

Draft Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 26 September, 2023

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Ebdon (Chair), Lock, Abbott, Latimer, Cox, Sherwood, Murray & Dorset Cllr Haynes

Apologies: Cllrs Fox and Howard

Democratic Period:

Dorset Cllr Walsh attended the meeting and responded to the questions which were sent to him ahead of the meeting, these along with the responses are attached.

Dorset Cllr Haynes attended the meeting and gave an update on the following;

- Budget setting for 2024/25 has commenced
- Special Needs transport budget is in deficit, this has continued since the pandemic. There are some journeys which are out of County as there is lack of provision in Dorset
- * • Currently 68 asylum seekers have been assigned to Dorset, however only 8 of these are actually living in the County.

Cllr Murray queried the current status of the barge in Portland Port and Dorset Cllr Haynes advised this is not a Dorset Council led operation, although there is a multi-agency agreement in place.

- 2G & 3G mobile phone masts are to be switched off soon and Dorset Cllr Haynes has been in contact with a company who are proposing to place 60 masts within Dorset to replace the 2G & 3G. The project will take up to 5 years to implement. Dorset Cllr Haynes has advised the company that they need to work with Dorset Council/Town Councils and Parish Councils ahead of submitting planning applications. It has been agreed that an initial 6 masts will be erected in Dorset.
- Analogue phones are to be switched off by 2025. An internet connection will be required in all properties, this doesn't mean residents need to have some form of PC.

An email has been received from a parishioner who has expressed concern with a gateway which has been formed just off the surfaced lay-by in Piddlehinton which will stop parking for 2 or 3 vehicles but, more importantly, means that no longer vehicles or tractors will feel that they can pull in there. The parishioner is also concerned that as the "gateway" has been there for a while, the owners will start to claim the space as they have had it for at least 10 years and this could lead to them getting further permission. The parishioner is questioning the legality of the gateway as I believe their actual access is down the path towards the Millennium Green. Cllr Lock confirmed that the addition of a gateway has been raised with Dorset Council Highways and Enforcement in the past but no response has been received or action taken. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Highways.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

An email has been received from a parishioner at Alton Pancras regarding the loss of power they have been experiencing and requesting assistance from the Parish Council. It was

agreed that this is out of the hands of the Parish Council and advised the following contact number is provided to the parishioner, 0800 072 7282 and to also advise the parishioner that if they or anyone else is classed as vulnerable, this should be relayed to SSE as there are measures that can be put in place for these individuals.

Action: Clerk to respond to Parishioner

108/2023 Declarations of Interest

None

109/2023 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on 29 August 2023

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

110/2023 Action points from last minutes

- a) August Democratic Period – Cllr Cox to contact school/PTA re. Pavilion on playing field – Complete – Cllr Cox awaiting response from acting head teacher.
- b) August Democratic Period – Cllr Ebdon to write letter to landowner re. Bridleway S36/17 which has been ploughed – COMPLETE
- c) 79/2023 – Quotes for repairs to fencing at Playing field – Cllrs Cox/Howard/Fox – NEXT AGENDA
- d) 80/2023 - Temporary & mobile unauthorised buildings – All Cllrs to notify Cllr Sherwood of any known in the Parish – NEXT AGENDA
- e) 97d)/2023 – FOI request – Clerk to submit original request and enquire costs – NEXT AGENDA
- f) 97e)/2023 – Cllr Ebdon/Clerk to send response to enforcement – COMPLETE
- g) 106/2023 – Clerk to respond to Twinning Association – NEXT AGENDA

111/2023 Planning Matters

a) Planning Consultations

P/HOU/2023/04959 - Install ten roof mounted solar panels on detached garage/carport - Manor Gate Cottage Access Road to Harveys Farm Plush

Cllr Sherwood presented this application and proposed it is accepted, Cllr Abbott seconded and all agreed with one abstention.

b) Response from Planning regarding concerns

A response has been received regarding Hazel Barn which advises the Enforcement Team have been asked to review this case in light of the outstanding concern raised by the Parish Council. The team will be in contact in due course, once they have looked into this further, to confirm whether any breach of planning control has been identified.

c) Decision Notices

[REDACTED]

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P/CLP/2023/04058 - Muston Farm Lane to Muston Manor Farm Piddlehinton - As detailed and described on Planning Permission WD/D/20/001251 - Erection of general-purpose agricultural building. - Decision: Granted - Decision Date: 13/09/2023

P/HOU/2023/03699 - 2A Rectory Road Piddlehinton - Erect two storey extension with associated alteration - Decision: Granted - Decision Date: 23/08/2023.

Pending

The Granary Kingrove Farm Access Road Piddletrenthide Dorset DT2 7QX
Site barn adjacent to Lackington Mill, White Lackington, Piddletrenthide, Dorchester, DT2 7QU

112/2023 DAPTC meeting & training update

The Clerk advised that there will be a Q & A session at the Clerks Conference and asked if there were any specific questions anyone would like asked. It was agreed to find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan revisions.

113/2023 Defibrillator Working Group update

No update

114/2023 Financial Matters

a) Bills for payment

Clerk's expenses – September	£15.30
Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall	£27.50
T.H. Moore – Removal of tree	£165.00

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

b) Income

Precept	£6,500.00
Beneficiary received	£24,628.04

A discussion was had regarding what these monies should be used for and it was agreed that in the first instance they should be put into a savings account. It was also agreed that Cllr Ebdon would submit a piece in the News & Views to ask for ideas.

Action – Clerk to obtain savings account information – Cllr Ebdon to write piece for News & Views

115/2023 Highway Matters

a) Defect reports

Cllr Sherwood requested the blocked drains at Plush, outside, Corner Cottage, School House and Manor Gate Cottage are reported.

Action – Clerk to report to Highways

116/2023 News and Views

Cllr Ebdon will submit a piece regarding the beneficiary monies received.

117/2023 Playing field & Playground

A request for the annual bonfire event has been received for the 4 November 2023 and it was agreed the playing field can be used to hold this event. All agreed with one abstention.

118/2023 Tennis Club Lease

In Cllr Howard's absence the Clerk advised the meeting of the response received from the Tennis Club concerning the new lease which confirms the committee members are happy to go with the parish council's legal representatives although the cost to the club, being a small club with few members does concern them, particularly as the court is going to need some rather expensive maintenance projects in the near future. The Club have asked if the council is able to support them and agree to paying half of the costs as they are a community asset and charge very low membership rates, which potentially may have to go up if they have a large bill to pay.

A discussion was held and it was agreed that the Clerk, via Cllr Howard requests to see the Tennis Clubs financial accounts to be able to consider the request fully.

Action – Clerk to contact Cllr Howard

119/2023 River Clearance 2023

A reminder that this year's clearance will be on Saturday 11 November, 10am and all are welcome to attend and help.

120/2023 Items for next agenda

River clearance
Tennis Club Lease
Playing Field fence repairs
Neighbourhood Plan
Piddle Inn enforcement

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31 October 2023, 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.