

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 170th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2003 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Matson, Haynes, Grainger & Rowcliffe
Gerry Ingram - Clerk
Councillor Michael Lee (DCC)
7 Parishioners

1 To receive apologies for absence

Councillor David Blackford

2 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting

Prop. Councillor Rowcliffe. Sec. Councillor Haynes

3 To consider Matters Arising

- 3.1) The Clerk confirmed that the postage for documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act would be charged at 2nd Class rates.
- 3.2) The Chair confirmed that he had contacted DCC Highways and that the rest of the white lining would be completed.

4. To receive correspondence

- 4.1) A list of items was circulated.
- 4.2) MDDC requested information on flooded properties in the parish for their database. The Chair said he would contact the most vulnerable properties to enable a reply.
- 4.3) Mid Devon Transport have requested that the Council write a letter confirming their intention to take part in a traffic survey at a possible cost of less than £10. Prop Councillor Haynes Sec. Councillor Grainger. This could lead to a grant towards local transport with other local parishes. The Clerk also reported that a Fare Car scheme would be introduced into the local area using a taxis service where the fare would be subsidised by DCC.
- 4.4) Clerk to contact MDDC regarding grants for the play area as the play area is not controlled by the Parish Council.

5. To consider planning matters

- 5.1) It was reported that a planning application had been received for "Honeymead" and that the Council had no objections.

6. To consider financial matters

- 6.1) It was reported that the balance in the bank was £ 1358.06 of which £956.88p was Parish Paths Partnership.
- 6.2) The contract for the internal auditor was confirmed for 5 years at a cost of £14pa. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

Puddington Parish Council

- 6.3) Cheques were approved for rent for the Village Hall £30, the Internal Auditor's fee £14, the Audit Commission £58.75 and the Clerks Honorarium.
Prop. Councillor Haynes Sec. Councillor Grainger
- 6.4) It was reported that there was £38.29 to be paid to Councillor Blackford on production of an invoice for work done to footpaths and that the cost of repairing Footpath 1 would be about £200. This was approved.
Prop. Councillor Grainger Sec. Councillor Rowcliffe

7. To consider any item from members of the public

- 7.1) It was reported that a number of signposts needed repair.
- 7.2) It was reported that the road surface at the corner outside Appletree Cottage was breaking up. The Chair would inform DCC Highways on both items.
- 7.3) The Council thanked the Village Hall Committee for their letter regarding the siting of a recycling shed, decided to further investigate a siting on land outside the village.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch

None

9. To consider items from Councillors

Councillor Haynes asked whether a village skip could be arranged and promised to research the matter

10. To consider items from the Chairman

The Chairman reported that he had contacted DCC Highways concerning the ditch clearing and had been told that the matter was in hand.

11. Date of next meeting :

May 6th 2003 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Signed..... **Date**.....