

Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

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

Democratic Period:

A representative from Piddle Valley Tennis club attended the meeting to discuss the lease and advise on amendments which need to be made.

Cllr Ebdon advised the proposals for outstanding issues will be included on the agenda for next month.

A parishioner attended the meeting to express concern that no updates have been received regarding the football pavilion. The parishioner has previously offered to carry out maintenance works as it is in a sad state.

Cllr Cox advised that this is part of a lease with the school, the Parish Council have no authority to give permission for any works to it.

Cllr Howard advised that this is the responsibility of the Salisbury Diocese and they should be contacted.

Action: Clerk to contact Diocese & Cllr Cox to discuss with school

A parishioner requested the good work Wessex Internet have recently done in the Valley is noted.

27/2025 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

28/2025 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 25 February 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Abbott and seconded by Cllr Cox that these minutes with the following amendments should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed with 1 abstention.

Page 1, Democratic Period, fourth paragraph, first and third line, change landowner to parishioner

Page 3, 19/2025 a), second paragraph, last line, 'Cllr Cox advised that the changes are minimal' remove completely

29/2025 Action points from last minutes

- a) Democratic Period – Clerk to upload Wessex Water presentation to website
- b) Democratic Period – Clerk to place information concerning dog fouling around livestock on website - COMPLETE

30/2025 Dog fouling

A parishioner attended the meeting to raise concern about dog owners not clearing up after their dogs. They advised that signing has been placed around fields and on footpaths previously but they have disappeared.
The parishioner asked how the Parish Council can help but unfortunately the Parish Council have no powers but will request signs from Dorset Council or if none available will purchase some for display on worst affected rights of Way.
Information has been placed on the Parish Council website.

31/2025 Planning Matters

a) Planning Consultation

P/LBC/2025/01269 - Manor Gate Cottage Access Road To Harveys Farm Plush - Install through lift
Cllr Bishop presented this application and proposed the application should be supported; this was seconded by Cllr Cox. All agreed.

P/FUL/2025/00545 - Folly Farm Plush - Creation of access & gates

Cllrs Bishop, Cox and Ebdon advised on the details for this application which included;

- Proposal to move existing access from the Bridleway to the C97 road.
- Intention is that the new entrance will be for private vehicles and pedestrians only
- Applicant wants to minimise its size to try to avoid it being used as a tractor passing bay or for parking. Larger delivery vehicles will still have to use the bridleway track to the house.

It was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Abbott that the application is supported subject to the conditions raised by Highways. All agreed

b) Tree works

New Tree Preservation Order TPO/2025/0028 - Dorset Council (Land at Sunnydale, White Lackington, Piddletrenthide, DT2 7QU) Tree Preservation Order 2025. No comments offered by Parish Council.

P/TRC/2025/01419 - Manor Bungalow Main Street Piddletrenthide - G1 Mixed Species including Hazel, Wild Cherry, Bay, Sycamore & Pine - Clear to ground level

P/TRC/2025/01325 - Kingsmead Main Street Piddletrenthide - T1 & T2 Conifer – Fell

c) Decision Notices

P/TRD/2025/01453 - Piddlethentide Farms Piddlethentide - T1 Holm Oak - Cut back to 1m beyond highway clearance T6 Beech - Fell Under Regulation 14 (S198)
Decision: Tree Works - Reg 14 - Does not require consent - Decision Date: 13/03/2025

d) Enforcement matters

Muston Down Farm – Update received from Dorset Council;

This site is currently subject of a planning application. P/FUL/2024/07467 relates to an application to retain a rural worker's dwelling for a temporary period of 3 years and records show that on 14/01/2025 Piddle Valley PC objected to this application. Whilst the planning process is being engaged with, enforcement is paused pending a decision from Planning.

Hazel Barn – Update received from Dorset Council;

A water efficiency calculation was submitted prior to the determination of the planning permission P/FUL/2022/07394, and an informative on the use of water per person per day is on the decision notice of the planning permission.

A non-material amendment application P/NMA/2024/06813 has been granted with regards to the alterations to the planning permission.

This is sufficient in the planning officer's opinion.

Enterprise Park storage business – no update

Action: Clerk to send Cllr Ebdon submission references

32/2025 DAPTC meeting & training update

Clerk advised that some information has been received regarding the proposed .gov email accounts for councillors but the costs need to be understood.

Clerk to circulate all relevant information once collected.

33/2025 Defibrillator Working Group update

Cllr Ebdon gave the following update:

- 11 new volunteers for VETS / Defib deployment in Alton Pancras
- Updated VETS volunteer list removing those who have moved and adding 6 volunteers from Alton Pancras who are already trained
- request setting up a training session after Easter

34/2025 Financial Matters

a) Bills for payment

Clerk's expenses – March	£225.20
Piddletrethide Memorial Hall	£227.50
Cllr Cox reimbursement of printer costs	£31.38
It was proposed by Cllr Lock and seconded by Cllr Bishop that payments are made. All agreed.	
b) Income	
VAT	£1780.75

35/2025 Highway Matters

a) Defects to report:

Drains through Valley need clearing
Rectory Road grips need clearing

Safety mirror on junction of Lackington Drive, bracket broken

b) Proposal to install bollards on Church Hill Piddlehinton to prevent parked vehicles from obscuring the SID and protect the grass verge. - Cllr Ebdon

The cost to supply and erect three bollards with concrete footings with removal and disposal of spoil to a licensed tip and including suitable traffic management and control would be £2790.00 only excluding vat.

The above price is based on clear and unrestricted access with all setting out to be agreed before work commences. No allowance has been made for the excavation or alteration of any buried services.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Latimer. All agreed.

Action: Cllr Ebdon to arrange with Dorset Council

36/2025 External communication

a) Parishoner concerns with site at White Lackington

The Clerk advised an email has been received from a parishoner at White Lackington expressing several environmental complaints. Cllr Ebdon has visited the concerned residents to advise and the Clerk has responded also advising to contact Dorset Council Environmental Health.

b) Ring & Ride information

The Clerk advised that information has been received stating that the Ring & Ride information is still available as a Google search. The Clerk has deleted the information from the website and will put a note on the front of the website confirming this is no longer available.

Action: Clerk to put message on website

37/2025 Playing Field & Playground

The working group will present a plan at the next meeting.

The Clerk advised that notification of the annual inspection has been received, this will take place in May.

38/2025 Update from Wessex Water: Discharge of sewage into River Piddle

Following the last meeting the Wessex Water representative took away 2 actions:

1. Find out why Wessex Water are not tankering from Rectory Road, Piddlehinton (something that they have done in the past)
2. See if there are other ways or locations to install the over pumping so it is not so obtrusive

He also asked for support from the Parish Council as follows which we are happy to provide:

1. Help us find appropriate land we can use for the nature-based solutions
2. For planning applications, make sure no rain is going into the sewer!

Whilst this is encouraging, we are yet to have any communication on the actions taken away, and the pump remains in place despite the permit having expired on 3rd March. Now that Cllr Ebdon has a contact in Wessex Water it is hoped that we'll be able to take a pro-active approach with Wessex Water before the next Ground water season to have a more acceptable solution next winter. This has all been communicated to Edward Morello who has asked to keep him updated with progress.

39/2025 Items for next agenda

Plan for playground
.gov email accounts
Code of Conduct and Standing Orders review
Residential area of camp – Cllr Lock

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2046 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 April 2025, 7.30pm at Piddletrethide Memorial Hall.

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