

Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council

Tuesday 24 February 2026

Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs Howard, Larden & Bishop

Democratic Period:

Two parishioners who attended the meeting spoke about becoming Parish Cllrs for Piddlehinton with their main concerns being flooding and traffic issues.

The Clerk advised of the application process.

Cllr Cox asked if a response had been sent to the Environment Agency requesting more information about their ongoing works in the Valley. The Clerk apologised as thought there was more detail in the request required.

Action: Clerk to respond to the Environment Agency

Cllr Ebdon advised that Wessex Water have arranged for their domestic sewer misuse engagement team to visit households in the Valley to try and educate on flushing down unflushable items into the network. Engagement officers have done their first round through Piddlehinton and will be coming back again to do another round to try properties that didn't answer on the first round.

Cllr Murray raised concern with the drains through Piddletrenthide and the sewage coming out of them and the road surface breaking up around the covers.

Action: Cllr Ebdon to contact Wessex Water

Dorset Cllr Haynes attended the meeting and apologised for not being able to make the last couple of meetings.

Report to follow.

Cllr Lock asked Dorset Cllr Haynes to report the rubbish being dumped at the access to the Camp. Dorset Cllr Haynes advised she has liaised with officers about this.

Cllr Abbott requested the street light on the Memorial Hall is reported to SSE.

Action: Clerk

160/2025 Declarations of Interest

None received.

161/2025 Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2026

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

Page 1, second paragraph should read, the ditch outside Gardeners Cottage is the responsibility of the riparian owners.

162/2025 Action points from last minutes

- a) 154/2025 Clerk to report to Highways - COMPLETE

163/2025 Planning Matters

- a) Certificate of Lawfulness

P/CLP/2026/00572 - Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed garage conversion to a kitchen/dining room - Lower Southcombe Farm, Church Lane, Piddletrenthide

- b) Decision Notices

P/STA/2026/00269 - Piddletrenthide (PIDD) E1L5 11kV Circuit. - Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009. The replacement of 12 x wooden electricity poles on the Piddletrenthide (PIDD) E1L5 11kV circuit. **Decision:** Response Given - **Decision Date:** 11/02/2026

164/2025 DAPTC meeting & training update

No updates.

165/2025 Defibrillator Working Group update

Defibs all need their checks which Cll Ebdon will request from those responsible for each one.

Cllr Cox informed the meeting that Hardy Signs have donated a sign to be displayed at the playground to provide information on the defib at Piddletrenthide.

166/2025 Financial Matters

- a) To approve schedule of payments as attached

It was proposed by Cllr Latimer and seconded by Cllr Lock that these payments are made. All agreed.

167/2025 Highway Matters

- a) Defect responses

The Clerk advised one response has been received. The 30mph sign at Boldacre has been replaced.

- b) Traffic Calming – Cllr Murray

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- c) 30mph extension – Cllr Lock

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168/2025 News & Information

No updates.

169/2025 Playing field & Playground

A discussion took place regarding the parish council's contribution to grass cutting and the percentage increase each year.

Cllr Ebdon reminded the council of the agreement with the landowner for a term of 125 years from 22 September 1998

The Parish Council's remit in relation to the Property is to use it for public recreation by residents of the Piddle Valley in general, whilst also making the Property available for specific users at specific times

Cllr Ebdon also reminded the council of the agreement between the Parish Council and Wessex Multi Academy Trust.

The Licence Period is from and including 23 October 2023 until 1 January 2043, unless determined earlier in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.1.

The Parish Council to contribute 33% of total annual cost of grounds maintenance (clause 5.1)

Cllr Ebdon suggested asking the school what their tender process is to identify value for money.

Cllr Cox made a proposal to increase the contribution to 50%, this failed to receive a seconder.

It was proposed by Cllr Ebdon and seconded by Cllr Murray that the Clerk contacts the school to request them to provide more information on projected costs, and to confirm that Piddle Valley Parish Council will continue its obligations under the contract to pay 33% of total annual cost of grounds maintenance as specified in clause 5.1 of the agreement.

All agreed with one abstention.

170/2025 External Correspondence received

Notification of Planning appeal P/FUL/2024/07467 in respect of Retention of 1 No. rural worker's dwelling for a temporary period of 3 years. at Muston Down Farm, has been received.

Cllr Ebdon reminded Cllrs that the council did make representations on the planning application and these will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The following comments were submitted by Piddle Valley Parish Council at the time of reviewing the application.

Object to these proposals for the following reasons:

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- Lack of a satisfactory demonstration that 'there is a need for unit of residential accommodation'
- The Site and Block plans submitted with the application are inconsistent with the latest aerial photography available on Dorset Explorer
- The formal access to the site shown of the application via S35/25 is unsuitable (Policy 6 NP Road Safety Concerns).

No new material submitted by the applicant at this stage.

The Clerk advised of some Freedom of Information requests received and advised these will be responded to.

171/2025 Items for next agenda

Grass cutting agreement
Traffic Calming
30mph extension

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030 with notice that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st March 2026, 7.30pm at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

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