

PUDDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th September 2021.

In attendance: Chairman Cllr. R Price, Cllr. K Keatley, Cllr. R Keeble, Cllr. S Brick, Cllr. M Squires, Cllr. E Lloyd

Members of the public: Mr J Ingram, Mr A Cairns, Mr S Hicks

- 1) **Public Session** - The Chairman invited comments from members of the public in attendance. The shipping container being a matter of interest and would be discussed under item 7a on the agenda. Mr S Hicks had concerns over the Erection of an agricultural storage building and formation of new access concerns over the entrance being particularly wide. The chair confirmed that planning had been granted. Concerns were raised over the planning application and the impact this may have on the traffic through the village.
- 2) **Apologies** - None
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** - The Chairman and Cllr. S Brick 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 6th July 2021 which had been circulated to all Cllrs. on completion of the draft. Cllr. M Squires asked for MDDC to be amended to DCC under councillors/committee reports these changes 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.
- 6) **Planning** - No Comments made.
- 7) **Matters arising from previous minutes.**
 - a) **Shipping Container** – Mr S Hicks was concerned over the length of time that has been taken as were the councillors. Cllr. Lloyd agreed that it had been an unacceptable delay and that the matter was due to be discussed at a meeting with the chair of scrutiny committee on the 8th September. The Chair voiced his concerns that this is unacceptable and has requested to meet with the Chief executive of Mid Devon District Council.
 - b) **Digital banking** – The new clerk has completed an online bank mandate in the hope to add her on to the account and will liaise with Cllr. Keatley and the bank to resolve the issue.
- 8) **Appointment of new clerk** - The Clerk was formally appointed.
- 9) **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. The balance of the cash book as at 31st August 2021 is £5,636.45 A current total on funds for the playground is £2,738.89. The accounts were approved.

- b) **Playground – update on plans** - Cllr. Keatley reported that the Benches are ready to be installed concrete and fixings required to protect them from being stolen. The playground will require additional funding and grants will be perused. MDDC have agreed to remove the concrete rubble and remove the safety fencing around it so that the area is useable and build towards a new high slide that can be installed and maintained in the future.

10) **Councillors/Committee Reports** - The Chairman opened up to the Cllrs. for any comments.

The Chairman congratulated the newly married Cllr. Lloyd (née Wainwright).

The Chairman reported that the footpath from Pitt Lane has been ploughed making the path difficult. Action Cllr. Keatley to contact footpath officer Richard Spurway, Stuart Hall or Ros Davis.

Cllr. Squires reported that Airband are looking at introducing Fibre to the Property (FTTP) in Nomansland and are looking for other nearby areas that may be of interest. Action - Cllr M Squires to contact Airband for a possible public meeting that the parish council will host with options for residents. Mid Devon District Council are also looking in to the reviewing the boundaries and a new committee is being set up to look at this.

Cllr. Lloyd reported also with regards to the boundary review. Also reported that she would be working with the council on the climate agenda and how social and environmental efficiency can work alongside heritage and conservation. The two often conflict for example solar panels on houses in conservations areas, how do we help people do the right thing. Anaerobic Digestion (AD) is also a hot topic and is being discussed at scrutiny.

11) **Confirm Date of next meeting** - Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 hrs.