fields JF

The AGM has been arranged for the 1st March 2015

- (3) SALC BP

- (4) Councillors – County – District - Parish MH

- (a) Councillor J Fletcher

- (i) Manse Lane
(ii) Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported on what steps he had taken in respect to the two subject matters

- (b) Councillor S Langley

- (i) Planning Steering Group

Noted that Mrs Heather Strawbridge was the Chairman

- (ii) Victorian Evening

Yet another very successful year

- (c) Councillor K Newell

- (i) Flooding

She stated that she was not entirely impressed at the style of flood warnings recently given out by the Environment Agency

(d) Councillor A Barnaby

(i) Drains

He expressed concern about the drains in the village where regular cleansing appeared to no longer take place.

(5) Village Beat Officer

Nothing

(6) Village Plan Project Group

It was agreed that some thought should be given to the setting up of a working party to explore the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan

(7) Poldens Cluster Meeting

(8) Chairman

JJ

(9) The Clerk

BP

He reminded members of the processes involved with the forthcoming May elections

109.10 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails

(1)	SDC	Nick Tait – Pre-Determination	E
(2)	NALC	Local Council Award Scheme	E
(3)	SDC	Register of Electors 2015	BP
(4)	British Library	Serial Claim Letter – Issue 13 (2104 - Winter/Spring)	BP
(5)	Mr Jerry Pope	The Rye – Quotation	BP
(6)	SALC	NALC/SLCC Salary Agreement – Short Form	BP
(7)	Mr Ford	Dual Carriageway – Jnc. 23 with the Dunball Roundabout	E
(8)	SDC	Consultation – Land North of Bridgwater	E

Additional correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda

(9)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 850 – 09/01/14	E
(10)	Clerks & Councils	Direct – Issue 97 – January 2015	C

109.11 Other Business referred to the Clerk

109.12 Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th February 2015 commencing at 8.00 pm.