

PUDDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
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Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th July 2021.

In attendance: Chairman Cllr. R Price, Cllr. K Keatley, Cllr. R Keeble, Cllr. S Folland, Cllr. M Squires.

Members of the public: Mr J Ingram, Mr A Cairns (re: item 6.a)

- 1) **Public Session** – The Chairman invited comments from members of the public in attendance. Mr Ingram questioned how the Parish Council had ensured members of the public were informed about meetings, and decisions made during the period over lockdown when meetings were conducted remotely. There followed some discussion about provisions made for the public during lockdown. Reassurance was given that access to meetings had been published on each agenda, these were in the form of a dial in code to a conference call; however, the PC will be aware of this concern should it find itself unable to hold face to face meetings in the future due to Government restrictions.
- 2) **Apologies** – Cllr. S Brick and Cllr. E Wainwright sent their apologies.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** -. The Chairman declared an interest in Item 7a – The Shipping container.
- 4) **Minutes** –The Chairman invited any comments or amendments to the minutes from the meetings on the 4th May 2021 which had been circulated to all Cllrs. on completion of the draft. No comments were made, the minutes were approved and adopted.
- 5) **Correspondence**
All electronic correspondence is forwarded to Cllrs. during the period leading up to the meeting. The common theme is Climate change initiatives; a brief discussion followed on viability in the Parish for some of the schemes currently in place or being offered. No action at this time.
- 6) **Planning**
 - a) 21/01176/LBC – Replacement of existing windows at Little Bamson, Puddington. The Chairman invited Mr Cairn into the discussion, who explained he had already tried to repair the windows but to no avail, therefore replacement was the only option. Following a brief discussion, the Cllrs. conveyed their support for the replacement windows and added the replacements were an enhancement to their appearance. Clerk to respond to MDCC in support of the application.
The Chairman briefed the Cllrs. on the current situation with Kennerleigh Community Shop, who have applied for planning to extend the shop in order to keep it functioning. Although is not a direct issue for Puddington Parish Council, as the shop is regularly used by Parishioners and is highly commended for its use of local produce, the Chairman told the Cllrs. for their interest, that he will be supporting the application.

7) **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

- a) **Shipping Container** – The Chairman explained to the Cllrs. that the enforcement order placed on the container to be removed expires on the 19th July 2021. Further action will depend on the outcome following this date.
- b) **Digital banking** – Cllr. Keatley has been liaising with the bank in order to change details which is currently limiting his access and preventing the Clerk from gaining access; however, Lloyds are yet to resolve the issue.

8) **Current Business**

- a) **financial report: Receipts and Payments since last meeting, Cash Book & Bank reconciliation.** The Clerk had forwarded these for review by the Cllrs. questions and comments were invited. A current total on funds for the play area are to be circulated to the Cllrs. by the Clerk and the reserved funds noted on the cashbook for future reference at meetings. There was some discussion on the requirement for the PC to have its own laptop computer to ensure data protection requirements are met. To be discussed further and noted in the next budget. The accounts were approved.
 - b) **Playground – update on plans** – Cllr. Keatley took receipt of the picnic tables ready for installation and added that phase one is complete and the play equipment is being used and enjoyed. The Chairman explained to the Cllrs. that phase two had been held up due to some complications in finding a contractor to complete the next stage of work, the Chairman is working to resolve this. He is also liaising with MDCC on taking official ownership of the area, MDCC are still legally the owners and responsible for maintenance etc, which isn't currently being completed.
- 9) **Councillors/Committee Reports** – The Chairman opened up to the Cllrs. for any comments. Cllr. Squires reported that MDCC are ahead of their target on becoming carbon neutral. Many solar panels have already been installed across the County; LED lightbulbs are replacing old streetlight bulbs etc. Cllr. Keatley has had no reports on any issues with the footpaths. The Chairman raised the problem of potholes and Cllr. Squires muted that Parish Councils may have more influence in repairs in the future. There was discussion regarding the increase in, large vehicles on the road, lorries and tractors and general traffic and speed. After much discussion, this may be an item on a future agenda although it is thought an initiative such as 'Twenty's Plenty' would need to be funded by the PC rather than MDCC. Cllr. Folland raised the issue of litter, this may appear on a future agenda for discussion on a how to combat this in the parish.

10) **Confirm Date of next meeting.**

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.46 hrs.