

PUTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 21st November 2019 At 7.30 in the Putley Parish Hall Meeting Room

Present: Councillors Stanier (Chairman), Bodger, Booth, Herbst and Foster.

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Councillors Denman and Herbst
2. To record any Declarations of Interest and consider any Requests for dispensations.
Councillor Stanier declared a pecuniary interest in item 6b.
3. To receive a report from the Herefordshire Council Ward Member.
Councillor Lester updated Council on 2 scrutiny meetings and a cabinet meeting, including Looked After Children report, fostering service and the level of reserves currently held by Herefordshire Council. There is currently £66m in the reserves, some of which is already allocated for specific projects.
4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 19th September and 17th October.

RESOLUTION The minutes were accepted as a true record.

5. Finance:

A To consider payment of outstanding accounts

Clerks salary for November and December

Clerks expenses April – October £282.10

Cider Press Council editorial £300.00

Grass Cutting £384.00

B To note finance report

C To set the budget and precept.

D. To receive an update on the banking mandate.

Councillor Bodger reported that the banking mandate has been filed on line

RESOLUTION The payment of accounts was approved and the finance report was noted. The budget and precept were approved, proposed Councillor Daly and seconded by Councillor Bodger.

6. Planning:

A. To consider planning application 193469, Proposed use of land for siting a Shepherds Hut and instillation of a package treatment plant, land south of Fairview, Putley.

RESOLUTION: Putley Parish Council does not support this planning application on the following grounds:

1. As stated in our response of 3rd January 2017, the site is across the lane from an agricultural engineering business and adjacent to a working farm. We consider

that the normal operation of both businesses may cause nuisance to the occupant of the proposed holiday dwelling. This will impair their enjoyment of such a dwelling and affect the viability of two important businesses in the local community.

2. The Parish Council questions whether the proposed development at the bottom of a steeply sloping site is appropriate for any form of accommodation given the amount of water run-off.

3. The proposed development is outside the agreed settlement boundaries as set out in the Putley Neighbourhood Development Plan (2011-2031).

4. The Putley Neighbourhood Development Plan (2011-2031) states that it will provide opportunities for economic development by 'supporting rural diversification and other developments offering employment which are appropriate to their location and setting' (Section 3.25 and 3.6). It is the Parish Council's view that this tourism development does not offer employment and is inappropriate in this location and setting.

Councillor Stanier left the room and Councillor Daly took the Chair.

B. To consider planning application 196791, Proposed change of use of former - business premises to single dwelling including extension and detached garage at Dragon Orchard, Putley.

RESOLUTION Council supports the application on the following grounds:

1. It provides a windfall dwelling in line with the Neighbourhood Development Plan (2011-2031).
2. The building appears to be appropriate in scale and keeping with Putley Green's natural character (Policy PUT2 and PUT3).

Councillor Stanier came back into the room and took the Chair.

C. An informal enquiry regarding the erection of a field shelter for plum harvesting and lambing.

Plans were presented and explained prior to the planning application coming to Council.

7. To receive an update on the Parish Emergency Plan:
Councillor Bodger advised that changes to the structure of the document are in hand.
8. To receive an update on the Parish Council website:
Councillor Bodger has met with representatives from the Church, Village Hall and Cider Press to discuss updating the website and calendar.
9. To discuss the content of the Parish Council page in the Cider Press:
Councillor Booth reported that it is going well, and that there is time before the next deadline for the content to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
10. To consider planting trees in the Parish as part of a climate change policy: It was decided that an item should be put into the Cider Press regarding this.
11. The next meeting is to be scheduled to be held on Thursday 16th January 2020.