

Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 26 August 2025

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Lock, Abbott, Cox, Latimer, Howard, Ebdon (Chair), Larden, Bishop, Murray & Dorset Cllr Haynes (Democratic Period)

Democratic Period:

Dorset Cllr Haynes attended the meeting and gave an update on the Local Plan as per the attached report.

93/2025 Declarations of Interest

None

94/2025 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 29 July 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Abbott that these minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed with 4 abstentions.

95/2025 Action points from last minutes

- a) 87a)/2025 Clerk to report defects to highways – COMPLETE
- b) 89i)/2025 Clerk to respond to Buckland Newton Charities – COMPLETE
- c) 91b)/2025 Cllr Cox to bring motion for grass cutting contribution – next agenda

96/2025 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

P/HOU/2025/03180 - 2 The Long House London Row Piddlehinton - Erect single storey extension to existing detached garage. - Decision: Granted - Decision Date: 12/08/2025

P/FUL/2024/02798 - Carters Barn Farm Access To Carters Barn Farm Piddlehinton - Retain 4 No. flood lights on training arena. - Decision: Granted Decision Date: 04/08/2025

The following conditions have been applied:

1. Within three (3) months of the date of this planning permission, the existing unauthorised lighting and poles shall be replaced with the proposed lighting scheme and re-positioned poles as set out in the submitted report, entitled, 'Exterior lighting design and visual impact assessment of sandschool at Carters Farm Barn, Piddlehinton', by Alan Tulla Lighting, dated 27 May 2025. Once installed, the lights shall be maintained in accordance with the specification set out in the report. As set out on page 3 of the report, the lights shall be manually operated by switch.
Reason: To safeguard the dark skies of the National Landscape.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents: Site Plan 1:500 Location Plan 1:2500

Exterior lighting design and visual impact assessment at Carters Farm Barn
Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. The floodlights hereby approved shall not be operated outside the hours of 0700-2000.
Reason: To safeguard the dark skies of the National Landscape and living conditions of any surrounding residential properties.

4. The floodlights hereby approved shall only be operated in conjunction with the personal use of the training arena by the applicants. At no time shall the floodlights be operated in conjunction with any commercial use of the training arena.
Reason: To safeguard the character of the National Landscape.

P/FUL/2024/07467 Muston Down Farm Birch Lane Druce DT2 7SU. Retention of 1 No. rural worker's dwelling for a temporary period of 3 years. Decision Refused Decision Date 01/08/2025

97/2025 DAPTC meeting & training update

A discussion took place regarding the DAPTC Parish Council survey. It was agreed that those individual councillors who want to complete it should and this will also be an item for the next agenda to provide a group response.

Action: All Cllrs

98/2025 Defibrillator Working Group update

Cllr Ebdon advised that all Defibs are up to date on Webnos and The Circuit. Cllr Ebdon will be applying some stickers from The Circuit over the next few weeks that will aid the return of the defibs if they are used and taken by the ambulance service.

99/2025 Financial Matters

- a) To approve schedule of payments as attached

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

It was agreed to include a VAT column on the schedule of payments.

It was agreed that the Clerk would have the expenses signed off in a book each month.

- b) Insurance renewal

The policy renewal was reviewed and agreed that one of the Speed Indicator Devices should be removed from the policy as this no longer works.

Action: Clerk

100/2025 Highway Matters

a) Defect responses

The Clerk advised the following responses have been received.

The missing 30mph repeater sign by the damaged wall on the B3143 near to The Poachers – response advises there wasn't one here. Clerk to discuss with Highways.

Rectory Road, noisy cover – response advises this has been reported to Wessex Water

Railings at Alton Pancras – response advises these are awaiting repair

b) Defects to report

Edge of carriageway at Drakes Lane has been filled but the hole behind it hasn't

Safety mirror at Piddlehinton Cross has still not been maintained

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

101/2025 External communication

The Clerk has circulated correspondence received concerning North Dorchester Garden Community – Public Consultation.

There will be a public drop-in exhibitions, both at the United Church Hall, Dorchester.

Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 2pm–7pm

102/2025 News & Information

Nothing to raise.

103/2025 Playing Field & Playground

Cllr Cox advised that additional materials for the fencing works were required and these were approved as considered to be value for money on site. This is in line with the financial regulations.

The grass cutting agreement discussion has been postponed until the October meeting.

104/2025 Items for next agenda

Grass cutting agreement (October)

Air Ambulance donation

Local Plan

DAPTC Survey

River clearance

106/2025 CLOSED ITEM – Clerks salary

Resolved: Following consideration in closed session, the Council approved an increase to the Clerk's salary in line with benchmarking and statutory guidance, effective from April 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2050 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025, 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.