PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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**Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st July 2025.**

**In attendance:** Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. K Keatley (KK), Cllr. S Brick (SB), Cllr. S. Folland (SF), Cllr. S Keable (SK), Clerk Mrs S Childs, and 10 Members of Public.

1. **Public Session:** 
   1. RP introduced our newly elected County Cllr. Steve Keable to all attendees.
   2. Several members of the public expressed their concern over ongoing incidents of antisocial behaviour within the parish, particularly relating to significant danger to livestock. It was noted that one individual has been identified as the primary source of these issues. RP advised members of the public to keep reporting ongoing incidents to the appropriate authorities so that steps can be taken to address the problem, including the consideration of legal measures. No personal details will be disclosed due to data protection and privacy requirements.
2. **Apologies: -** Cllr. Helen Tuffin, and Cllr. Mark Jenkins
3. **Declarations of Interest not declared in the Register of Interest:** - Cllrs. S Brick and R Price declared an interest in item 6.1, the Shipping Container.
4. **Minutes**: - The minutes were approved and adopted by all Councillors.
5. **Correspondence:** - Circulated electronically.
6. **Matters arising from previous minutes: -** 
   1. Shipping Container: - As of 1 July 2025 MDDC has now removed the shipping container: - Closed.
   2. Puddington Cross Junction: - Ongoing.

An informal meeting was held at Puddington Cross Junction on 11 May to identify suitable locations for improved road signage. It was agreed that the optimal position when approaching from Black Dog would be in front of Wilf’s garage, and from the Tiverton direction, the existing post would be used to install a replacement sign. KK agreed to consult Wilf regarding the placement of a pole and signage outside his garage, and Wilf gave his consent. SC and KK have since obtained quotes from various suppliers for the new, clearer signage. A suitable quote was accepted, the signs have been ordered, and delivery is expected in the first two weeks of July. Once received, KK will coordinate their installation.

RP has contacted the new Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr. Dan Thomas, outlining the long-standing issues with the white lines at Puddington Cross junction and including the original report. No response has been received to date. Cllr. Steve Keable will follow up, and RP will share the original email sent on 14 June 2025. SC explored private quotes for the work, but costs were prohibitive. As responsibility lies with Devon Highways, a prompt resolution is awaited. Meanwhile, the public is encouraged to continue reporting related incidents.

1. **To receive the following reports: -** 
   1. Parish – KK reported that the footpath behind Colin Pike’s land has been strimmed by the council. There have been incidents of fly tipping on this path. No problems elsewhere.
   2. District – Key points - Have your say on the future of Devon’s Councils, Mid Devon acquires three electric vehicles in a drive to cut emissions, e-newsletter for Mid Devon businesses about emerging opportunities and initiatives, The My Mid Devon portal for access to online services, Community Commercial Hubs Grant Scheme. – Full report displayed on noticeboard.
   3. County – Key points – The last financial year ended in balance, Council to trial pothole repair blitz - £83 million road maintenance programme, New DCC Cabinet vows to improve the outcomes of our most vulnerable children through new 10 year plan, Tiverton homes appeal won by developers, Major poolside upgrades completed at Crediton and Tiverton Leisure Centres, Copplestone Road Closure & Cross Hotel Update, Tiverton Work Hub completed & management operator appointed – Full report displayed on noticeboard.
2. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25**

The form was duly signed by RP and SC.

1. **Current Business: -**

Current Financial Situation noted.

1. **Confirm Date of Next Meeting:-**
   1. Meeting date agreed for Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm.
   2. Agenda Items for consideration at next meeting – None.

Meeting Closed at 20.50hrs