

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 174th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on Tuesday 4th November 2003 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: N Matson, C Grainger, G Ingram, S Hicks and K Webber
Clerk: G Lewis
Councillor M. Lee, DCC
6 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Councillor Margaret Squires DCC
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 Prop. Cllr Ingram. Seconded Cllr Grainger.
3. Matters arising
 - 3.1 Cllr Ken Webber stated that he had written to the Devon County Council regarding the provision of a 30mph speed limit through the village as agreed at the last meeting. Although the letter had been acknowledged by DCC no reply has yet been received. As Cllr Lee was present he was asked by Cllr Webber to confirm his position as chairman of the Mid-Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee, this he did. Some discussion followed and Cllr Lee agreed to enquire urgently regarding this matter. Cllr Lee also agreed to provide a list of villages in Mid Devon with and without 30mph limits.
 - 3.2 Cllr Matson reported on the progress of the review of the Parish Paths. It was proposed by Cllr Matson that Seward Folland be employed by the PC at the cost of £8.00 per hour to carry out remedial work to the paths. This was seconded by Cllr Hicks and all agreed.
4. To receive correspondence
 - 4.1 A list of correspondence received was provided with items of interest identified.
5. To consider Planning matters
 - 5.1 It was reported that three planning applications had been received by the PC in respect of 6, Glebelands, Longmead and Smynacott Farm. These had been considered by the councillors and no objections were to be raised.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1. It was reported that the certificate in respect of the Audit Commission report had been received with no adverse observations. Three payments were agreed being £17.82 to Gerry Ingram for expenses relating to his former duties as Clerk, £14.00 to K Abraham, payment for auditing the PC records and £50.00 to Gerry Lewis as one quarters payment for his current duties as Clerk. These were proposed by Cllr Hicks and seconded by Cllr Grainger.
 - 6.2 The balance in the PC bank account was reported as £820.51

7. To consider items from the public
 - 7.1. The incidence of fouling by dogs was raised and some discussion took place on this subject. It was felt that the problem had worsened recently and that some action should be taken to advise the dog owning villagers of the distress that this caused. It was agreed that the DCC dog warden service would be approached for advice.
8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch
 - 8.1. John Breading advised the meeting of a new police initiative designed to protect vulnerable parishioners. This involved such people having 'Nominated neighbours' to whom unrecognised callers could be directed.
9. To consider items from Councillors
 - 9.1. Cllr Ken Webber raised the issue of the poor state of repair of the parish roads. Cllr Lee agreed to raise this issue but advised that the relevant DCC department should be advised directly.
10. To consider items from the Chairman
 - 10.1 None
11. Any other business
 - 11.1. None.
12. Date of next meeting
 - 6th January 2004 in the Village Hall at 8pm

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Signed..... Date.....