

PUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 21st November 2023 At 7.30 in Putley Village Hall

1. Present: Councillors Daly, Booth and Webster. Also in attendance was County Councillor Lester and one member of the public,
2. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Councillors Herbst, Denman and Griffin.
3. To record any Declarations of Interest and consider any Requests for Dispensations.
There were no requests.
4. To receive a brief report from the County Councillor.
Councillor Lester reported on the waste contract proposals, which will remain as they are currently, the capital spending proposals, proposed improvements to Shire Hall, including the moving of the library. A new taxi policy has been agreed. Balfour Beatty is being scrutinised for value for money and recommendations for Childrens Services are expected shortly.
5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 26th September 2023.
RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved and signed.
6. Finance:
 - a. To consider payment of outstanding accounts:
Clerks' salary November & December
Clerks Expenses October – December
Grass cutting £450.00
Cider Press £300.00
 - b. To approve the pay award for 2023/24, backdated to 1st April, as agreed with NALC & HALC.
 - c. To consider the budget and precept for the financial year 2024/2025
 - d. To note the balances at the bank.
 - e. To consider moving part of reserves to a higher interest account.
 - f. The current account balance is £16,050.99 and reserve account £11,199.36.
 - g. To approve spending by the Clerk to an agreed limit within budget.
RESOLUTION: Payment of outstanding accounts, Clerk's pay award budget and precept were approved, Councillor Daly will look at short term higher interest accounts, balances at the bank were noted and spending by the Clerk approved in line with agreed limits (500.00) as set out in the Financial Regulations.

7. Planning:

- a. Planning consultation 233190, Land adjacent to Puckmoor, Upper Hill, Putley, New gate access required to agricultural land to use and maintain land and hedgerows:

RESOLUTION: Putley Parish Council supports the application in principle, with concerns regarding the over water runoff from the new access. The Council would like to see the necessity of the new gateway.

- b. Planning consultation 233206, The Sladd, Putley. Proposed alterations to an existing single private dwelling, demolition of existing garage and construction of a timber garage.

RESOLUTION: Putley Parish Council supports the application.

- c. To consider the amendment to the planning procedure as recommended by HALC: 'If, for whatever reason, all other options have failed, the Clerk is delegated to comment on planning applications between meetings.'

RESOLUTION: That the amendment is added to the planning procedure.

8. To receive an update on the proposed drainage solution.

The work undertaken recently has alleviated the problem. Balfour Beatty has been requested to install a silt trap with a grid cover and are to jet wash the drains by the housing association properties.

9. To receive a report from the Tree Warden.

Councillor Webster reported that the hedge saplings from the Woodland Trust have arrived and will require planting at the top end of the play area

10. To consider the replacement/refurbishment of the notice boards.

Clerk to request Councillor Griffin to put a new hasp and lock onto the board.

11. To nominate a HALC Executive Board representative.

18. To receive agenda items for the next meeting.

To contact Balfour Beatty regarding the placement of one or two benches in the parish.

19. To note the date of the next meetings:

January 16th 2024

March 19th 2024

May 21st 2024

July 16th 2024

September 17th 2024

November 19th 2024

Signed

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Clerk to the Parish Council

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