

PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 258th Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on
Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr R Price (Chair) Cllr R Baily (Vice Chair), Cllr Folland, Cllr Wimbledon,
Cllr K Keatley (arrived late at item 41),
DCllr J Binks, F Lowe (Clerk), 5 members of the public

37) Public Session

The road closure between Puddington and Henceford Cross expires shortly and no work has yet been started. The subsidence has got worse. **FL to chase Highways for decision.**

38) Apologies

CCllr M Squires sent her apologies.

39) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Price declared an interest as he is the Secretary and his wife is the Treasurer of the Parochial Parish Church who have put in a request for precept grant.

40) Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4th September and Planning Meeting of 2nd October 2018 were agreed as a true and correct record. Cllr Bailey proposed signing and Cllr Folland seconded.

41) Correspondence

Cllrs confirmed that they had received the correspondence listed in the Agenda from 28/08/2018 to 31/10/2018 inclusive and had no comments.

42) Planning

Decision: Reference No: 18/01463/FULL. Date of Permission: 23rd October 2018. Proposal: Construction of a wildlife pond at land at Sunnybrook Farm Puddington. **Granted**

43) Matters arising from previous minutes.

- a) **Speeding.** Cllr Squires was not available to update. **FL to contact Cllr Squires for an update.**
- b) **Community Governance Review.** Councillors were unhappy with the response from MDDC that this will be looked at in conjunction with the Boundary Commission review of district wards and parishes. **FL to provide RB with contact details of the Monitoring Officer, Kathryn Tebbey**
- c) **Play Area Update.** Report by Keith Burrage. The site meeting on 2/11/18 was positive and MDDC were helpful. Gave good advice regarding the replacement of the ground cover and will replace this when appropriate to installers and weather conditions. The condition of the ground surface around the see-saw and roundabout is unsafe. If it is not possible to reduce the trip hazard this area will be cordoned off. Wickstead have visited and 3 more companies to visit and quote also. A discussion followed regarding the bi-monthly inspections, suggested layout of equipment, extending the play equipment area, picnic tables, wooden equipment removal, tree/hedge cutting, provision for teen equipment, insurance and on-going maintenance costs. The lease has expired, and the Rowcliffe Trust wish to pass ownership to the PC. There will be costs involved with this. It was proposed that the title of the land be passed to the PC. Proposed by Cllr Keatley; seconded by Cllr Folland. **FL to ask if MDDC will provide Legal Advice. RP to liaise with Rowcliffe Trust.** There are several overhanging trees that need cutting back. **Cllr Folland agreed to contact the owner and once agreement reached, cut back as necessary.** A sub-committee was established when Cllr Wimbledon agreed to join the

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Playground committee. They will not be able to make any financial commitments, this will be the decision of the PC. The sub-committee are arranging a children's activity session to get feedback on what equipment to purchase. Cllr Wimbledon offered to be involved, and all Cllrs are to interact with parishioners to ascertain the level of financial commitment through the Bell newsletter, NextDoor and engagement in conversation. It was recommended the PC advise Jo Williams that the PC would like the available S106 monies to be allocated to teen equipment. Proposed by Cllr Keatley and seconded by Cllr Bailey. **RP to contact JW.** The sub-committee will be sent the Code of Conduct, Model Financial regs and Model Standing Orders and need to agree to abide by these. **FL to send.**

- d) **Playground sign.** New arrow pointing in the right direction has been installed by MDDC.
 - e) **Hedge Cutting.** Cllr Squires was unavailable to comment. **FL to ask for update.**
 - f) **Gate on Lake Path.** This has been repaired.
 - g) **New Councillor Course.** This has been booked for Cllr Wimbledon for 5th December at a cost of £40 plus VAT.
- 44) **Current Business.** The precept for 2019-2020 needs to be advised to MDDC by end of January 2019. There was a discussion regarding anticipated costs for the forthcoming election, monies for the playground, grants for the Church and Citizens Advice in addition to usual expenditure. The formula for calculating this will be supplied by MDDC shortly. It was anticipated that election costs would be £107.50 for an uncontested election, and playground costs could be £500. A precept of £1,100 would give a deficit of £465.50. There is a bank balance of £1502.43 as at 31/10/2018. The precept will be agreed and set at the next meeting. The Church accounts for the Churchyard were viewed but it was not apparent how much money the Church has for all its expenditure. It was agreed to give an ex-gratia payment of £50 with a request that more extensive accounts are made available in future.
- 45) **Councillors Reports**
- a) Cllr Price attended the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) and gave information about current housing needs as supplied by the Government, DCC and Opinion Research Services, Swansea.
 - b) Cllr Keatley advised that he will undertake a survey of all the footpaths in the parish in the New Year and will complete the P3 returns.
- 46) **Finance**
- Clerks pay and expenses – £106.90 cheque no 228, signed by Cllrs Bailey and Keatley.
Church - £50 cheque no 229, signed by Cllrs Bailey and Keatley.
- 47) **Confirm dates of next meetings**
- a) Planning meeting. Tuesday 4th December 2018 (this will only take place if there are planning applications to discuss).
 - b) PCM on Wednesday 3rd January 2019. (This is subject to change)

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm

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