

## PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

**In attendance:** Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. K Keatley (KK), Cllr. S Brick (SB), Cllr. S Folland (SF), Cllr. E Lloyd (EL), Cllr. M Squires (MS), Clerk, Katie Vallance (KV), 2 Members of Public

- 1) **Public Session** – Nick Vallance (NV) questioned if we could display '20 is plenty' signage throughout the village to help reduce speeding traffic.

MS advised we could do this if the signs are green and displayed on private property (villager's homes). Red signs are illegal and will be removed via the council.

**ACTION** - KV to investigate costs and options, then share with councillors via email with a view for further discussion at the meeting in January 2023.

**ACTION** - MS – To talk with relevant councillor regarding no through road sign for Bamson due to several vehicles ploughing into the hedgerows.

- 2) **Apologies** – None
- 3) **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr. R Price, Cllr. S Brick, declared an interest in item 7a, the Shipping Container
- 4) **Minutes** - The minutes were approved, adopted, and signed off by RP.
- 5) **2023/ 2024 Proposed Budget** - Playground Insurance – This increased this week due to the playground upgrade. Last year's cost was £729.83, will inflation we have proposed £803.00 (10% included for inflation).

**ACTION** – KV to look at other insurers to see if we can lower next year premium (DALC).

Clerks Pay – We have proposed to reduce this from £1200 to £700.

Church Precept – Going back through the budget for last year and this year, both payments have not been paid (£50 per year) We propose to keep this in the budget for next year and back pay the payments that have been missed

**ACTION** – KV to set up £100 payment for KK to approve.

Playground Maintenance – We have reduced this from £750 this year to £500 next year with the view of build up a buffer as a new entrance gate will be required within the next two years.

RK – handed over grass cutting invoice for payment 31/03/22 – 13/10/22 - £83.00

**ACTION** – KV to set up £83 payment for RP to approve.

MS – Advised us of the election fee we will need to incorporate into next year's budget

**ACTION** – KV – to look through previous years cash book to get an idea of previous amount, however we may be looking at £1250

In total next year budget is currently drafted at £3418. Budget to be finalised at January's meeting ahead of precept deadline 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

- 6) **Correspondence** – All circulated electronically to Cllrs by the Clerk. No comments.
- 7) **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
  - a) Shipping Container – MDDC have confirmed that action is ongoing and that the clerk at court is awaiting costs on when this can be done.
- 8) **Current Business**
  - a) The Clerk's Financial Report was noted. Current balance £3701.08.
  - b) Payments approved by Cllrs. – Clerk's Salary £96.00 (12 hrs.@ £10 ph)  
HMRC Sept / Oct. (£24.00) – RR Grass Cutting £83 (10.25hrs.@2.75 ph)  
Church Precept £100 (Years 21/22 – 22/23)  
**ACTION – KV to set up all payments**

RP – We have received a £250 donation from the Pennymoor Sigaround for the Playground refurbish.
- 9) **Councillors/Committee Reports** – MS – Currently 800 Children in care and 20 social care workers need to be recruited by the council to cover.  
Next year's budget – is mainly being focused on social care and school transport  
  
EL – Advised that Crediton food bank is struggling for donations as the demand increases due to the rise in cost of living.  
  
RP – 2022 Audit – Currently with Auditor for sign off following some slight issues we have now dealt with.  
  
KK – Footpath 10 – the gate has been raised and non-slip grip plated places on style to avoid slipping.  
  
KK – Is looking into becoming a Wildlife Warden for Puddington.
- 10) **Confirm Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm, in Village Hall

Meeting Closed - 8.33pm