

Draft Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 27 July 2021

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Murray, Sherwood, Cox, Abbott, Lock

Apologies received: Cllrs Howard, Phillips, Fox, Potts, Ward, Figueirido, Latimer & District Cllr Haynes

Democratic Period:

It was reported by a parishioner that the grass alongside the river between Saddlers and Wightmans Orchard has been cut but not strimmed. Clerk to contact grounds maintenance team at Dorset Council. **Action – Clerk**

It was reported by a parishioner that a car repair service is operating from Courtyard Cottages. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Dorset Council to determine if this is allowed. **Action – Clerk**

Cllr Murray advised the council that the planning approval/refusal notices are not being uploaded onto the website. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Planning. **Action – Clerk**

i) Dorset Councillor Update

Dorset Cllr Haynes gave apologies for the meeting but the following report has been received;

- We are finding increasing staffing pressures across the council as people are contacted by track and trace and told to self-isolate. This comes at a time when many have booked well deserved annual leave. As just a brief example on Friday all supervisors at the Poundbury waste depot were isolating as well as all the workshop staff. In addition, in the area of waste it is incredible difficult to get short term agency staff to cover as every other company is in the same position. Of course this applies to people providing domiciliary care, our front desk staff and those working on the highways too. So, if things don't happen as quickly as you would normally expect bear with us please. We will have to concentrate on those most vulnerable residents.
- The increase in Covid cases has led to the decision of the Leader and Chief Executive to continue to hold council meeting virtually until mid-September. This works on a "minded to" decision made by the Cabinet or committee and then either the relevant portfolio holder or delegated officer making the decision. It's not ideal but the rooms at county hall are too small and not well ventilated so many were uncomfortable with face-to-face meetings.
- I have been involved on work that the council is just starting on our Customer Services Strategy, I am hoping to really get the muddle of so many email addresses and contact numbers sorted out. We need to listen to what our customers say, and they need to have to have their queries sorted out at the first point of contact. There are some interesting figures which show that some 90% of people deal with their bank on-line and yet only 28% of people feel comfortable

dealing with the council this way. We have started work on the website to make the pages much simpler and less of them but there is much more to do. One area might be a customer account where you can order your garden bin, check out your council tax, get a blue badge if eligible, arrange your shoppers parking permit and where you could receive notification on planning applications near you. It will take a while, but I hope to really get this moving so that dealing with the council is much easier. Of course, we will always need our call centre too particularly for those who cannot get on-line or who have an emergency situation. We are also looking to increase the information and advice that we can offer through our main libraries.

- Talking of libraries there is a great Summer Reading Challenge in our libraries at the moment for youngsters, and we have over 1000 signed up in the first couple of weeks. The initiative has teamed up with the World Wildlife Fund with the theme Wild World Heroes. It is for 4 to 11 year olds looking at a different wild habitat each week and well worth encouraging.

ii) Police/Home Watch update

No update received from the Police, Clerk to chase.

Action – Clerk to request update prior to next meeting

78/2021 Declarations of interest

There were none.

79/2021 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Abbott and seconded by Cllr Cox that these minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed with one abstention.

80/2021 Action points from last meeting

- a) Democratic period April ii) Police update – Clerk to request update
- b) 43/2021 Cllr Phillips to contact Dorset Cllr Haynes regarding the response received from planning concerning planning application WD/D/20/002271 – **Action for Cllr Phillips – Next agenda**
- c) 43/2021 cii) Clerk to request update from enforcement regarding Units A – C Enterprise Park – **Action for Clerk – Next agenda**

81/2021 Planning Matters

a) Responses to Planning consultations

P/HOU/2021/01275 - Erection of an oak framed shed/store Location - Lovelaces Copse Park Farm to Brace of Pheasants Plush – Cllr Sherwood presented this application and advised that no comments had been received and therefore proposed that the application is approved. Cllr Cox seconded the proposal with all in agreement.

P/FUL/2021/01348 - Conversion of former agricultural barn to 1no. dwelling, replace existing attached outbuildings with single storey extensions & erection of detached double garage – Sunnydale, White Lackington – Cllr Sherwood presented this application and proposed that the application is approved but with comments regarding the serious concerns with flooding downstream and with the proposed separate sewage system this could cause contamination

in water sources, this should be connected to the mains drain. This location is also within a flood zone. Cllr Cox seconded the proposal with 3 in favour and 2 against.

b) Enforcement

The Clerk is in receipt of an email from a parishioner who is very concerned about the camping set up at Redlands Coppice, in particular the noise. This was discussed and it was agreed that this is not a matter for the Parish Council as the Parish Council have no powers to enforce the concerns. This would be deemed as a public nuisance issue which can be dealt with by the Police. However, Cllr Abbott did agree to speak to the landowner.

Action – Cllr Abbott to speak to landowner

82/2021 Piddle Inn

An e-mail has been received from Dorset Council regarding notification by the owner of the Piddle Inn of his intention to grant a lease of 25 years or longer representing a non-exempt relevant disposal of the property under ACV legislation.

Cllr Cox proposed a response is sent to the planning officer dealing with this to make a bid under the ACV guidance that it is the Parish Council's intention to bid for freehold or lease of the Piddle Inn.

The response should also include a reminder that no formal letter has been received including further information such as how much the owner is asking for the freehold or lease. Request a confirmation of the intention to bid.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Murray. All agreed.

A public meeting will be organised and it was proposed by Cllr Sherwood and seconded by Cllr Murray that the parish council covers the cost of printing flyers and meeting costs up to a value of £300. All agreed.

83/2021 Community Asset

Cllr Sherwood agreed to complete the application to nominate The Brace of Pheasants at Plush.

Action – Cllr Sherwood

84/2021 Community Car Scheme Working Group - update

The scheme is back up and running and Nordcat are carrying out some of the journeys.

85/2021 DAPTC meeting & training update

The Clerk confirmed that notification of the Annual General Meeting will be held on 13 November 2021 at 10am via Zoom.

Information on the Community Governance Review has been received and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the August meeting.

Action – Clerk to include Community Governance Review on next agenda

86/2021 Website update

No update

87/2021 Defibrillator Working Group - update

- a) Replacement defibrillator for Enterprise Park – next agenda

Cllr Sherwood advised that the pads will be out of date in 2 months and requested that the Clerk order 5 sets.

Action – Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat to place order

88/2021 Financial Matters

- a) Bills for payment

Clerks expenses April - July	£67.19
Community Car Insurance	£162.92
DAPTC – Introduction to Planning – Cllr Fox	£39.00
DAPTC – New Councillor Induction – Cllr Figueiredo	£35.00
Community Heartbeat Trust – VETS Aug 21 – Aug 22	£270.00

It was proposed by Cllr Sherwood and proposed by Cllr Abbott that these payments are approved. All agreed.

89/2021 Highway Matters

- a) Safety concerns at Piddlehinton Cross

The Clerk informed the meeting that three emails have been received regarding concerns with parked cars on the B3143 at Piddlehinton very close to the junction with the cross. It was agreed that these concerns are reported to PCSO Donnison and that anyone with these concerns should report them on the Dorset Road Safe website.

Action – Clerk to respond to emails and report to PCSO Donnison

- b) Rescheduled surface dressing – London Row

Notification has been received confirming the surface dressing works will now be carried out as and when indicated by signs between the period of 16 August – 3 September 2021.

90/2021 Councillor Vacancies & New Chair

The Clerk advised that following the resignation of Cllr Tesniere has increased the current vacancies to 3. Also, Cllr Phillips will be standing down from the council following the August meeting leaving the position of Chair vacant. The Clerk asked all Cllrs to consider this position.

91/2021 Piddle Path

No update as Cllr Figueiredo gave apologies for this meeting.

92/2021 Covid-19

Although no update was given this month it was agreed that this item should remain as a standing item on the agenda.

93/2021 News and Views

It was agreed that the current vacancies should be included.

Action – Clerk to send details to News & Views editor

94/2021 Playing Field and Playground

Cllr Cox confirmed he has carried out some maintenance and tidied the playground up.

95/2021 External Communications

a) Freedom of Information request

The Clerk informed the meeting that a Freedom of Information request had been received requesting all correspondence between the Parish Council and the applicant/planning agent for Mullets. Following advice from the Information Commissioners Office the Clerk made the decision not to release any information until a full planning application is received.

b) Boundary changes

Cllr Sherwood proposed that the Parish Council objects to the proposed changes in the Constituency Boundary review and that Piddle Valley wishes to remain in the West Dorset constituency. This was seconded by Cllr Cox. All agreed.

Action – Clerk to contact Chris Loder to confirm the council's objection to the proposal

96/2021 Items for next agenda

Enforcement - update on building frame behind Ashley Wood, Units A-C Enterprise Park – Clerk

Community Governance Review – All Cllrs

Feedback from Piddle Inn working group

Police & Crime Commissioner letter regarding lack of support within Piddle Valley from PCSO

Replacement defibrillator for Enterprise Park

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20pm with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31 August 2021 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.