

PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September 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. M Squires (MS), Cllr. H M Tuffin (HMT), 2 Members of Public

1. **Public Session:** - No comments or questions received.
2. **Apologies:** - Cllr. M Jenkins (MJ), Clerk, Mrs. K Vallance (KV), due to injury.
3. **Declarations of Interest not declared in the Register of Interest:** - Cllr. R Price, Cllr. S Brick, declared an interest in item 7.1, the Shipping Container.
4. **Minutes:** - The minutes were approved, adopted, and signed off by all Councillors.
5. **Correspondence:** - Both items were noted by the Councillors without comment.
6. **Audit:** - Completed and has been signed-off by the members of the parish council.
7. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** -
 - 7.1. **Shipping Container:** - RP has received an email from the MDDC Official concerned, who has confirmed that the issue remains live.
 - 7.2. **Grit Bin:** – KK has circulated photographs of the proposed location. MS will discuss with the Highways Officer to discover if an unused bin can be found. KK will email details to MS and if a new bin is required, MS may make a contribution to the cost with a Locality Grant.

ACTION – MS to discuss with Highways Officer regarding if any unused bins are available.

ACTION – KK To email MS with location of the new grit bin.
 - 7.3. **20 is Plenty Signage:** – MPH Signage – SF considers that extensive signage would be unsightly and ineffective. Following discussion, Councillors approved the purchase of 5 signs of the type previously identified, for deployment at the entrance signs to the village. The effect that those signs achieve will then be considered before any additional signage is purchased.

ACTION – KV to order the 5 required signs.
8. **New Business Matters:** -
 - 8.1. **Investigation for off-road footpath to Witheridge Lane** – MS advised on the experience of a similar project in Sandford and SF expressed considerable doubt over the likelihood of the owner of the field in question allowing the creation of a footpath. Significant costs are likely to apply in obtaining agreement and in installation of gates, fencing etc. The landowner does not live locally, and an attempt will be made to discover his contact details. KK will endeavour to make contact with Sandford Parish Council to discover if lessons can be learned from their experience of creating a Permissive Right of Way.

8.2. Activity on land near Upcott Moor Plantation – HMT has contacted Planning and the relevant officer has been on leave and a response is awaited. HMT will relay any information as soon as possible.

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 - Staff salary for July / August of £112.00 and related payment to HMRC of £28.00 were approved by the Councillors.

ACTION - KV to set up payments for approval – **COMPLETED**.

10.3. Current Financial Situation –

Precept - £2,821.67

Jubilee Park - £2,623.00

Contingency - £514.74

Bank Balance - £5,959.41

11. Confirm Date of Next Meeting: -

9.3. Meeting date agreed for 7th Nov - 7.30pm - Village Hall; Confirmed

9.4. Agenda Items for consideration by the next meeting – N/A

Meeting Closed – 8.35pm