

# PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, J Lunn, B and V Crow, A Barnaby and S Tizzard.

Parish Clerk S Diaz

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Prior to the meeting commencing, James Jenkinson, Environment and Sustainability Manager from Foresight Group provided an overview on the Solar Farm north of Puriton and answered questions Council on solar energy.

**18/10A To receive any apologies of non-attendance**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Dennis, and Healey

**18/10B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda**

Cllr J Fletcher and S Tizzard declared an interest in any matter relating to items 18/10H, J, K.

**18/10C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

It was resolved to approve the [minutes](#) held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**18/10D To receive the Clerks report**

The annual audit has been finalised and approved by PKF Littlejohn and all documents are now on the website. Sedgemoor District Council planning department was contacted regarding the signs at the entrance of the village asking if planning permission was required. The sign on the left of the entrance to the village is fine and does not need planning permission, however they were contacting highways to enquire if the one nearer the road does need permission. The clerk is awaiting a response.

Actions from last meeting:

The Exchange Inn-Sedgemoor District Council legal team were unaware of any legal issues relating to the property. The Clerk will contact the Environmental Department and Sedgemoor District Council to discuss the site and how to address the road concerns from the tree roots. EDF have been contacted again asking for a response to the broken traffic light on the M5 at J23, however still no response has been received, A formal complaint to Head office will be sent if no action or correspondence has been received by 12.10.18. Fly tipping has been reported to clean surroundings.

Actions from previous meetings

Puriton Manor wall- The wall could be considered as dangerous and could collapse due to overgrown vegetation. The Clerk will send a letter to the owner asking them to address the issue. New signs are already in place at the triangle, saying please do not park on the grass verge. Ranger will reposition the signs to ensure maximum visibility.

A letter has been sent to the Village Hall regarding the roll of honour and commemorative plaque. An email from the Village Hall has been sent to the Chairman who will forward this to the clerk. Another email will be sent to follow up on the details on how the grant they applied for was spent for accountability purposes. Somerset Drainage Board has visited the site and spoken to the owner of the wall that has fallen into the rhyne opposite Pool Close.

The landowner has agreed to remove stones/debris. If this has not been done within the next 7 days, the Clerk has been asked to inform Somerset Drainage Board. The clerk has asked County highways about taking responsibility for the batch triangle at the junction of Batch Road and Rye and the Village pond area in Middle St opposite Pool Close from the junction with Rye and Canns Lane to the stone wall by Orchard View. I am awaiting a response and will report back next meeting.

**18/10E To comment on the following planning applications:**

No applications to consider

**18/10F To note the outcome of the following planning applications**

**42/18/00023** 2, Rowlands Rise, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BT

Erection of a single storey rear extension, partly on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished). Granted permission

**42/18/00014** Adjacent to A38 and north of Dunball roundabout, Puriton, Bridgwater

Hybrid application seeking; (a) full planning permission for the erection of a petrol filling station (PFS) with an ancillary A1 / A5 use and two drive thru units with associated car parking, circulatory routes, landscaping, access (including internal roads), servicing and other associated works and; (b) outline application with some matters reserved for Use Classes B1, B2, B8 and trade counter. Awaiting decision.

**42/18/00016** Land North West of Dunball Roundabout West Of, Bristol Road, Dunball, Bridgwater Hybrid (full and outline) application for the erection of a petrol filling station, formation of access, ancillary roads and drainage. Outline application with all matters reserved for Use Class B2 development. Awaiting decision.

**42/18/00013.** 68 Puriton Park, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8BJ. Erection of two-story extension on side (west) elevation. Awaiting decision.

**42/18/00004.** Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball. Installation of seven internally illuminated fascia signs. Awaiting decision.

**42/18/00005.** Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball.

Installation of one internally illuminated gateway sign, six internally illuminated totem signs, eighteen non-illuminated car parking signs, one non-illuminated banner unit, one internally illuminated banner unit and one internally illuminated display board. Awaiting decision.

**42/18/00006.** Land to the south of Dunball Mill, Dunball Industrial Estate, Dunball. Installation of two internally illuminated 12m high totem signs. Awaiting decision.

**18/10G To approve the following payments**

Payee	Description	VAT	Amount
Media Edge Uk	Newsletter printing		498.65
Nest	Clerk Pension		15.71
SALC	Clerks Training		30.00
Bootup PC	Email name change	3.00	18.00
Puriton Playing Fields	Room hire	5.20	31.20
E-On	Electricity for Rye	0.42	8.79
Plusnet	Broadband and phone for Sports Centre	8.72	52.30
HMRC	Tax/NI September		21.57
Chris Gulliford	Expenses/Salary/September 2018	2.95	572.48
Sally Diaz	Expenses/Salary/September 2018		1262.85
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fees	40.00	240.00
Sedgemoor District Council	Dog bin emptying Oct to March 18/19	139.36	836.16
Unity Trust	Bank charges		18.00

It was resolved that the payments were approved.

**The meeting was closed at 8.20pm and reopened at 8.40pm**

**18/10H To consider suggestions on how the Parish Council will spend the s106 funds received from Taylor Wimpey, which amount to £10751.85**

It was resolved to withhold this item and obtain more information on the following and be addressed at the next meeting before a decision could be made: Which areas in the parish need maintenance and repair. A detailed breakdown of costs from Puriton Playing Fields

**18/10I To consider for the annual budget**

It was resolved to discuss budget plans at an informal meeting on 23.10.18 at 7.30pm and to report back at the next full Council meeting on 13.11.18.

**18/10J To consider how to spend the CIL funds from 04.18 £5415.63**

It was resolved to consider this item at the next meeting when further information has been provided from points 18.10H

**18/10K To consider how to spend the RLT2/3 funds for grants award £3965**

It was resolved that the clerk will obtain further details how to apply for the grant and the criteria required to do so. Considerations for this grant are alterations to the park at Puriton Playing fields.

**18/10L To consider obtaining three quotes for the renovation of the remaining two sides of the village triangle on Rye**

The clerk has contacted two local contractors requesting quotes for the work by 1.11.18

**18/10M To consider the responsibility of/maintenance of the new play area at the Taylor Wimpey Development**

It was resolved that the Council do not want to have the responsibility/maintenance of the new play area at the Taylor Wimpey development. The clerk will ask Sedgemoor District Council if running costs can be included in the association fee on the development.

**18/10N To consider an action plan whereby all council members who are making enquiries or requesting information for the council report back to the council at the beginning of the subsequent meeting and provides a written summary to the Clerk**

It was resolved that reports were to be emailed to the Clerk and reported at the next Council meeting for any enquiries made.

**18/10O To request that the clerk provides a summary of each of the monthly Parish Council minutes for inclusion in the newsletter**

It was resolved that the clerk will provide a summary of monthly Parish Council minutes for inclusion in the newsletter

**18/10P To consider if the Parish Council should order a reprint of the 'Puriton Pathways' leaflet and if so if any alterations should be made**

It was resolved that the Parish Council will print the Puriton Pathways leaflet

**18/10Q To receive the following reports for information only**

Village Hall No report

Puriton Playing Fields

Ongoing plans for phase 1 of the renovations continue.

There are considerations for relocating an item of play equipment due to the safety surface being damaged.

Potential repairs to the Sceptic tank or the possibility of connecting to the mains.

The car park will need to be resurfaced once the sceptic tank issue has been resolved. The Chairman asked if a potential nature walk for field trips could be considered.

Parish Councillor

The Council met with the traffic engineer from Somerset County Council and

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provided a comprehensive list of the issues in the parish regarding parking, traffic, speed limits, traffic calming and signage. A walk of the parish showed them the areas of concern and photos were taken to record the concerns where possible. The parish Councillor is awaiting a response from the traffic engineer and will report back at the next meeting.

District & County Councillor(s) No report

Chairman No report

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm**

**End of minutes**