



PURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Purton Parish Council held at Purton Village Hall, Station Road, Purton on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.00 pm

Councillors present: Ray Thomas (Chairman of Council), Helen Hicks, Paul Grigg, Julie-Ann Hurwood, Kevin Law, Sue Mathews, Vicky McKerrow, Sue Relfe, Emily Seabrook, Grant Seabrook and Elizabeth Wilson.

Officers Present: Deborah Lawrence (Clerk)

Unitary Councillor: Apologies received

Members of the Public: None

203/18 **To accept and receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Neil Hooper and Scott Harflett.

204/18 **Declaration of Interest**

Declaration of interest was received from Grant and Emily Seabrook on item 12(a) 6 Ray Close and Ray Thomas 12 (a) Elm Grove Saddlery. It was agreed that due to a non pecuniary interest, they could remain in the room but would not take part in the voting.

205/18 **Dispensation Request**

None requested or considered.

206/18 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th September 2018 were considered. It was **Proposed** by Councillor Paul Grigg, seconded by Councillor Helen Hicks with all those present in favour that provided an amendment was made to the Declaration of Interest, where Councillor Neil Hooper made a declaration on item 190/18 they could be signed as a true record.

The following minutes were **Noted** :

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre Charity minutes held on Monday 10th September 2018.

207/18 **Resignation of Councillor**

The Chairman of Council advised he had received written notification that Councillor Jamie Hurwood wished to step down as Councillor to Purton Parish Council with immediate effect. The Council wished to thank Jamie for his support. The post has now been posted with Wiltshire Council and we have one interested party to date.

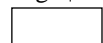
208/18 **Public Question Time**

No members of the public and press were present.

209/18 **Unitary Councillors Report**

Councillor Jacqui Lay sent her apologies, so no report was received.

210/18 **Finance**





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- a) Income and expenditure sheets for September 2018 were received and **Approved. Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Sue Relfe with all those present in favour.
- b) Council agreed to the transfer of £15,000 from the Nationwide account to meet the Councils expenditure for September. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Sue Relfe with all those present in favour.
- c) Council bank reconciliation for 30th September 2018 was duly **Noted**.

211/18 **Area Board**

The Chairman of Council gave a verbal update on the meeting including a talk by Natwest Bank who the Clerk will contact and request to attend our APA next year if available. Updates were also given regarding traffic concerns and issues. To date no resolutions are forthcoming to solve ongoing highway issues. As soon as Wiltshire Council has proposals suitable for the issues the Chairman of Council will update all. **Noted**.

212/18 **Neighbourhood Plan**

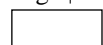
The Chairman of Council advised that notices have been placed in three key locations within the Village to promote the referendum on the 1st November. A request was made to encourage anyone who asks to vote. **Noted**.

213/18 **Electoral Boundary Commission Review**

It was **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Wilson that the Chairman form a response to the Boundary Commission with the view that the changes should encompass the two new estates for continuity which will include Ridgeway Farm and Moulden View. The Chairman of Council will circulate his comment to Council before final submission.

214/18 **Planning and Highways**

- a) Council considered the following applications and commented as follows.
 - 18/06382/FUL – 3 Bunce Court, Proposed two storey side extension. Revised Plan. **No objection** however concern was highlighted over the ownership of this land. **Proposed** by Councillor Sue Matthews, seconded by Councillor Helen Hicks with all those present in favour.
 - 18/08611/FUL – Elm Grove Saddlery, Station Road, Change of use to 2 residential units. **No objection** raised, **Proposed** by Councillor Kevin Law, seconded by Councillor Sue Matthews with all those present in favour. Chairman of Council Ray Thomas abstained from voting (204/18)
 - 18/09007/FUL – Holly House, 34 Greenhill, Construction of a contemporary timber clad garden studio. **No objection** raised, however it must remain non residential and only for purpose of the studio as applications states. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour.
 - 18/08290/OUT – 4 Common Platt, Erection of dwelling (all matters reserved). **No objections** raised. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour.
 - 18/08628/FUL – 9 Hoggs Lane, Change of use of land to residential and retrospective application to retain 2 greenhouses, tool shed and compost bins. **No objection** raised, however the application must retain the greenhouses, tool sheds and compost bins and not become a new residential build in the future. **Proposed** by Councillor Sue Matthews, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour.
 - 18/08392/FUL – Plain Farm, Lydiard Plain, Construction of extension to silage clamp





No objection raised . **Proposed** by Chairman Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour.

18/08327/FUL – 6 Ray Close, Garden Shed

No objections raised. **Proposed** by Councillor Paul Grigg, seconded by Councillor Sue Matthews with all those present in favour. Councillors Emily and Grant Seabrook abstained from voting (204/18)

18/04611/FUL – Land at Blacklands, Greenhill, RWB – Amended Plans – use of site as a commercial livery yard to include private hire and tuition, breeding of horses and public competitions. Demolition of existing stables and construction of new stables, a riding arena and a dutch barn. Erect a temporary mobile home, provide new accesses and associated works.

Objection was raised on the same preface as the Parish Council previous objections to the application on traffic congestion on a small road and possible encroachment onto the crossroads, lighting, a much-enlarged ménage which could give light pollution in the local area.

The arena is sized at 30 x 70 the usual size for jumping is 30 x 60. If Polo matches are to be played the traffic will be a major issue and likewise parking. There is no mention of visiting teams who will also have twelve horses with accompanying horse boxes it is considered this location is not suitable for a commercial venture of this type. The spectator numbers will also lead to greater traffic. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Sue Matthews with all those present in favour.

b) Council **Noted** the following granted applications.

18/06610/FUL – LOWER PAVENHILL. New entrance to site and hard standing.

18/06076/FUL – 31 COB HILL. Change the external material of property.

18/06789/FUL – BEECHLEY FIELDS, BEECHLEY FIELDS ARABIANS RAVENROOST.

Change of use from the keeping, stabling and breeding of horses for commercial purposes to a mixed use comprising the keeping, stabling and breeding of horses for commercial purposes, and the keeping breeding of dogs for commercial purposes, together with the erection of 4 no. dog exercise pens, and the construction of a permanent equine workers dwelling. 18/06326/VAR – LAND AT RIDGEWAY FARM, LAND OFF PURTON ROAD. THE BUFFER. Variation of condition 4 of planning permissions N/10/04575/OUT and 14/05859/REM to allow a change of the conservation kerbs around planters to 150mm kerbs.

18/06954/FUL – 2 NEWTHS CLOSE. Proposed garage & hobbies room.

18/05850/FUL – 6 BENTHAM LANE, BENTHAM. Erection of an ancillary granny annexe.

18/06946/FUL – HURSTEAD FARM, CRICKLADE ROAD. Extension of agricultural livestock building.

c) Council **Noted** the following Refused Applications.

18/06759/FUL – FOLLY DOWN FARM, PACKHORSE. Proposed isolation stables & hay barn.

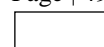
d) The Council **Noted and commented on the following items.**

a) Lydiard Millicent/Purton and Swindon restriction have been implemented.

b) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeal decision Haxmoor Farm, Cricklade Road, Swindon – Approval granted.

c) **WHSAP review** – Council to send their comment direct to the Clerk once they have had the opportunity to review the contents in the link. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour.

d) Invitation from Wiltshire Council to attend “Help share Wiltshire Plans 2036”. Council considered attendance and it was advised that the Chairman of Council Ray Thomas is attending with the group from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group. **Noted.**





215/18 **CAT-G**

- a) Council considered a suggestion from Councillor Lay to replace a sign for Pear Tree Close which has been taken down by the developer and has not been reinstalled. It was **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour, that we do not replace. It was **Noted** that residents raised queries over the footways which are beginning to show signs of deterioration. These items will be monitored but no action to be taken given the current level of work required within the Parish and priorities.
- b) Council **Noted** that a metro count had been requested, foliage cut back and land owners written to along The Fox (minute ref 183/18).

216/18 **WALC**

- a) Council considered a proposal from WALC to increase their services with HR expertise for those Councils who do not have their own resources or companies to contact. The cost will increase by approximately 4%. It was **Proposed** by Councillor Paul Grigg, seconded by Councillor Kevin Law with all those present, not to respond in any detail as the cost of the increase is far less than the cost to engage the clerks time in commenting on the proposal. We do not need these additional WALC services as we pay for an expert HR company.
- b) The Annual Report for 2018-19 was **Noted**.

217/18 **The Verge, Church Street**

The Clerk gave details of an evergreen plant the grounds team would like to use to fill the verge "cotoneaster-dammeri". It was **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Wilson with all those present in favour that this would be a good step forward to transform this area. The Clerk advised that the school have not been able to give any time to this project, at the moment and will investigate alternatives if they decide they cannot participate.

218/18 **Rights of Way and Open Spaces**

Council have considered the information contained in the link regarding the Bradon Woods and raised no concerns or objections. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those in favour to respond with no concerns to the plan.

219/18 **Christmas Lights**

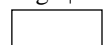
Council reviewed the minute ref 200/18 suggesting a light switching on ceremony and it was **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Kevin Law with all those present in favour not to hold a ceremony this year and if budgets allow to carry out an event next year.

220/18 **Dementia Friendly Community**

Due to the resignation of Councillor Jamie Hurwood, the Clerk requested a volunteer Councillor to act as the representative in his place. Councillor Vicky McKerrow volunteered. **Noted**.

221/18 **Operational Flood Working Group**

Council considered the report attached from Councillor Julie Ann Hurwood and a request to produce a Flood Plan specific to Purton. It was **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present to allow Councillor Julie Ann Hurwood to prepare a draft plan to present to Council for consideration.





222/18 **Electronic Working**

Councillors Emily and Grant Seabrook brought into the meeting an iPad and Laptop which was used to receive their agendas and a paperwork as a trial. They advised that the format was good but would suggest that the agenda is included as a separate attachment for easier referral during the meeting. The items were handed around the room to allow consideration of choice and the following items were agreed to be ordered :-

iPads for Councillors Kevin Law and Elizabeth Wilson, and laptops for Councillors Ray Thomas, Julie Ann Hurwood, Vicky McKerrow, Sue Relfe, Sue Matthews, Helen Hicks and Paul Grigg.

New email domains have been created and once the hardware is available the Clerk will arrange a training session for those who require it. The Clerk will aim to gain transition to electronic working by the end of this year at the latest. **Noted.**

223/18 **For Information** the following items were **NOTED** by Council.

- a) Dragonfly magazine.
- b) The Dingle school forest working well, email acknowledgment from St Marys School.
- c) Wiltshire Council invite to attend carol service – Councillors to contact direct if they wish to attend.
- d) Bristol and Avon Catchment Partnership – invite to attend annual forum – Councillors to make direct contact if they wish to attend.

224/18 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

As certain items were expected to include the consideration of exempt information Purton Parish Council RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- a) **Land at Reids Piece** - The Chairman advised Council that a meeting was held with the architect to discuss the basics of the proposal. **Noted.**
- b) Council considered and agreed to ratify the minutes and proposals of the Staffing committee held on Monday 1st October 2018. **Proposed** by Chairman of Council Ray Thomas, seconded by Councillor Paul Grigg with all those present in favour.
- c) Chairman of Council advised that an assessment was carried out on 18th September but to date no response has been received. **Noted.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm

Dated

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