

## PUDDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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### Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

**In attendance:** Chairman Cllr. R Price, Cllr. K Keatley, Cllr. R Keeble, Cllr. S Brick, Cllr. S Folland, Cllr. E Lloyd, Keeley Wells (Clerk)

**Members of the public:** Mr D Lakeland, Mr S Hicks, Mrs T Bailey

- 1) **Public Session** - The Chairman invited comments from members of the public in attendance. Mr S Hicks regarding Container agenda item 9a.
- 2) **Apologies** – Cllr Squires
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** - The Chairman and Cllr. S Brick declared an interest in Item 9a – The Shipping container.
- 4) **Minutes** - The Chairman invited any comments or amendments to the minutes from the meetings on the 7<sup>th</sup> September which had been circulated to all Cllrs. on completion of the draft. 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** - Ref: 21/01176/LBC Decision Notice Little Bamson Granted.

Kennerleigh Community Shop and Post Office Kennerleigh Crediton Devon EX17 4RS Ref. No: 21/01973/FULL The chair had written in support of the application on behalf of the Parish Council. Agreed at a previous meeting. The chair also asked for individuals to support the application if they should wish to.

- 7) **Queens Platinum Jubilee** - To discuss contribution towards commemorative object. The Village Hall committee are also looking at doing something. Consideration to do it together with the hall perhaps a tree on the village green. Parish council asked to contribute towards cost. The Parish council would need to consider in the budget setting as any contribution would need to be added to the 22/23 Precept.
- 8) **Village Floral Appearance** - To discuss adding floral interest around the village. Planting bulbs around the village to inject some colour - perhaps discuss with church. Making the approaches to the village more colourful. Actions - Approach Garden club perhaps ask for donations for annuals or bulbs and plant sales etc. Cllr Price and Cllr Keatley will put something together for the Christmas coffee morning on 20/11/21.
- 9) **Matters arising from previous minutes**
  - a) **Shipping Container** – Cllr Lloyd – reported that it is out of the council’s hand and it is now with the legal team and top of the enforcement agenda.
  - b) **Digital banking** – All now up and running
- 10) **Current Business.**

- a) Financial report: Receipts and Payments since last meeting, Cash Book & Bank reconciliation. The balance of the cash book and bank is £5,210.11.

Date	Details	Receipt	Payment
07-Sep	Donation Playground	£50.00	
07-Sep	2 x Benches		£940.00
07-Sep	Salary Clerk WB		£310.00
10-Oct	Salary Clerk Sept Salary		£116.34

- b) Approval of clerks' Salary Oct 2021 £108.84 – Approved
- c) 2022/2023 Precept Budget Setting – The budget was discussed and considered ahead of January's meeting when the precept will need to be approved. The council will need to consider the increased costs for taking over the playground. The precept will need to increase. The request for a contribution towards the platinum jubilee would also need to be included. Cllr Lloyd mentioned grants may be available for Playground maintenance.

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

Cllr. Lloyd encouraged everyone to complete the survey regarding Mid Devon budget setting process (email circulated) The press release is here -- <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/let-s-talk-mid-devon/> and it contains a link to the survey.

Boundary review – to be in place by 2023 are our boundaries appropriate.

Connecting Devon and Somerset – Broadband and internet in the community are in contact with Mid Devon and looking at ways to improve.

Cllr. Price – reported on his meeting with Airband. Still a lot of issues. Puddington is likely to be in the first qtr. of next year. A wireless option is available but uses a mobile phone signal and in Chairs location this would not work. However, would do another survey. For some residents in Puddington this maybe an interim solution.

Cllr. Keatley – reported that he had spoken with Ros regarding the footpath which continues on from Pitt Lane, off Poughill lane. The farmer must make good within 14 days and if they have not done so it can be reported. The footpath is now walkable.

12) **Confirm Date of next meeting** - Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.17 hrs.