

Draft Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 28 March 2023

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Present; Cllrs Ebdon (Chair), Latimer, Howard, Sherwood, Lock, Murray, Cox

Apologies: Cllrs Abbott, Fox and Dorset Cllr Haynes

Democratic Period:

A reminder that a representative from the Parish Council is invited to the induction of the new Vicar. Cllr Sherwood agreed to attend.

The Clerk advised that an email has been received from Wessex Water to inform the parish council about the work they will be carrying out to replace a water main in Piddletrenthide in May. All of this work will be taking place on private land and local water supply and sewerage services will be unaffected. However, three- way traffic lights will be in place for a maximum of three days from Tuesday 9 May. These lights will be located on Main Street, by Manor House, and also on the junction with Plush Road.

Cllr Ebdon gave an update on the Piddlehinton Gym, An execution meeting has taken place and there will be a re-opening event on 28 August 2023.

A parishioner expressed concern regarding the facilities in the village which need upkeep, the notice boards in particular. The parishioner is happy to help with this. The pavilion on the playing field was also discussed and is in desperate need of repair. Cllr Cox agreed to discuss with the school.

Cllr Ebdon informed the meeting that Maria de Figueirido has resigned as a parish councillor.

31/2023 Declarations of Interest

None

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It was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Sherwood that these minutes with the following amendment should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed with one abstention:

Page 1, Democratic period, second paragraph, should read;

If the view of the Parish is different to the Planning Officer, then the ward member is informed but has little influence if there are no strong planning reasons to bring the application to committee.

33/2023 Action points from last minutes

- a) 158/2022 VETS information sheet – Cllr Sherwood to produce – **NEXT AGENDA**


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- b) 159/2022 Quote for Piddlehinton Noticeboard replacement – Clerk to obtain 2 further quotes – Clerk has spoken with the Men's Shed who have requested the measurements of the existing one in order to produce a quote. Cllr Lock agreed to obtain a third quote. – **NEXT AGENDA**
- c) Democratic period – Clerk to circulate invite to all Cllrs to attend the introduction of the new Vicar – **COMPLETE**
- d) 20/2023 d) – Clerk to send response to NALC – **COMPLETE**
- e) 24/2023 b) – Clerk to contact Countryside Officer for update on Piddle Path finance – **COMPLETE**
- f) 24/2023 c) – Cllr Ebdon to write article for News & Views - **COMPLETE**
- g) 27/2023 a) – Clerk to contact Environmental Health – **COMPLETE** – Since last meeting Clerk has circulated advice on this matter – **Awaiting response from Environmental Health**
- h) 27/2023 b) – Clerk to submit enforcement form online - **COMPLETE**
- i) 28/2023 – Cllrs Ebdon & Howard to download documents - **COMPLETE**
- j) 29/2023 – Clerk to respond to PTA for use of playing field – **COMPLETE**

34/2023 Planning Matters

a) Decision Notices

P/HOU/2022/06308 - Lackington Mill, White Lackington - Erect two storey rear extension, new front dormer, and a balcony on the west elevation. Demolish single storey rear extension. Installation of PV solar panels on existing tennis court. Granted Decision Date: 09/03/2023

Cllr Ebdon advised the meeting of the following:

- The officer's report indicates that the extensions to the main house and the proposed solar panels, subject to conditions, would not harm the character, special qualities or natural beauty of the AONB, nor would they diminish the significance of the important gap.
- Usual conditions attached regarding timing, approved plans, biodiversity mitigation, landscaping and surface water drainage plan.
- The full width of the public bridleway must remain open and available to the public, with no materials or vehicles stored on the route.

P/TRC/2023/01133 - East Hill House Church Lane Piddletrenthide - T1, T2, T3 & T4 Ash - Fell - dieback - Tree Works - CA - No Objection. Decision Date: 20/03/2023

b) Enforcement

P/FUL/2022/05116 create a new vehicular access, drive and turning area and erect two-bay Garage with side retaining wall at the barn Adjacent to Lackington Mill White Lackington

Cllr Ebdon advised of the following:

At last month's meeting concerns were raised regarding the erection of a fence which was in progress, and the fact that the hedge had not been removed during the specified time period. Since then the fence panels have been erected to the top of the posts which are >3m high.

On 6th & 7th March the hedge was ripped out with a digger.

Cllr Ebdon received an email to advise that neighbours in the area are not happy with the continual flouting of regulations.

Cllr Ebdon reported the following to enforcement on 7 March:

- Hedge removed during bird nesting season which runs from mid-February to 31st August (included in informatives 1 in the Notice of approval).
- Fence erected on boundary with neighbouring property considerably higher than 2m and is extremely unsightly in this rural setting. Policy 11 of the Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan allows the development of redundant farm buildings with the understanding that the addition of external domestic features would not be clearly visible, and the residential amenities of nearby occupants are taken into account. The addition of this fence is contrary to this policy and is not part of the approved development scheme.

Response received from Enforcement on 13 March said:

The formation of an access taking place at the site is a requirement of the planning condition no. 4 on the attached decision notice. The fencing also does appear on the plan titled "TOB 2022 01 B" which is an approved plan in this application and is a retaining wall.

From a planning enforcement point of view, there is currently not a breach of planning control on site. The planning regime does not control wildlife crime and we have no way of directly enforcing it. Wildlife crime is a matter that the police will be able to approach.

- A complaint to enforcement was also subsequently submitted by the neighbour which the Clerk forwarded to Cllrs. In addition to concerns about the fence and the timing of the removal of the hedge there are also concerns that the development is not in the approved location. Also included is reference to a response received from Andrew Collins in which he says 'If the permission, including the hedge, does cover land in your ownership then you do not allow the applicant to purchase that land, the development will not be possible'.

A response from Enforcement on 24 March as follows:

The fence is not a breach of Planning Control as it is within permitted development guidelines [being up to 2m high as measured from the Owner's side].

Whilst the Highways comment is probably not something we can answer immediately as Highways may need to inspect once the works are complete it is something that we will look into under this reference number also.

Given the fact that Piddle Valley Parish Council have received a significant number of complaints from a number of neighbours regarding the continual flouting of regulations, and unacceptable responses from Enforcement, Cllr Ebdon believes it would be appropriate for the parish council to raise the issues again with planning and write to Councillor Sherry Jespersen. All agreed.

Action: Cllr Ebdon/Clerk

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Cllr Ebdon reminded the Cllrs about the Planning engagement session on 19 April. Cllr Lock agreed to attend with Cllr Ebdon.

35/2023 DAPTC meeting & training update

A training record survey has recently been circulated and it was agreed the Clerk should complete.

Action: Clerk

36/2023 Defibrillator Working Group update

Cllr Sherwood informed the meeting that 2 units have been returned for updates and once these are returned all units will be up to date.

37/2023 Financial Matters

a) Bills for payment

Clerk's expenses – March	£20.20
Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall	£27.50
Contribution to Piddlehinton Gym	£5000.00

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

38/2023 Highway Matters

The following defects/follow ups were requested to be reported:

- Edge deterioration on Cheselbourne Hill
- Repainting of No Entry marking at Piddlehinton Cross
- Pothole outside Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall
- Edge deterioration at Snowdrop Corner

39/2023 News & Views

Cllr Ebdon confirmed that all the parish council content that had been held on the community website has now been removed and stored.

40/2023 Playing field & Playground

Cllr Murray reported the following issues:

There is a dip in the ground at the entrance to the playground.
Wooden edging around climbing frame is rotting.
Fencing need replacing.

Cllr Cox agreed to have a look.

41/2023 External Communications

a) The clerk advised that confirmation has been received from Chris Loder MP of his attendance at the May meeting and he has requested any items the parish council would like him to address. It was agreed the following would be included:

Planning enforcement
Planning procedures (Scheme of delegation)
Rural services – shop/bus services
Community land trusts

Action: Clerk to respond to Chris Loder MP

b) The Clerk advised that correspondence has been received from the solicitor of a parishioner who passed away advising that the parish council has been included as a beneficiary to the estate.

42/2023 Items for next agenda

- Defibrillator contact list – Cllr Sherwood
- End of year accounts – Cllr Cox
- Village meetings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:43pm with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 April 2023, 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall


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