

Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 29 January 2019

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Ebdon (CHAIR), Potts, Abbott, Mailer, Coombes, Phillips, Brackstone, Lock, Howard, Sherwood, Cox, *Feov*

Apologies received: Cllr Murray, Habgood

Democratic Period

Representatives from Dorset Highways attended the meeting to give a presentation on the proposed works to the bridge on Church Lane, Piddletrenthide.

The bridge causes flooding which means it needs replacing. The proposal is to widen the bridge by 1m either side, increase the height by 25m and increase the flow area to 3m².

Whilst the works are being carried out there will need to be a diversion and this is proposed to be along the bridleway which the construction team will make good. The project will be similar to that at Charminster.

To create the additional height will result in a hump in the road.

These works are a result of a flood investigation in 2016 and once completed it will prevent further flood risk.

The project is in its early stages and as it is in a conservation area it may require planning permission. The design will be concrete with the elevations being in brick. Unfortunately the original bricks cannot be used as it takes a long time to clean them and there is also no guarantee that these would not be damaged.

The materials used will be sensitive to the environment.

A bypass channel was an option but the levels wouldn't provide the flows required.

Concern was expressed with the volumes and types of vehicles that would use the bridleway as a diversion and questioned if it would be legal. There are no passing places so could the BOAT be used for one way and the bridleway also one way? This is something Highways will look at prior to the works starting.

It was asked if anything will be done with the bed of the river and Highways confirmed that the foundations of the bridge are shallow so unable to dig down too much as this would cause it to be unstable.

The provisional start date is September 2019. The Highways Team agreed to attend a future meeting to update the Parish Council on the final plans.

Cllr Ebdon thanked Highways for attending.

County Cllr Update

County Councillor Haynes attended the meeting and gave an update which included the following;

- Community bus is not viable – who is using it and how many use the Nordcat service? Would the Parish subsidise it? A year's data has now been collected which shows that there are not enough people using it. It could be terminated at the end of February. The initial solution is to find out what the needs are. The Community Transport group agreed to contact the users to find out what they need.

Action – Community Transport group

- LGR – Interviews for the 5 Directors have taken place and the appointments were made towards the end of December. One existing DCC officer was appointed to one of the posts.
Governance issues have been reviewed and a good debate about planning took place. The way West Dorset District Council have always managed their consultation process will be the process for the Dorset Council.
Convergence works are underway which is combining services. Unlikely to see any change in Adults & Children's as there currently isn't enough staff.

District Cllr update

District Cllr Haynes was unable to attend the meeting.

Police/Home watch update

It was reported that there has been a suspicious vehicle on farms and sheep rustling has been happening.

01/2019 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

02/2019 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on 27 November 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Potts that these minutes with the following amendment should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

Page 5, item 204/2018, last sentence should read, paint and not pain.

03/2019 Matters arising from last minutes – action sheet

The outstanding items on the action sheet were updated.

04/2019 Parish Councillor Vacancy

A discussion took place regarding co-opting someone to fill the vacancy for Piddletrenthide. The elections for parish councils are in May so it was discussed as to whether the council waits for that process or to continue trying to fill it before. It was proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Sherwood that it should be advertised. All agreed.

It was also agreed that information about the elections should go in the News & Views and on the website.

Action – Cllr Mailer & Clerk

05/2019 Planning matters

i) Update on enforcement issues

Lawrence Mede – The enforcement officer has confirmed that as the plans show either option of doors, it does not matter that the bricked up door exists.

Land to the rear of Lime Cottage, Piddletrenthide - Alleged levelling of land for siting of horse shelter – Response from enforcement states that having viewed the site, whilst the groundworks that have taken place to change the terracing to a slope could technically be classified as engineering works/landscaping that would require consent; but is not considered to be of a degree that gives us cause for concern. Providing that the field shelter does get moved around the site periodically then it is classified as temporary and does not require planning consent.

Cllr Mailer confirmed that it is not on skids and is a stable. Clerk to respond to enforcement with this information.

Action – Clerk to respond to enforcement

Princes Farm, Piddletrenthide – alleged camp site – acknowledgement has been received but nothing further. Clerk to chase enforcement.

Action – Clerk to chase enforcement

ii) Decision notices

WD/D/18/001629 – Greens Services, White Lackington - Change of use of 3 existing buildings on the site from B1/B2 Use to form 3no. self-contained dwellings (C3 Use Class) with associated off-road parking – APPROVED

WD/D/18/002689 – 20 Paynes Close, Piddlehinton - Non Material Amendment to application
WD/D/18/001954 Amendment to planning approval WD/D/18/001954 - Change of external
wall material from facing brick to render – GRANTED

iii) Planning training event

The Clerk informed the meeting that this event is fully booked but the council is on the waiting list.

06/2019 Community Car scheme working group

Cllr Potts gave an update which included the following;

Meeting held on 17 January 2019 – 11 members have joined and paid for the scheme. 14 drivers have signed up.

It was agreed to have this as an item on the extra ordinary meeting on 13 February 2019.

Action – Clerk to add to extra ordinary agenda

07/2019 Policy Working Group recommendations

The revised security compliance checklist has been circulated and completed forms should be given/sent to the Clerk.

08/2019 DAPTC meeting update

Cllr Lock agreed to attend the Annual Conference.

Since the meeting the Clerk has attempted to book Cllr Lock on to the conference but it is fully booked.

09/2019 New Website

The Clerk informed the meeting that all outstanding items for the website have now been completed apart from the signed minutes and the agendas but this will be actioned prior to the next meeting.

Action – Clerk to place signed minutes and agendas on website

10/2019 Defibrillator Working Group update

Training for the VETS has taken place.

Pads are required and a further working group meeting needs to be arranged.

The Alton Pancras site still hasn't got any electric.

A reminder was given that recipients of correspondence should be 'BCC' and not 'CC'.

11/2019 Financial Matters

a) Bills for Payment - December

Clerks expenses	£ 17.26
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b) Bills for Payment – January

Village Hall hire costs inc. Community trans.	£ 24.50
Clerks expenses	£ 50.93
Cllr Cox expenses	£ 45.00
Creeds	£ 95.00
Cllr Mailer reimbursement of costs (C/T)	£ 4.00

It was proposed by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Coombes that these payments should be made. All agreed.

c) Income

WDDC – CIL Neighbourhood payment (PH)	£778.44
Community Transport registration fees	£ 55.00
Dorchester Marathon contribution	£150.00

The CIL payment was discussed and it was agreed that this should be questioned as the development it is from is not within the boundary of Piddlehinton.

Action – Clerk to contact WDDC

d) 2019/2020 Precept request

The Clerk confirmed that the paperwork was submitted in December and an acknowledgement has been received from WDDC.

e) S106 update

Cllr Sherwood informed the meeting that she has discussed this with the officer at WDDC who has requested an outline of timescales for projects. There is no actual deadline for applications.

f) VAT Defibrillator claim

The Clerk confirmed that this has been processed.

12/2019 Highway Matters

a) Speed Indicator device

The Clerk informed the meeting of the costs involved regarding new sites for SID's and a discussion followed regarding potential sites. It was agreed that that the council requests 2 sites at Piddlehinton, 2 at Piddletrenthide and 1 at Alton Pancras. Cllrs Ebdon, Potts and Phillips agreed to meet with DCC to discuss on site the possibility and likelihood of the proposed sites being agreed.

Action – Clerk to contact DCC and request that the councillors and officers communicate direct to arrange site meeting

13/2019 News & Views/Website

Items for the next edition and website;

Elections & Councillor vacancy.

Apologies to the News & Views distributors for the leaflets for the last edition not being inserted.

14/2019 Playing Field & Playground

Cllr Cox informed the meeting that he has met with the school and gave the following update;

- Bonfire site – now frozen and a lot of metal. The working party has arranged to clear this on the 9 February 2019.
- Dug outs have now been removed
- Flood light poles have been donated back to school
- Football Pavilion lease in process of being transferred to PTA
- Hedge – obtaining quotes to get cut back
- Fencing is to be replaced
- Gate into football field, the hinges are being replaced

15/2019 Alton Pancras garage site

Cllr Potts informed the meeting that the land with the garages on at Alton Pancras has been put up for auction and the Parish Council has been asked who is responsible for the noticeboard and bin. Cllr Potts has responded confirming that the noticeboard is a parish council asset but not sure of the bin.

16/2019 Items for next agenda

Parish payments

S106 monies breakdown

Plush Cricket Club

Dorset Drama Group donation

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2202 with notice that the next meeting will be the extra ordinary on the 13 February 2019 at 7pm and the main parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 February at 7.30pm, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall