

Draft Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Monday 24 July, 2023

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Ebdon (Chair), Sherwood, Lock, Murray, Abbott, Latimer, Cox, Fox, Howard

Apologies: Dorset Cllr Haynes

Democratic Period:

The Clerk advised the Cllrs that an update has been received from the solicitor dealing with the estate of a parishioner who has left some money to the Parish Council in their Will confirming the money should be released soon.

Cllr Ebdon advised the meeting that a long-standing member of the Community Speed Watch group has now resigned from this role. Thanks were expressed and it was agreed a letter of thanks should be sent.

Cllrs Ebdon and Sherwood attended Piddlehinton Fete which was successful and they had a good amount of people approach them to talk about the Parish Council.

Cllr Ebdon informed the meeting of a discussion he has had with some parishioners in Piddlehinton regarding a 20-mph request which is separate to the work the Parish Council are doing. Cllr Ebdon advised the parishioners of the requirements to have a 20mph limit.

Cllr Ebdon informed the meeting that Chris Loder MP attended the Piddlehinton Fete and advised that he is prepared to intervene regarding the lack of response from Dorset Cllr Walsh if Dorset Cllr Haynes has no joy.

83/2023 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Murray declared an interest in item 6b) on the agenda. (Nettle Cottage, Egypt)

84/2023 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on 27 June 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Sherwood that these should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed with four abstentions.

85/2023 Action points from last minutes

- a) 66/2023 – Tennis Club Lease – Cllr Howard to replicate previous lease – Discussed under item 12 on agenda.
- b) 73e)/2023 – DAPTC planning enquiries – Clerk to contact for advice – COMPLETE and circulated to all Cllrs
- c) 79/2023 – Quotes for repairs to fencing at Playing field – Cllrs Cox/Howard/Fox – Ongoing – Next Agenda
- d) 80/2023 - Temporary & mobile unauthorised buildings – All Cllrs to notify Cllr Sherwood of any known in the Parish. – Next Agenda

86/2023 Planning Matters

a) Planning Consultations

P/HOU/2023/03699 - 2A Rectory Road Piddlehinton - Erect two storey extension with associated alteration

Cllr Ebdon presented this application and advised of the following;

- Property lies in the Piddlehinton Conservation Area and AONB and was the former shop
- The proposal is for a 2-storey extension on the south side of the property adding a dining area and a bedroom.
- The property has already extended with the addition of the modest single storey Family room, WC & Utility room which was approved in 2005.
- Current application would represent ~70% increase in the footprint of the original house with the existing extension

Cllr Sherwood commented that it is an excessive extension on what appears to be a tiny site and questioned how much you can keep extending.

Cllr Lock expressed concern with risk of flooding.

Cllr Cox expressed concern with houses being extended which increases the value preventing semi-affordable housing in the Valley.

It was proposed by Cllr Sherwood and seconded by Cllr Lock that the application should be refused due to the risk of flooding, over development in context it will be 70% increase with respect to size of plot, overlooks neighbours property and it would impact affordable housing stock.

b) Certificate of Lawfulness

P/CLE/2023/03393 - Nettle Cottage Egypt Piddletrenthide - Certificate of lawfulness for the use of building & land as residential curtilage

It was agreed there is no evidence to submit.

P/CLE/2023/03698 - Muston Farm Piddlehinton - Certificate of lawfulness to continue using Muston Farmhouse Annex, garden and parking area as a permanent residential dwelling

It was agreed there is no evidence to submit.

c) Decision Notices

Blades Main Road Alton Pancras - Ground floor side infill extension and new dormer, extended gable and first floor extension (with variation of Condition 2 of Planning permission P/HOU/2022/04603 to allow approved plan numbers to change to align with latest design drawings). Decision: Granted - Decision Date: 12/06/2023

P/TRD/2023/03498 - West Cottage Piddletrenthide - Fell 8x Ash under regulation 14 due to being in the latter stages of ash die back and are considered to be imminently dangerous.

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[Redacted] 29/8/23

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Decision: Tree Works - Reg 14 - Does not require consent - Decision Date: 20/06/2023

P/PABA/2023/03363 - Holcombe Barn Farm Piddlehinton - Erect grain storage building.
Decision: Prior Approval Not Required - Decision Date: 10/07/2023

P/FUL/2023/02764 - Little Puddle Farm Rectory Road Piddlehinton - Carry out alterations to convert building into 4 No. Commercial / Business / Service units (Use Class E(g)).
Decision: Granted - Decision Date: 06/07/2023

d) Light Pollution at Piddlehinton Camp

Motion from Cllr Lock to write to MP Chris Loder with PVPC concerns regarding Light Pollution from Piddlehinton Camp (letter sent as pre-read).

It was proposed by Cllr Lock and seconded by Cllr Murray that the letter should be sent. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to send email

e) Enforcement

Cllr Ebdon advised of the escalation of letter of complaint to Chris Loder MP following no response from Cllr Walsh

f) Freedom of Information Request: Agricultural Ties

Motion to raise an FOI Request for information on any Agricultural ties in place on numbers 1-8 Bourne Farm Cottages Piddlehinton DT2 7SZ.

It was proposed by Cllr Ebdon and seconded by Cllr Sherwood that a request should be submitted. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to submit FOI request

87/2023 DAPTC meeting & training update

The Clerk requested approval for attendance to the 2023 Clerks conference. It was proposed by Cllr Ebdon and seconded by Cllr Cox that the Clerk should attend. All agreed.

88/2023 Defibrillator Working Group update

No update

89/2023 Financial Matters

a) Bills for payment

Clerk's expenses – July	£23.40
Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall	£27.50
Piddle Valley First School – Grounds Maintenance	£1082.00
Community Heartbeat – VETS	£270.00

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

90/2023 Highway Matters

a) Defect reports

Grass verge at junction of Wightmans Orchard needs cutting, unable to access noticeboard.
Request for passing bays to be created along the Plush Road, need to be long enough for tractor and trailers – verges being damaged due to no passing places.
Bridleway between Cerne Hill and Smiths Lane is blocked with overgrown vegetation

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

91/2023 News and Views

Cllr Ebdon advised the new website is up and running.

92/2023 Playing field & Playground

Cllr Howard informed the meeting that the tennis club is asking its members if they are happy to continue with a new lease which replicates the previous. Awaiting confirmation on decision.

Cllr Cox advised of a dead tree on the playing field which requires removal. It was agreed that Cllr Cox should go ahead and deal with this as a matter of urgency. All agreed.
Cllr Sherwood to place a notice warning public.

93/2023 Items for next agenda

20mph responses
River clearance
Tennis Club Lease
Playing Field fence repairs

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:44 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 August 2023, 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.




29/8/23