

PUTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Puttenham Parish Council held in the Marwick Hall on Monday 1st July 2019

PRESENT: Mr M Blundell Jones (Chair) Mrs E Crosby (Resident)
Mr P Adlam (Dep. Chair) Mrs H Marlowe Robinson (Resident)
Mrs J Perowne (Councillor) Mrs L Hirst (Resident)
Mr W Yule (Councillor) Mr D Williams (Resident)
Mr T Rooth (GBC Councillor) Miss A De Filippis (School)
Mr M Furniss (SCC Councillor)

1. **APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DUTIES.**

2.1 Following the Parish General Meeting on Friday 10th May 2019 a meeting was held by the newly elected Parish Council. Officers and Duties were allocated and voted on as follows:

Chair. Mike Blundell Jones. Proposed - Jane Perowne. Seconded – Pip Adlam.

Vice Chair. Pip Adlam. Proposed - Mike Blundell Jones. Seconded – Will Yule.

Recreation Ground etc. Will Yule

Marwick Hall and Communications. Jane Perowne

Neighbourhood Plan. Mike Blundell Jones and Pip Adlam.

3. **VACANCIES.**

- **Councillor.** There is a vacancy on the Council following John Green's resignation. This has been advertised in the usual way. There are number of interested individuals. Chair to take forward.
- **Clerk.** Following Wendy Hazzard's resignation the position has been widely advertised in the usual way. Chair to take forward.

4. **REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS**

None other than those already publicly declared.

5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2019.**

- The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
- Matters Arising

Tony Rooth agreed to:

- Take up The Rat issue on Munday's Boro with GBC.
- Chase GBC about the extra parking spaces in Munday's Boro.
- Take up the issue of the roots of a Cherry tree affecting drains in Munday's Boro.

Matt Furniss agreed that:

- He would come back with an updated timescale on the re-instatement of the footpath on the B3000.

6. **GUILDFORD BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

6.1 GBC. Tony Rooth reported:

- **Camping Barn** – Lease application has been made. Issue of Warden to be resolved.
- **Wanborough Fields.** Enforcement notices have been made to remove stables, 6ft fence and 2 storey building. M BJ said PPC and locals were watching with interest as to how GBC dealt with this serious matter. Vantage Land has an auction of other land in Wanborough due on 12th July.
- **Blackwell Farm and Wisley Airfield sites.** There are judicial reviews planned by local Groups in respect of the Local Plan on these sites. GBC are taking legal advice as to whether they would join these actions. He indicated that he thought Blackwell Farm would not affect Puttenham.
- **East Flexford.** The Planning consent for change of use of the Swimming Pool was been re-investigated.

6.2 SCC. Matt Furniss reported that:

- White lines on The Street and Lascombe Lane junction will be re-painted within a couple of weeks.
- The Bid for the Playground had been passed on.
- The reported tree issue is with the Council.
- Further activity has been reported on the Hog Back. GBC, SCC and Surrey Police have taken this up.

7. **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Chair reported that:

- The Playground equipment was failing in many places.
- The ROSPA inspection had taken place on 17th June and appropriate action had taken place as a result including stress tests and some equipment being removed.

8. SCHOOL REPORT

8.1 Miss De Filippis reported the following:

- The school expects there to be 109 children next year. This compares to a maximum of 120.sues.
- Some internal and external painting is to take place.
- The upgrade of the security system has taken place.
- She thanked the PPC for the Forest school and the allotment which are very popular.
- The grass outside the back gate needed cutting. **M BJ agreed to chase GBC.**
- Mr Yule thanked the school for their help with the village Fete.

9. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS.

Mr Yule reported:

- The Playground needs urgently updating.
- 4 quotes have been received. A temporary Car Park could be an improvement and scalplings could be put down.
- Fundraising continues with the Fete raising approx £3,900. PPC congratulated all those involved.
- The positioning of the Outdoor Gym is still to be finalised with the School. Applications for funding have been made to Marathon Trust and the National Lottery.
- Discussions have been held with the Football Club. Much was agreed about the future management of the contract. As the current agreement is only half way through it was agreed to continue with this.
- Coloured Courts have been contacted about line painting.
- Foliage in top right corner of football pitch to be cut back.
- Will Yule will get a working party together to give the pavilion a facelift.
- There has been a request for a storage container in which to keep some of the 'Bonfire equipment'. In principle this was agreed but further advice re Planning was required.
- The Sponsored Parish walk on 8th September will take place along a slightly changed route due to the North Downs Way Marathon also taking place that day.

10. WEBSITE UPDATE

The Chair indicated that the existing website was not fit for purpose. A local resident has kindly indicated that they would build a new one. This will include an online booking system that will be able to be used by any local organisation who will find it useful. This is ongoing.

11. FINANCE.

- The Parish Election cost £1,853.
- There were 2 burials and 1 Memorial stone since the last meeting bringing in approx £1,450.
- Grant Aid. Still outstanding is the purchase of a leaf blower and 2 benches for the football field. The bench on the B3000 has fallen down and needs replacing.
- All Councillors have completed Financial mandates but they are still to be confirmed.

12. PLANNING.

No new applications had been reported from GBC but Mrs Perowne reported a Planning and Listed Building Application had been made at Little Hurlands. Immediate neighbours were supportive and she agreed to forward the details to the PPC. It was agreed in future to consider applications bearing in mind the 'Design and Build' section of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

13. CEMETERY.

As reported under finance 2 burials have taken place and a headstone has been erected since the last meeting. The Chair is in discussion re ongoing regular maintenance

14. YOUTH CLUB

This continues to be successful with more of the older members being supported on Volunteer trips.

15. BLACKWELL FARM. COMPTON'S JUDICIAL REVIEW.

PPC has been approached by Compton for a contribution towards the cost. It was agreed that this money was not currently available but PPC will continue to monitor the situation.

16. **AOB.**

- **John Green.** It was agreed to present John Green with a gift to recognise his long and remarkable Service to the Village.
- **Wendy Hazzard.** It was agreed to present Wendy with a gift in recognition of her hard work over the years.
- **Play Ground.** Various members of the public made suggestions. These will all be considered as progress is made.
- **Hampton Estate.** A gate is to be put on the right of way across the Hop Field but this is not intended to obstruct the Right of Way but to protect the Hops.

17. **PUTTENHAM DOWN.**

Dave Williams attended the meeting to present his proposal for Puttenham Down. Mr Williams, as a former Councillor and his particular expertise, has been co-opted by PPC to act as a Consultant to advise on Green issues with particular reference to Puttenham Down.

He presented a proposal to create a community orchard on the site with trees of local provenance. Everyone would be welcome to enjoy the trees and their produce. A Botanical survey will be arranged prior to proceeding. Some hardwood trees could also be planted on the site. Mr Williams indicated that he would arrange for all required surveys and ascertain any clearance issues. The Council thanked Mr Williams for his work to date and it was agreed to be an excellent plan for this area of land.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM. IN THE MARWICK HALL SMALL COMMITTEE ROOM.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP WILL BE MEETING ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019.

Signed.....
M Blundell Jones (Chair)

2nd September 2019