

PUDDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

In attendance: Chairman Cllr. R Price (Minutes), Cllr. K Keatley, Cllr. R Keeble, Cllr. S Brick, Cllr. S Folland, Cllr. M Squires, 4 members of public.

- 1) **Public Session** – Messrs. S Hicks and G. Ingram both expressed concern that an addition has been made to the parish precept for the playground, when they believe that little use is made of the facility by children. It was explained that the Parish had no alternative but to take over ownership of the playground from MDDC, or it would have to close permanently. The addition to the precept is designed to cover maintenance and insurance only and represents an extremely small addition to Council Tax bills. Fund raising and donations have funded everything else which has been carried out. The aim of providing a new large slide is a response to a body of opinion expressed by Parishioners, but should that be done in the future, the cost would have to be met from fund raising activities and donations. The Parish Council’s policy has always been to make the facility attractive and useful to all age groups.
- 2) **Apologies** – Received from Cllr. S. Brick and Cllr. E. Lloyd and the Clerk, Keeley Wells, all unwell.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr. Price declared an interest in item 7b, the Shipping Container
- 4) **Minutes** - The minutes were approved and adopted.
- 5) **Correspondence** - Circulated by Clerk electronically – no comments. Follow up to advice previously received regarding grants to support the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Cllr. Squires suggested that the Clerk should make application for a grant of £100 from her Locality Budget to assist with the purchase of flower seeds.
- 6) **Planning** – No advice received.
- 7) **Matters arising from previous minutes**
 - a) Playground – Insurance - Now effected and additional premium will not become payable until April.
 - b) Shipping Container – A notice of Injunction for removal of the container has been served with a deadline for compliance of 4th April.
- 8) **Current Business**
 - a) financial report: Receipts and Payments since last meeting, Cash Book & Bank reconciliation. Bank Balance as at 18th Feb 2022 £4481.10.

Details	Receipt	Payment
Laptop		£199.99
HMRC		£46.20
DALC Training		£36.00
Clerks Nov Dec Salary		£184.72
Puddington Village Hall		£15.00
Clerks Jan Salary		£92.26

b) Came & Co Insurance Due 01/04/2022

9) **Governance**

Standing Orders and Finance Regulations were adopted and Cllr. Price advised members of the public that should anyone wish to view these, he would be please to provide copies by email.

10) **Speed Signs**

The Council decide against accepting an offer from Seddon's Estate Agency to display their 20 mph speed advice signs. It was thought that given the colour and design and the necessity to display these on private land, they would tend to give an impression of for sale boards and thus benefit Seddon's, rather more than having the effect of slowing traffic.

11) **Councillors/Committee Reports –**

Cllr. Squires reported that Airband are making good progress in the installation of high-speed fibre broadband, which should become available in Puddington shortly. N report was available from Highways.

Cllr. Price observed that potholes in all roads approaching Puddington have become more prevalent and have reached a position of becoming potentially responsible for damage to vehicles. He has made reports on the Devon Highways website, which he suggested was an inappropriate method of managing the reporting process, being dependent upon knowledge of pothole dimensions, precise location and photographs, which is not achievable whilst driving.

Cllr. Keetley reported all footpaths to be passable, but very wet at present. He has also been carrying out monthly safety checks of the playground and equipment and found all in order. The padlock to the large gate has still not been removed by MDDC and the support post to the roadside playground warning sign has rotted. Cllr. Squires offered to make enquiries over both these matters.

12) **Confirm Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd May 2022