

PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 266th Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on
Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Price (Chair), K Keatley (Vice Chair), S Folland, R Keeble, P Lanfear,
CCllr M Squires (left early), F Lowe (Clerk), 6 members of the public

50) Public Session

- a) The Bell is still advertising the start time as 8.00pm. **Cllr Price will advise it is 7.30pm.**
- b) Concern that recently, an emergency ambulance travelled down the closed road to a patient unaware of the subsidence; potential disaster. Following a discussion, the **Clerk was instructed to advise Cllr Squires.**
- c) The PC was asked if they were making plans to support locals if Coronavirus goes pandemic? No information has come yet from MMDC, so the advice is to follow NHS guidance. It is felt that any assistance would be provided on a neighbourly basis rather than PC led, but all cllrs are happy to assist in any way possible. As information becomes available, it will be forwarded on.
- d) Complaint about the state of the roads. The advice is to report defects directly to Highways as the PC has no control. Cllr Squires is raising the issue when possible. New contact details have been provided by MDDC and will be sent for inclusion in The Bell.
- e) WI. Would like to be involved in tree planting. They would also like to petition MDDC for more litter bins/signs. They were advised that this would come under Highways and that the PC is happy to provide a letter of support if requested.
- f) Community Orchard. Covered below.

51) Apologies DCllr E Wainwright.

52) Declarations of Interest Cllr Price declared that his property is opposite the shipping container.

53) Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th January 2020 were agreed as a true and correct record, and signed by Cllr Price.

54) Correspondence. Cllrs confirmed that they had received the correspondence listed in the Agenda from 02/01/2020 to 24/02/2020 inclusive and had no comments.

55) Planning. None

56) Matters arising from previous minutes.

- a) **Shipping Container.** The deadline for the container to be moved is 20/03/20. There is an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to site a mobile home, but a compliant site plan showing the location and size must be lodged by 11/03/2020 or it will be invalidated. The initial application was for accommodation not storage. Enforcement are aware of the situation. **Cllr Price will monitor.**
- b) **Playground.** There is still no volunteer come forward to lead this, and local residents have suggested planting an orchard instead. As the use of this land was decided at a public consultation, a further consultation will need to be held to change this. There was some confusion over the S106 money which the Clerk explained/clarified. The PC has received in the region of £900 in donations. It was suggested that a meeting be called as part of the Parish meeting to also include a speaker from Orion (phone/ internet provider), but felt this would make the meeting too long. It was agreed to hold

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a survey at the upcoming coffee morning. **Cllr Price will draft a questionnaire to distribute.** Additionally, it was hoped that a footpath via Church Close could be established for better safety. **Cllr Folland to ask landowner.** Cllr Squires left.

- c) **Preparing for a national bereavement.** It was felt that a tree could be planted in memory which could be included in the plans for the play ground.

57) **Current Business**

- a) **Annual Parish Meeting.** This will take place before the Annual Meeting on 5th May. **Cllr Price to invite Orion to speak.**
- b) **Confirm dates for the year.** All cllrs were given the dates of meeting for the next year.
- c) **New address for website.** MDDC has changed the website address, and as the PC is hosted by them, the PC address has changed also. **The Clerk to update the details on the notice board.**

58) **Councillors Reports**

- a) **Footpaths.** Cllr Keatley was advised that the footpath a Sunnybrook Farm was blocked. He checked and it was passable.
- b) **District Report.** Cllr Wainwright emailed a report which was forwarded to cllrs.

59) **Finance**

- a) Clerks pay – £95.00. Cheque no 306 signed by Cllrs Price and Keatley.
- b) Came & Co insurance. No increase in the premium from last year - £218. Cheque no 307 signed by Cllrs Price and Keatley.

Confirm dates of next meetings, which will start at 7.30pm

- a) Planning meeting. Tuesday 7th April 2020 (this will only take place if there are planning applications to discuss).
- b) Annual Parish and Annual Meeting on Tuesday 5th May 2020

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman Date