

PUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 18th July 2023 At 7.30 in Putley Village Hall

1. Present: Councillors Booth, Daly, Denman, Griffin, Herbst & Webster.
2. To record any Declarations of Interest and consider any Requests for Dispensations.
There were no requests.
3. To receive a report from the County Councillor.
Councillor Lester reported that the bypass in Hereford is back on the agenda, the local plan is to be reviewed as are Children's Services. Roads will be a top priority. A health and wellbeing strategy has been launched. The Secretary of State is to assist with the cross-border phosphates issues.
4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 16th May 2023
5. Finance:
 - a. To consider payment of outstanding accounts:
Clerks' salary July & August
Local PC Care Computer service & Antivirus Software £70.00
 - b. To note payments between meetings:
External Auditor £105.00
 - c. To note the balances at the bank.
The current account balance is £13,757.64 and reserve account £11,146.45
Resolution: Payment of accounts were approved and bank balances noted.
6. Planning:
To consider response to planning application 232090, proposed single storey annex at Greytrees, Aylton, Hereford.
Resolution: Putley Parish Council is broadly in support of this application. (Despite its postal address, Greytrees is located in Putley parish.) However, given the proximity of a watercourse, ponds, mature hedgerow and secondary woodland, and the likely presence of protected species such as bats, great crested newts and hazel dormice, we would expect these landscape features to be highlighted in the ecological checklist. We would also suggest that an ecological survey is desirable and a necessary prerequisite to achieving a measurable 10% net gain in biodiversity.
7. To receive a report from the Footpath Officer.
Councillor Denman reported that a member of the public has reported a problem with a footbridge, it has been reported and is in a queue for repair. Footpath officers from adjoining Councils are to meet. Footpath reporting arrangements have not yet been decided by Balfour Beatty/Hereford Council.

8. To receive a report from the Lengthsman Coordinator.
Councillor Herbst has been in a meeting with Balfour Beaty and representatives from other organisations regarding long standing flooding issues caused by drainage problems. After lengthy discussion **it was resolved** that the Parish Council would connect the ditches with a pipe backfilled with stone to create a French drain, the housing association would consider measures to reduce parking on the road and Balfour Beaty would consider plans to divert flood water across the road underground to a tank.
9. To receive a report from the Tree Warden.
Councillor Webster reported that the Tree Warden is in the process of migrating its existing website to a new one being developed by the Herefordshire Tree Forum. The next Tree Warden training event will be a workshop led by the county botanical recorder on native lime trees.
10. To receive an update on the play area.
The housing association has agreed to the planting of a wild fruit and nut hedge at the bottom of the resident's gardens.
11. To consider content for the Cider Press.
Councillor Webster will put an article together.
16. To receive agenda items for the next meeting.
Please email the Clerk with any requests.
15. To note the date of the next meeting, Tuesday 26TH September 2023.

Signed

C Stallard Daniels

Clerk to the Parish Council

21 December 2023