

MINUTES POUGHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 20th January 2022

Attendees: Karen Wellerd (Chair), Cllr. Polly Colthorpe, Paul Mapp, Julian Wild, Cllr Squires, Keeley Wells (Clerk)

Members of Public: Simon Perks, Verena Blythe, Paul Rogers

1. **Democratic Period** - Public Questions – none.
2. **Apologies** – None.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr. Polly Colthorpe Planning related.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 18^h November 2021
 - 4.1 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.
 - 4.2 Update on actions from previous meeting –
 - Online Banking Paul Mapp – Paul has printed out forms and they have been signed ready to be sent off again.
 - Cutting back of the Churchyard Boundary – This work has been completed and paid for. Thank you to Ashley who has done a wonderful job.
 - Community Enhancement Fund Grant Application – Stephen Tucker will get back to us regarding replacing finger posts around the village. Karen Wellerd to chase.
 - Bus Stop Wall – Clerk to email Stephen Tucker.
5. **Finance**
 - 5.1 Notification of payments and receipts in the period and current financial status.
 - The current cash Book balance is £2,347.15, plus £1,000 in the Instant Access Savings Account.

Date	Details	Receipt	Payment
30-Nov	K Wells Clerks Salary		£92.46
03-Dec	Hedgerow Print		£83.00
07-Dec	HMRC TAX/NI		£23.00
30-Nov	Parish newsletter	£4.75	
11-Dec	Coffee Morning	£155.60	
11-Dec	Defibrillator Donation	£10.00	
14-Dec	Defibrillator Donation	£20.00	
15-Dec	Defibrillator Donation	£3.00	
15-Dec	Defibrillator Donation	£100.00	
24-Dec	A Cheriton		£45.00
24-Dec	HMRC TAX/NI		£23.00
27-Dec	Defibrillator Donation	£250.00	
31-Dec	K Wells Clerks Salary		£92.46

5.2 The balance in the defibrillator fund is £1111.60 Karen is waiting for the outcome of the Heathcoat Grant and we need to check if other Grants need to be spent in this financial year.

5.3 Budget 2022/23 Council resolved the budget for 2022/23 £3,439.

5.4 Precept 2022/23 Council resolved the 2022/23 Precept £3,439.

6. Governance

6.1 Approval of reviewed disciplinary policy V1 approved.

7. Planning

7.1 Enforcement - Stabling at Crediton Cross – Reported online clerk to check enforcement policy as no response as yet.

8. District Councillor/County Councillor Report

8.1 Cllr. Squires

- Reported budget shortages for the county council and the council may have to fund the shortfall from reserves.
- The authority is still finding recruitment shortages for care staff and social workers, this is not just a problem for Devon. The county council are working on incentives to recruit and retain employees.

8.2 Cllr Colthorpe

- Budget Scrutiny currently the budget is overspending and MDDC cannot set an unbalanced budget. Services have been asked to identify any savings however this is proving difficult. Mid Devon is trialling three weekly refuse collection services.

9. Correspondence

- General correspondence emailed to Cllrs
- CHAT & CAB Donation requests it was agreed that the clerk would write back to inform both that unfortunately we do not have a budget for Grants at this time.
- Mid Devon Parish Review MDDC is currently conducting a Parish Review as part of the process the Council will be reviewing all towns and parishes in Mid Devon. There are several options that may be considered during the review, and these include creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes, changing the name of parishes, the electoral arrangements for parishes (number of councillors, warding), grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.
- Parish Paths Partnership Scheme – Clerk to report back to Ros Davies at Devon County that currently Poughill don't feel it is necessary as no funding requirements.
- Blocked Drains Report – This has been reported and Devon County will jet the gully.

10. Chair's Report (Chair)

- Nothing to report.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.08

Next meeting – 17th March 2022

Future dates for the diary Parish Council meetings: 19th May 2022