PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 254th Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Price (Chair) Cllr R Baily (Vice Chair), Cllr S Folland, Cllr K Keatley,

CCllr M Squires, DCllr J Binks, DCllr P Heal, F Lowe (Clerk), 6 members of the public

1. **Welcome** Cllr Price wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Cllr Peter Heal, Chairman of MDDC, and invited him to speak. Cllr Heal thanked the PC for inviting him and explained that he is trying to visit all 62 Parish Councils during his term. He gave information about budgets, precepts, recycling and housing, including the Local Plan. Questions were put to him as he spoke, and all answered except one on landfill. He will supply an answer to the Clerk once he has the information.
2. **Public Questions**  Cllr Binks reminded cllrs and parishioners of the likely reapplication for the Chapple Farm planning application and urged them to comment online.
3. **Apologies** None
4. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Price declared that he was the Secretary for the Parochial Parish Council with regard to the grant application.
5. **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th November 2017 was agreed as a true and correct record. Cllr Folland proposed signing and Cllr Keatley seconded.
6. **Correspondence.** Cllrs confirmed that they had received the correspondence listed in Appendix a from 02/11/17 to 22/12/17 inclusive and had no comments.
7. **Planning**

**Decision:** 06/11 - Reference 17/01640/PNAG. Prior notification for the erection of agricultural storage buildings at land at NGR 284018 111308 (Coombe Farm), Puddington. Development Acceptance.

**Decision:** 17/11 - Reference 17/01500/FULL. Erection of a replacement dwelling and garage following demolition of existing dwelling at Ash Farm, Puddington, Tiverton. Permitted with Conditions to Discharge.

**Decision:** 04/12 - Erection of an agricultural storage and livestock building at land at NGR 284451 111211 (Chapple Farm) Puddington. Refused permission.

1. **Current Business**
	1. Review of budget/precept including grant applications. The application from the Church was discussed at length as the requested detailed information had not been forthcoming. It was proposed by Cllr Keatley and seconded by Cllr Folland that a £50 ex-gratia payment be made from the reserves and the Church can re-apply in the next financial year with a more detailed breakdown. Cheque no 218 was raised and signed by Cllrs Price and Baily. The Clerk and Cllr Baily had researched that should the Church no longer be able to maintain the Cemetery, then the responsibility would be passed to the District Council not the Parish Council. Requests from Citizens Advice and Tiverton & District Community Transport Association were discussed, and it was decided not to give grants. The Clerk to write to both.
	2. The current precept just covers the expenses of the PC and after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Baily and seconded by Cllr Keatley to increase the precept by £100 to £1,100.
	3. Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to hold this before the Easter Coffee Morning at 10.30am on 31st March 2018.
2. **Councillors Reports.**
	1. Cllr Keatley reported that due to the inclement weather not much had happened regards the footpaths but the replacement of the gates is in hand.
	2. Cllr Price has spoken to Alan Bickley who has agreed to monitor the level of grit in the bins near his home. Cllr Keatley is spreading the grit at the junction as necessary.
3. **Finance**

Clerks pay £95, cheque no 217; signed by Cllrs Price and Baily.

1. **Confirm dates of next meetings**
	1. Planning meeting. Tuesday 6th February 2018 (this will be cancelled if there are no planning applications).
	2. PCM on Tuesday 6th March 2018.
	3. Annual Parish Meeting on 31st March 2018 at 10.30am followed by the Easter Coffee Morning.

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman …..................................................... Date …...........................................