

PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

In attendance: Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. K Keatley (KK), Cllr. S Brick (SB), Cllr. S Folland (SF), Cllr. R Keeble (RK), Cllr. Mark Jenkins (MJ), 4 Members of Public.

1. Public Session: -

- 1.1. Considerable concern expressed over condition of roads in and around the village, especially for any with impaired eyesight as there are no pedestrian only pavements.
- 1.2. Complaints over very large tractors towing very large trailers in relays throughout the day and up to 02.00am with all working lights on disturbing residents. This tends to happen at this time of year, but this year has been for a more protracted period. Working lights are required to be extinguished on the highway.
- 1.3. Recent road closure in village centre to repair water main made without notice or diversions. Drivers of heavy vehicles have removed barriers and road closed signs and driven over the repair before the surface was reinstated, putting repair at risk.
- 1.4. Generally, more and larger heavy vehicles are using the road through the village and the roads are not suitable for such traffic and are not adequately maintained to withstand the impact of this development. Much improved maintenance is required urgently.

2. Apologies: - Cllr. Helen Tuffin (HT), Cllr Margaret Squires (MS), Clerk, Mrs. K Vallance (KV), due to sickness.

3. Declarations of Interest not declared in the Register of Interest: - Cllr. R Price, Cllr. S Brick declared an interest in item 6.1, the Shipping Container.

4. Minutes: - The minutes were approved, adopted, and signed off by all Councillors.

5. Correspondence: - Circulated electronically to all – no comments.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes: -

6.1. Shipping Container: - No further information.

6.2. Grit Bin: – In hand.

ACTION – KV to chase MS for update – existing bin unused elsewhere, or contribution from MS fund? RP to pursue agreement with landowner at preferred site.

6.3. 20 is Plenty Signage: – KK Proposed that 9 signs are purchased, all reading “20 mph, Please Slow Down”, seconded by SF and agreed unanimously.

ACTION – KV to order the 9 required signs.

6.4. Menchine Farm Plantation: - A development near Upcott Moor Plantation of a large agricultural building, apparently without planning authority has been reported to MDDC Planning.

- 6.5. Investigation around off-road footpath to playground discussion: - Necessary permissions are unlikely to be given. Subject held in abeyance for future consideration.
7. **Proposed 2024/ 2025 Budget/ Precept**: -
7.1. Proposal appears reasonable. Final decision to be made at January meeting.
8. **New Business Matters**: -
8.1. Damage Created by Large Agricultural Vehicles - Councillors shared concern expressed in the public session (1.4)
ACTION - KV to contact Devon Highways and Cllr. Squires to register concern and request appropriate action be taken where possible, including potential for imposing weight limits, unsuitability for vehicles > 7.5 tonnes etc. Increased parking in the village is compounding the problem for large vehicles.
8.2. 2024/2025 Precept Amount – See 7.1.
9. **To receive the following report**: -
9.1. Parish – All footpaths are clear. No further reports.
9.2. District - HMT explained that the Net Zero Advisory Group had been reinstalled within MDDC.
9.3. County - No report.
10. **Current Business**: -
10.1. Financial Report: Receipts and Payments since last meeting - Receipts and payments made since last meeting, as detailed on the agenda were noted by the Councillors.
10.2. Payments for approval - Approval given by Council to all, with 1 addition. The budget includes a £50 donation to the church and Council agreed this action to be taken.
ACTION - KV to set up payments for approval.
10.3. Current Financial Situation - Noted
11. **Confirm Date of Next Meeting**: -
11.1. Meeting date agreed for 9th Jan - 7.30pm - Village Hall; Confirmed
11.2. Agenda Items for consideration by the next meeting – N/A

Meeting Closed – 9.17pm