

# ANNUAL PUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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## Minutes of the Puddington Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

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**In attendance:** Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. K Keatley (KK), Cllr. S Brick (SB), Cllr. R Keeble (RK), Cllr Margaret Squires (MS) and 4 Members of Public.

1. **Public Session:** - No comments
2. **Apologies:** - Cllr. Mark Jenkins (MJ) – Work commitments, Cllr. S Folland (SF) - Misunderstanding, Cllr. Helen Tuffin (HT) - Work commitments, Clerk. Mrs. K Vallance – Recovery from Surgery.
3. **Declarations of Interest not declared in the Register of Interest:** - Chairman Cllr. R Price (RP), Cllr. S Brick declared an interest in item 6.1, the Shipping Container.
4. **Minutes:** - The minutes were approved and adopted by all Councillors.
5. **Correspondence:** -
  - 5.1. Noted
  - 5.2. Clerk thanked for obtaining photo. Agreed to hang in Village Hall.  
**ACTION** – RP to action the above.
  - 5.3. Actions noted below.  
**ACTION** – KK will follow up Rotary Club offer of Crocus Bulbs with a view to planting in Churchyard.  
**ACTION** – KV to apply for grant.
6. **Matters arising from previous minutes:** -
  - 6.1. Shipping Container: - HT chasing for information, not provided as expected.
  - 6.2. Additional Grit Bin Request (Yowlestone): – In progress  
**ACTION** – Bin purchased and currently stored at RK home, salt on order. KK has advised the bin to be placed on concrete slabs for stability and a firm base.  
**ACTION** – RK to provide measurements to KK.
  - 6.3. New Grit Bin (road to Alan's): - In progress  
MS has been unwell for a period and thus out of touch with issues.  
**ACTION** – KV to resend details to her as Highways often fail to respond to her submissions to them.
  - 6.4. Flooding at Smiths Farm & Littleborough Cross: - Ongoing  
**ACTION** – MS to arrange a meeting with Steve Tucker, Neighbour Highways Officer with Parish Councillors to discuss various issues which remain outstanding. May not be in near future
  - 6.5. Puddington Cross Junction: - Ongoing  
**ACTION** – RP to send MS the report reference. No response from Highways, incidents continue to happen.
  - 6.6. Damage Created by Large Agricultural Vehicles: - Ongoing  
Refer the item response 6.4.
  - 6.7. Planner to attend an upcoming meeting here in Puddington

Planning do not have anyone available but invited attendance at an online presentation by the Lead Planners for East and West areas. KV was unable to join the meeting due to ill health, 4 members of Crediton Town Council failed to attend as planned and RP was only attendee. Advised session would be 30 mins. Presentation and 30 mins. questions. Intensive presentation covered limitations of planning considerations, types of application, process of "Calling In" etc. Questions were only possible by interrupting and session overran time allowed. The session was recorded and is available to view.

6.8. Road Warden Training: - In progress

Held over to next meeting – KV to include on next agenda

7. **To receive the following report: -**

7.1. Parish – Footpaths are OK. MDDC have undertaken some strimming.

7.2. District – No reports.

7.3. County - DCC have received additional funding from cancelled HS2 northern link. £12m has been allocated to highways, of which £2m will be used for white lining. John Hart has stepped down as Leader of DCC after 15 years. He was well respected in that role.

8. **Current Business: -**

8.1. Audit 2023/2024: Accepted and signed by Chair

8.2. 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.

8.3. Payments for approval - Approval given by Council to all.

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

8.4. Current Financial Situation - Noted

9. **Confirm Date of Next Meeting: -**

9.1. Meeting date agreed for 3rd Sep - 7.30pm - Village Hall – Confirmed  
RP sent advance apologies.

9.2. Agenda Items for consideration by the next meeting

**ACTION** - KV/HT to see if we can secure a Planner from the council to attend the next meeting.

9.3. AOB

9.3.1. Playground Inspection Invoice for payment approval  
Councillors approved payment

**ACTION** – KV to prepare payment

9.3.1. Planning Application - 24/00838/LBC – Town Living Cottage  
Supported by Council.

**ACTION** – KV to advise MDDC

Meeting Closed – 9. 10pm