

PUDDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
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**Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 3rd May 2022.**

In attendance: Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. K Keatley (KK), Cllr. S Brick (SB), Cllr. S Folland (SF),
Cllr. M Squires (MS), Clerk, Katie Curtis (KC), 3 members of public.

- 1) **Election of Officers - Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
Election of Chair - Roger Price - All in agreement.
Election of Vice Chair - RP proposes KK - All in agreement.
- 2) **Public Session** – G Ingram (GI) expressed concern that the parish precept has increased by 122% over the last 5 years, which is over the level of inflation. GI questions if the public are getting value for money?
RP - Insurance cost has risen plus we have had to take on the playground which includes its maintenance. We have not used any precept capital expenditure, KK agreed and advised it's all been donations. We are looking to build up a fund to allow for replacements/ improvements. We would like to enhance the entrance.
RP - The outgoing Clerk has also been costly.
RP - We are also responsible for signposts, for the likes of the playground. Directional road signs are the responsibility of the Parish.
ACTION - MS to investigate who is responsible for replacing the playground sign - Parish Council/ Devon County Council.
- 3) **Apologies** – Received from and Cllr. E. Lloyd (EL), Cllr. R Keeble (RK).
- 4) **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr. R Price, Cllr. S Brick, declared an interest in item 11a, the Shipping Container
- 5) **Minutes - The minutes were approved and adopted.**
- 6) **Parish Clerk Ballot** - Keeley Well resigned - Katie Curtis step forward for the role - All in agreement.
- 7) **Playground** - RP - First picnic table installed second one erected, just requires installation, hopefully completed by the end of the coming weekend.
KK - Advises target net needs installing - Nets are currently in stock and cost around £85.
RP - Enhancement's to the entrance - RK has done as much as possible to the current gate with what is currently there. RK will also cut the grass and will only cut a pathway through the fruit trees, the rest will be left wild.
- 8) **Parish Notice Board** - RP - advises that the current position is not ideal. RP has been advised that the cost of a new notice board is split three ways - 1/3 by village church, 1/3 by village hall and 1/3 by the parish council.
GI - Advises that it was 50% parish council and 50% village hall. RP - The current notice board is rotting. During a discussion it was agreed that the map of the parish

would be displayed in the new board. MS - Volunteered £500 funding for a new board. This can be applied for by a locality budget on the Devon County website.

ACTION - KC - Apply for funding.

ACTION - RP - To research and contact

- 9) **Correspondence - Jubilee Grants** - RP - Questioned MS if Keeley had applied for the £100 Grant? MS - Has not seen any correspondence. All in agreement to drop this item.
Circulated by Clerk electronically – no comments.

- 10) **Planning** – No advice received.

11) **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- a) Shipping Container – A notice of Injunction for removal of the container has been served with a deadline for compliance of 4th April has now expired. RP - This is now back with Mid Devon District Council; they then must put this back to the courts as the original injunction has been ignored.

12) **Current Business**

- a) Financial report: Receipts and Payments since last meeting, Cash Book & Bank reconciliation. Bank Balance as of 1st May 2022 - £5848.68.

Details	Receipt	Payment
Clerks Apr Salary - Keeley		£65.56
HMRC		£16.20
Insurance Premium - Playground		£729.83
Clerks Feb Salary - Wendy		£8.42
Clerks Feb Mar Salary - Keeley		£196.41
HMRC		£49

- 13) **Governance** - RP - 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 pleased to provide copies by email.
RP - From April 2022 we are asked to review and approve continuation of adoption of the regulations going forward - All agreed.

- 14) **Councillors/Committee Reports** – MS – Noted some of the village potholes have been filled.
RP - mentioned that potholes between Puddington and Pennymore are currently really bad

KK reported all footpaths are passable, but very wet at present.

RP - Container Update - had a meeting with the Cabinet Member for Continuous Improvement - Christina Daw (CP) and Dean Emery (DE) - Corporate Manager - Revenues Benefits, Corporate Recovery, Planning DM and Corporate Fraud at Phoenix House.

CP advised that the Directors were only seeing what was in front of them. CP is now conducting regular meetings with the Directors and will be picking up issues that are running behind.

DE - during the meeting went to see the Legal Team regarding the removal of the container, they had not yet at this time put this back to the court and this will be done within the next couple of weeks. RP - advised this has now been done.

RP - Advised that both CP/ DE would be pleased to come and meet the village members. I have tentatively put this in their diaries for the September Parish Council Meeting and have asked for any questions in advance prior to the meeting and asked if this would be of use to the village?

G Ingram - raises the risk of poor attendance by the public. ACTION - RP to advertise this.

MS - Advises of the new collection frequency for non-recyclable waste - this will soon be three weekly - Date TBC - Recycle / Food waste will remain the same.

15) **Confirm Date of Next Meeting** – RP - Parish Council Meeting on 5th July 2022 - 7.30pm.

16) **AOB** - SF Raises there was no car parking spaces left due to members of the public using the village hall parking.
SM - SUGGESTS that RP writes a letter to the Village Hall Committee, and that parking should be for hall use only.

Meeting Close - 8.35pm

Action Tracker

	Action Tracker	Owner	Update
1	Look into who is responsible for replacing the playground road signage - Parish Council/ Devon County Council?	MS	
2	Apply for notice board funding	KC	
3	Research and contact other parishes (Sandford/ Bickley/ Morchard Bishop) regarding a new board	RP	
4	Christina Daw (CP) and Dean Emery (DE) village visit advertisement	RP	