

Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

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

Democratic Period:

Nothing to report.

40/2025 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

41/2025 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 25 March 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Bishop that these minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

42/2025 Action points from last minutes

- a) Democratic Period – Clerk to contact Diocese regarding football pavilion & Cllr Cox to discuss with school – Clerk has received confirmation from the Diocese that the school is part of Wessex Multi Academy Trust and the land is occupied by the school under a Church Supplemental Agreement, which means the Academy receives all capital funding from the DfE to maintain the site and buildings, and are the responsible financial body.
- b) 30/2025 Clerk/Cllr Ebdon to request or purchase signs – The Clerk was unsuccessful with Dorset Council but Cllr Larden has had contact with a specific officer. Cllr Larden to forward email to Clerk.
- c) 31/2025 d) – Clerk to send enforcement references to Cllr Ebdon – COMPLETE
- d) 35/2025 b) – Cllr Ebdon to contact Dorset Council to arrange the installation of bollards on Church Hill – COMPLETE – Cllr Ebdon informed the meeting that the bollards were installed on 17 April, but were removed by criminal damage on the same day. The persons responsible have been approached by Dorset Council who have recovered the bollards. Replacement bollards are scheduled to be installed (deeper, bigger and with more concrete)
- e) 36/2025 b) – Clerk to place update on website regarding the Ring & Ride service not being available – COMPLETE

43/2025 Planning Matters

- a) Decision Notices

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

Tree Works - CA - No Objection - Decision Date: 01/04/2025

P/TRC/2025/01325 - Kingsmead Main Street Piddletrenthide - T1 & T2 Conifer - Fell Decision: Tree Works - CA - No Objection - Decision Date: 04/04/2025

P/FUL/2025/00499 - Little Puddle Farm Rectory Road Piddlehinton - Change of use from agricultural land to extend container based self storage yard (retrospective)
Decision: Granted - Decision Date: 02/04/2025

b) Enforcement matters

Update on responses on issues raised:

Hazel Barn: Response from Planning indicates that the non-material amendment application P/NMA/2024/06813 has been granted with regards to the alterations to the planning permission which is considered sufficient in the Planning Officer's opinion. Item Closed.

Muston Down Farm: Acknowledgement of receipt of the Parish Council's representation which confirms that this matter will be registered for investigation. On conclusion of the enforcement investigation, a summary of the findings will be provided. Ongoing

Unit 2 Gasgoines Church Hill (Piddlehinton Garage). Acknowledgement of receipt of the Parish Council's representation and confirm that this matter will be registered for investigation. On conclusion of the enforcement investigation, a summary of the findings will be provided. Ongoing

44/2025 DAPTC meeting & training update

The Clerk advised that the end date for the current email domain can be extended for a further 12 months.

45/2025 Defibrillator Working Group update

Cllr Ebdon advised he has been looking at training, Whitehorse Training can provide training for up to 20 people at a cost of £400 incl VAT, this would include a 2 hour session covering Primary survey, CPR, AED, Choking & Bleeding.

It was agreed Cllr Ebdon should obtain another quote to compare.

Action: Cllr Ebdon

46/2025 Financial Matters

a) Bills for payment

Clerk's expenses – April £17.30

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall £27.50

It was proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Bishop that payments are made. All agreed.

b) Income

Precept £7,050.00

c) Audit


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Cllr Cox presented the end of year accounts for 2024/2025 and it was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Abbott that these are approved. All agreed.

The Clerk advised that exemption from full audit can be submitted for 2024/2025 and this was proposed by Cllr Latimer and seconded by Cllr Howard. All agreed.

47/2025 Highway Matters

The following defects were reported:

Piddlehinton side of Muston – potholes in middle of carriageway were sprayed up but these markings have faded and the potholes haven't been repaired.

Gully surround broken out at Doles Ash.

Safety mirror has been replaced at White Lackington but is too high.

48/2025 Code of Conduct and Standing Orders review

It was agreed that the Policy Working Group meet to review these documents.

49/2025 Residential area of Camp

Cllr Ebdon advised that recent events have been discussed with Dorset Cllr Haynes who has confirmed action is being taken.

50/2025 External communication

The Clerk has received information from Dorset Council regarding a housing project about engaging with local residents who live in social housing and to understand their views & feedback, specifically regarding downsizing (it is aimed at people who are living in social housing and under occupying their home)

It was agreed to place the poster in the noticeboards.

Action: Clerk

51/2025 Playing Field & Playground

Cllr Larden agreed to keep the inspection folder for the month.

Action: Clerk to issue new rota

52/2025 Items for next agenda

Policy Documents Review

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2032 with notice that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 May 2025, 7pm followed by the May meeting at 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

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