

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 182nd Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 1st March 2005 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: G Ingram (Chairman), Nick Matson, C Grainger S Hicks and K
Webber
Clerk: G Lewis
3 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.
None
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 Prop. Cllr Grainger. Seconded Cllr Hicks.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Re: Use of land between Eastacre and Allen's Cottage. A reply from the MDDC confirming that the owners have been contacted has been received. In addition the MDDC Environmental Health section have written to the owners regarding the burning of rubbish on the land.
 - 3.2 Following a review it was decided that it was not within the Parish Council's remit to use funds from the precept as contributions to overseas charities..
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 No new notices.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1 Cllr Matson raised the issue of payment to Seward Folland for work completed on the various parish footpaths. It was agreed that if an invoice was received a cheque could be raised prior to the next meeting. Prop Cllr Grainger Sec Cllr Hicks.
 - 6.2 A cheque was raised in the sum of £25.00 in payment of an invoice for the hire of the village hall. Prop Cllr Matson Sec Cllr Webber.
 - 6.3 The balance at the bank was reported as £1,706.57 of which £1,037.86 is P3 grant.
7. To consider items from the public
 - 7.1 The problems caused by SWW during the current pipe replacement works was discussed and Mr Breading related their poor response to a letter he had sent. There was a general discontent over the issue and the discussion was deferred to section 10.
 - 7.2 A request to publish the minutes of the Parish Council meetings on the notice board was made and it was agreed that this would be done following their approval.

- 7.3 The footpath works being carried out by the Parish Paths Partnership was discussed. It was noted that the gates, styles and signposts were much improved

- 8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch
 - 8.1 John Breading related the details of a report he had received regarding a spate of burglaries in the Chawleigh area. The culprit in this case had been apprehended..

- 9. To consider items from Councillors
 - 9.1 None

- 10. To consider items from the Chairman
 - 10.1 The chairman related the substance of the SWW reply to a letter sent by the Parish Council requesting details of the pipe replacement works. Despite this reply and the public display held in the Village Hall the Chairman felt that the performance of the SWW contactors was below the required standard. On several occasions the water supply had not been re-established at the expected time. There have been several major leaks from the bypass system used in this work and the quality of clean-up of the roadways has been poor. It was agreed that a further letter would be sent to SWW.

- 11. Any other business
 - 11.1 None.

- 12. Date of next meeting
3rd May 2005 in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm Preceded by the AGM at 7.30pm

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman