

PUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 20th January 2022 At 7.30 in Putley Village Hall

1. To note and accept the resignation letter from Councillor Stanier.
The resignation was noted.
2. To appoint a chairman.
Councillor Herbst took the Chair for the meeting.
3. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Daly and Booth.
4. To record any Declarations of Interest and consider any Requests for dispensations.
There were no declarations or requests received.
5. To consider the co-option of a Councillor.
Michael Dixon was appointed and welcomed to the Council.
6. To receive a report from the Ward Councillor.
Councillor Lester reported on the upcoming budget proposal of 2.99%.
7. Public participation: Members of the public may speak on items on the agenda.
There were 4 members of the public present, one of whom spoke regarding the planning application.
8. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held 16th and 28th September 2021.

Resolution: The minutes were approved and signed.

9. Finance:

To consider payment of outstanding accounts:

- a. Clerk's salary January and February
- b. Computer service and upgrade £28.00
- c. To note accounts paid between meeting:
Grass cutting of the play area 2021 £384:00 .
- d. To approve the finance report and bank balances:
The current account stands at £1148.36 and the reserve account £1106750
- e. To the budget and precept request for 2022/2023 is £9000.00
- f. To note the half year finance report, bank balances, finance control meeting between the Clerk and the Financial Officer.

Resolution: Payments, finance report and bank balances were approved, precept request and finance control meeting were noted.

10.Planning:

Re-consultation of planning application 212914, The Dragon House, Putley: farm diversification project change of use, agriculture and tourist accommodation (siting of 4 yurts and provision of camping pitches), alterations to existing outbuildings to form washroom, together with ancillary works.

Resolution:

Putley Parish Council (PPC) is still unable to support this application for the following reasons:

- The application still lacks detail and clarity previously requested. It does not reflect the small scale of what we were assured verbally was being proposed at the PC meeting (28 September 20121) and is not reflected in the applicant's resubmission (December 2021)
- With regard to the 3 proposed camping areas the PPC recommends that camping area be moved further away from Orchard Croft in order to minimise potential loss of privacy. The PPC, in addition, requests that Herefordshire Council (HC) impose a condition limiting the number of camping areas to three and the number of proposed pitches (it might be helpful to refer to HC's site licence conditions).
- PPC recommends that HC limits the proposed change of use to those areas strictly necessary for the operation of the proposed development.
- PPC reiterates their request for a condition of seasonal use only for yurts and camping. E.g. Easter to the end of October.
- PPC requests that the applicant has a plan for the continuing management of the orchard crop in relation to potential risk/harm to campers/yurt occupants.
- We would be reassured with regard to the proposed facilities, including car parking, if the number of accommodation units on site be limited as has been requested above. This includes facilities for dealing with wate/rubbish.
- PPC welcomes the planning officers proposed conditions specified in his email (24.11.21) to the Parish Clerk.

In summary, the current Putley NDP is supportive of tourism proposals which are both proportionate and appropriate to the rural location and setting of the area, noting little support for instance for a camping site. However, the Parish Council has expressed its desire to support farm diversification and would still welcome a proposal from this applicant that provides detailed and clear proposals for small scale diversification, setting out parameters for periods of operation, number of pitches, size and frequency of events, and management of disturbance from noise, lighting and traffic in order to protect the amenity of the local community in general and nearby residents in particular.

11.To receive a report from the Footpath Officer.

Councillor Denman reported that there is still no dedicated contact for footpath concerns.

- 12.To receive an update on the Parish Emergency Plan,
The plan is still under review.
- 13.To receive an update on the Website.
The website is currently up to date.
14. To receive an update on the play area.
A consultation with residents for ideas was only attended by 4 people. Councillors Dixon and Booth will look at options to take it forward as a community asset.
- 15.To consider content for the Cider Press.
Ideas for the play area and introduction of Councillor Dixon were proposed,
- 16.To receive agenda items for the next meeting.
To note and accept the resignation of Councillor Taylor as she is leaving the area.
- 17.To note the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday March 17th 2022

Signed ***e Stallard Daniels*** Clerk to the Parish Council 01 April 2022