

**Minutes of a Meeting of Puttenham Parish Council held on line (Zoom)
on Monday 6 January 2021, commencing at 1930 hours.**

Present:

Councillor M Blundell Jones	Chairman
Councillor L Hirst	
Councillor J Perowne	
Councillor W Yule	
Councillor M Furness	SCC
Councillor T Rooth	GBC
Lieutenant Colonel Leslie G A Clarke	Parish Clerk

1 Members of the public was present.

1	OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
a	<p><u>Members of the Public</u> Mr Warlow congratulated the Council on the great success of the play play ground. He also said that he had been investigating the idea of a community B B Q area, and Members RESOLVED that the matter should be investigated further, Mr Warlow agreed to provide all the information that he had on the idea to Cllrs.</p>
b	<p><u>SCC Councillor</u> Cllr Furness, SCC, reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC is still accepting bids for funding from the Community Fund. • The yellow lines at the School will be laid in Feb/Mar 21. • The B3000 footpath is down for renovation in Feb/Mar 21. • Cllr Perowne reported that a tree had fallen on the same footpath and agreed to report it to the Highways Dept. • Dog fouling on footpaths was becoming and increasing problem and SCC are taking taking strong action to alleviate the problem.
c	<p><u>GBC Councillor</u> Cllr Rooth, GBC reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rat infestation at Mundays Boro Road was ongoing and becoming more of a problem with the postman refusing to deliver to No 11. • Cllr Rooth appealed for more firm evidence of the problem which Cllr Hirst agreed to supply.
d	<p><u>Head Puttenham School</u> The Head reported that the School intake umber is being reduced from 40 to 30 in Sep 22 which will eventually lead to a reduction in the number of school pupils from 120 to 90, with a consultation on the proposal being conducted from 9 Dec 20 to 21 Jan 21.</p>
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	No apologies for non attendance were received.

3	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS No Member declared any pecuniary Interest in any agenda item.
4	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2020 Members RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 Nov 20 were true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.
5	MATTERS ARISING
a	<u>Centenarian</u> The Chairmen reported that Mrs Taylor had received the bouquet of flowers from the Parish Council, along with a congratulatory card from HM The Queen and to celebrate her 100 th birthday and had also been taken for a ride around the Village in an open Landrover.
b	<u>Father Christmas</u> A vote of thanks was recorded to those who had organised the Village tour of Father Christmas, and, the hope was expressed that it would become an annual event.
a	HEALTH AND SAFETY <u>Covid 19 Lockdown</u> The Chairman reminded Members that the Community Support Group is still in existence if its services are required.
b	<u>Dangerous Trees</u> The Chairman advised Members that a number of Ash Trees needed to be felled as they are suffering from Ash Die Back and are dangerous and that the cost of the necessary tree surgery is £750.00. He also advised that the large tree near the skateboard park was most dangerous and also needed felling at cost of £850.00. Members RESOLVED to authorise the required expenditure. The Chairman further reported that the tree near the bonfire site had fallen over and had had to be removed.
c	<u>Playground Post Installation H&S Report</u> It was noted that the post installation inspection had found fault with the fencing around the playground which it had been necessary to adjust due to a possible entrapment problem. It was also noted that it is hoped to claim the cost from the installers.
7	CEMETERY AND WAR MEMORIAL No issues were raised under this agenda heading.
8	TRAFFIC AND FOOTPATHS It was noted that there are still car parking problems throughout the Village and that it is hoped to obtain the services of the local PSCO to assist in resolving the ongoing problem.
9	PLANNING Members noted and approved the observations submitted on Planning Applications submitted since the last meeting.
11	WEBSITE

	Cllr Perowne reported that the website was going well and footfall had increased by 900%.
11	PUTTENHAM DOWO The Chairman reported that the second phase of the tree planting would be completed by the end of Jan 21.
12	RECEATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS It was reported that the new play area was proving to be most popular and is being well used. The remaining piece of gym equipment which has been held up in the docks is due to arrive and fitted the following Tuesday. It was RESOLVED that the football pitch should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
13	YOUTH CLUB Due to the pandemic lock down the Youth Club is not functioning.
14	CORRESPONDENCE No issues were raised under this agenda heading.
15	ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DEBATE No issues wee raised under this agenda heading.
16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 1 Mar 21.