

PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 264th Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on

Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs R Price (Chair), K Keatley (Vice Chair), R Keeble, P Lanfear, S Folland,
CCllr E Wainwright, CCllr M Squires, F Lowe (Clerk), 3 members of the public

- 32) **Public Session** A parishioner thanked the Parish Council for the work done on the footpaths. A query was raised about a shipping container - that although a permanent fixture for several years, has been moved and now has a visual impact on many residents. There was a complain about tractors going through the village until 2am in the morning. It is thought that they were connected to Menchine Farm but without proof of this it is not possible to pursue it further.

Cllr Squires gave her report – potholes are still a big issue. To be considered a pothole, the measurements must be 1ft across and 2 inches deep with a vertical edge. A photo is always helpful. There is a possibility that the closed road will be repaired towards the end of the next financial year (Feb/March 2021). Cllr Squires left to attend another meeting.

It was agreed that future meetings will start at 7.30pm.

- 33) **Apologies** None

- 34) **Declarations of Interest** None declared

- 35) **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3rd September 2019 were agreed as a true and correct record, and signed by Cllr Price.

- 36) **Correspondence.** Cllrs confirmed that they had received the correspondence listed in the Agenda from 28/08 to 29/10/2019 inclusive and had no comments. The question was asked if this information is available to residents via The Bell newsletter; the Clerk replied that she forwarded emails that she thought would be of interest, and cllrs are welcome to forward emails to the editor.

- 37) **Planning**

- a) **Decision.** Reference No: 19/01413/FULL Date of Permission: 4th October 2019
Proposal: Erection of 2 lean to extensions on existing agricultural livestock building
Location: Land at NGR 283971 111860 (Bamson) Puddington Devon **GRANTED**
- b) **Application.** Ref: 18/01566/FULL for the proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock and storage building at Land at NGR 284444 111289 Chapple Farm Pennymoor Devon (revised drawings). The Clerk was instructed to refer to the previous comments and resend these "Puddington Parish Council would like to register an objection to this application in the strongest possible terms. They request that the applicant provides more detail with regard to the current cattle numbers and where they are kept, along with details of how they propose to expand the business now and in the future. They are further concerned that the building previously permitted has been built in the wrong location, and due to this, it is now highly visible on the skyline, and request that enforcement is employed to have it brought in line with the original application and

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consent. As the previous building is in the wrong location, it appears to conflict with the current application, and it is unclear what is currently where on the site and exactly where the proposed location of this application will be sited. Is it possible to have the site surveyed to provide this information and a solution to the transgressions?"

38) **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

- a) **Playground.** Mark Bailey has found a site for Government grants that offers up to £25k to regenerate public areas. 30% must be found locally, with application in by the end of the year. It has to include the use of natural resources on site. There is still no volunteer come forward to lead this. MDDC Maintenance ends in March 2020. **Cllr Wainwright will check the dates when MDDC will hand over the site and how long the S106 money will be available for.**
- b) **Precept Setting.** The Clerk showed the anticipated figures for the next financial year and a history of the Churchyard payment/donation was given. Following a discussion, it was decided to make an ex-gratis payment to the Churchyard of £50; proposed by Cllr Keatley and seconded by Cllr Folland in the next financial year, but not to make a donation to Citizens Advice. It was provisionally agreed to set the precept at £1,500 to be finalised at the meeting in January.
- c) **Preparing for a national bereavement.** Both DALC and SLCC have suggested that Parish Council prepare for this. Following a discussion, it was thought that planting a tree or trees as a permanent memorial would be a good idea. **Cllr Price to collate ideas and possible locations.**
- d) **Speed Signs.** The Clerk provided information and costs for various signs. **Cllr Keatley to ask parishioners about wheelie bin signs.**
- e) **Grit Bins.** It was confirmed that all the bins are full.

39) **Councillors Reports**

- a) **Footpaths.** Cllr Keatley reported that latches have been repaired/replaced, the bridge re-concreted and signs put up. He has also put his name forward to be the Snow Warden.
- b) **District Report from Cllr Wainwright. GESP:** The first meeting of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan was on November 4th, and is a partnership between Exeter, Teignbridge, East and Mid Devon councils; "This formal statutory document will provide the overall spatial strategy and level of housing and employment land to be provided up to 2040". You can read more here -- <https://www.gesp.org.uk/overview/> There will be a series of meetings over the coming months, and a chance for consultation and input.
Broadband: A representative from DCC was due to attend MDDC Scrutiny Committee to give an update on rollout in Mid Devon, but was postponed. Update when available.
Climate change: Parishes are deciding how to engage with the climate agenda. Tree planting will be one relatively easy way to reduce the impact of climate change. Communities and schools can apply to the Woodland Trust for free trees to be delivered in March 2020. More information online at <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/> The newly formed Tiverton Tree Team is planning to plant 1,000 trees on Saturday November 30th on land around Tiverton and surrounding villages You can get involved – more information here <http://www.sustainabletiverton.org.uk/tivertontreeteam/>
A 'customer experience' working group has been set up at MDDC. This is the place to

share your ideas about how MDDC can be a more responsive, effective and engaging authority.

Lastly, and you may already be familiar with it, but this page is a helpful source of funding opportunities: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/how-do-i/getting-support-and-funding/sources-of-grant-funding>

40) Finance

- a) Clerks pay – £95.00 + 2nd class stamps at a cost of £7.32 = £102.32. Cheque no 304 signed by Cllrs Price and Keatley.
- b) Parish Election recharge - £107.35, cheque no 303 signed by Cllrs Price and Keatley.

Confirm dates of next meetings, which will start at 7.30pm

- c) Planning meeting. Tuesday 3rd December 2019 (this will only take place if there are planning applications to discuss).
- d) Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 7th January 2020

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman Date

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