

Draft Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

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

Democratic Period:

Dorset Cllr Haynes attended the meeting and advised due to the newly elected Council undertaking training, there isn't much to report. The new Committees haven't been set yet; however, Cllr Haynes will sit on the Licensing committee and the Audit & Governance committee.

Cllr Abbott requested approval for him to obtain quotes for repairs to the bench at the top of Church Lane. All agreed to go ahead.

It has been reported that the riverbank at Lackington Mill, on the western side has been raised with a sleeper and backfilled with soil. This has been reported to the Environment Agency.

056/2024 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

057/2024 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29 April 2024

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

058/2024 Action points from last minutes

- a) 11/0/2023 – Cllr Cox awaiting response from school/PTA re. Pavilion on playing field – Cllr Cox has arranged a meeting with the new Headteacher on 3 June 2024.
- b) 50/2024 b) Clerk to contact Piddletrenthide PCC regarding Plush churchyard – NEXT AGENDA
- c) 51/2024 b) Cllr Abbott to contact Mole Valley concerning the vehicle movements and signage – Cllr Abbott has spoken to the head of transport at Mole Valley and all the concerns are being looked at.
- d) 53/2024 a) Clerk to respond to organiser for Cricket Club fundraiser – COMPLETE – The organiser has emailed Clerk to advise that they are going to use the Cricket Club grounds so no longer require the use of the playing field.

059/2024 Planning Matters

a) Consultation

P/LBC/2024/02260 - Meadow View Main Road Alton Pancras - Essential repairs to south west corner of wall at first floor level.

Cllr Ebdon presented this application and advised the following:

It is a Grade II Listed Property and it's the Southernmost property in Alton Pancras.

The repair of the corner using traditional cob tiles and the incorporation of stainless-steel Hell bars for reinforcement. The repair will be overseen by the instructed structural engineer. This repair is to preserve the integrity of the building.

It was proposed by Cllr Ebdon and seconded by Cllr Cox that this application should be approved. All agreed.

b) Decision Notices

P/TRC/2024/01690 - Poachers Inn Main Street Piddlethentide - T1 Norway Spruce - Reduce height to approx. 15ft - Decision: Tree Works - CA - No Objection - Decision Date: 22/04/2024

P/FUL/2023/00150 Carters Barn Farm Formation of hard-standing for parking with soft landscaping. Granted Decision Date: 17/04/2024

060/2024 DAPTC meeting & training update

The Clerk advised Cllr Bishop of the online training sessions for new Cllrs and will send across the dates.
The Clerk will forward the recent newsletter to all for Cllrs to subscribe to the newsletters.
Action: Clerk to advise Cllr Bishop of training dates and circulate newsletter to all.

061/2024 Defibrillator Working Group update

No update.

062/2024 Financial Matters

a) Bills for payment

Clerk's expenses – May £29.70

Piddlehinton Village Hall £22.50

Piddlethentide Memorial Hall £27.50

Piddle Valley First School – Grounds Maint. £1082.00

Playsafely – Playground Inspection £93.60

It was proposed by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Latimer that these payments are approved. All agreed.

b) Plush church yard payments

Cllr Cox confirmed that no separate payment has been made to Plush in recent years.

063/2024 Highway Matters

a) Highway defects

The Clerk advised of the update received regarding Snowdrop Corner, Highways have not identified any issues. The Clerk agreed to take photos and send to the Community Highways Officer for the area.

Action: Clerk to take photos of Snowdrop Corner and submit to Highways

064/2024 Policy updates

1. Cllr Ebdon proposed a motion to modify the Co-option policy in order that it is consistent with rules regarding EU citizens post Brexit and requirements for candidates standing in a parish council election.

- Main changes are defining a qualifying EU citizen post Brexit and making the application consistent with requirements for elected councillors by adding a proposer and second
- Proposed changes are supported by DAPTC

It was proposed by Cllr Ebdon and seconded by Cllr Cox that this is amended. All agreed.

2. Motion for the Finance & Clerk's Working Group to review and adapt the NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 for use by the Piddle Valley Parish Council and proposal to adopt at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Policy group and Clerk will meet to review the document.

Action: Cllrs Ebdon/Cox/Latimer & Clerk to meet on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

065/2024 Tennis Club agreement update

It was advised that the Solicitor hasn't completed the lease yet.

066/2024 External Communications

Nothing received.

067/2024 Playing field & Playground

a) Annual Inspection

The report was issued on 17 May and circulated to Councillors and the issues identified were the swing shacks & connections, some tiles lifted causing trip hazards, some timber decay on climber.

Cllr Cox will review the high priority findings on the report.

068/2024 News & Information

Clerk to update Cllrs details on website.

069/2024 Items for next agenda

Plush Churchyard payments
Piddle Inn
Cllr Cox school meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:20 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Monday 24 June 2024, 7.30pm at Piddletrentnithide Memorial Hall.