

PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th Jan 2023.

In attendance: Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. K Keatley (KK), Cllr. S Brick (SB), Cllr. S Folland (SF), Cllr. E Lloyd (EL), Clerk, Katie Vallance (KV), 0 Members of Public

- 1) **Public Session** – No members of the public were present.
- 2) **Apologies** - Cllr. M Squires (MS).
- 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/SB.
- 5) **2023/ 2024 Proposed Budget** - The proposed 2023/2024 budget below has been agreed and approved by counsellors below.
 - Clerks Pay - £700
 - Playground Insurance - £250
 - Internal Audit - £50
 - Expenses - £20
 - Village Hall Rent - £35
 - Church Precept Payment - £50
 - DALC Membership - £70 (Increased from £60 2022/ 2023)
 - Playground - £750
 - Election Fees - £1250Precept request amount agreed and approved £3175.00.
- 6) **Playground Inspection Report** – Report came up with a couple of issues we may need to look at, the main issue is the gap between the gate and post.
- 7) **Village '20 is plenty' signage** - All signage will need to go on private land. It was agreed to raise funds for the signage and we will pop a note into the village bell requesting donations.

EL Advised MDCC were given funding to larger villages - However this is believed to have been distributed.
- 8) **Snow Warden Update**
 - a. Salt bins in the next week will be topped up with grit.
 - b. Grit spreader - Was agreed we'd approach the village hall to fund (29th Jan).
 - c. New Grit Bin required - Bin ref. GB 1791 - This has been reported via the Snow Warden channel.

ACTION - KV to send Cllr. M Squires (MS) regarding a new bin.

ACTION - EL to put KK in touch with other Parishes around the salt spreader.

9) Correspondence – All circulated electronically to Cllrs by the Clerk. No comments.

10) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Shipping Container – RP - MDDC may be instructing a new Barrister. EL has also asked for an update, however never got a response in time for the current meeting. EL - Enforcement is currently an issue within the council.

The issue is actively ongoing.

11) Current Business - Bank Balance as of 03 Jan 2023 £3972.70.

- a) Clerks Nov/ Dec Salary (14 hrs - £10ph)- £96 - RP - Agreed and approved.
- b) HMRC – Nov/ Dec - £24 - RP - Agreed and approved.
- c) Playground Inspections - £144 - RP - Agreed and approved.
- d) Internal Audit - £52.50 - RP - Agreed and approved.

ACTION - KV to set up payments for approval

12) Councillors/Committee Reports

- a) Mid Devon currently going through setting the budget - need to find around £1m of cuts. Sign off in March.
- b) Planning is a huge issue at the moment.
- c) EL attending a meeting in Crediton regarding joint Infrastructure.
- d) Cllr. E Lloyd (EL) will not stand at this year's elections.
- e) RP - Reported 55 potholes within the village and just outside to the council.

13) AOB

- a) KK - Walked all the footpaths - all paths are clear, some very wet, adjusted gates and some latches as well as some pruning.
- b) KK - Now a wildlife warden for Puddington.
- c) KV - Kings Coronation - Agreed that we will leave to the Village Hall Committee - MDCC have asked to keep things low key.

14) Confirm Date of Next Meeting - 7th March - 7.30pm - Village Hall.

Meeting Closed - 8.37pm