

# Puddington Parish Council

## **Minutes of the 169<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Puddington Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th January 2003 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors, Matson, Haynes, Grainger & Rowcliffe  
Gerry Ingram - Clerk  
Councillor Dennis Knowles Leader of MDDC  
Councillor Michael Lee (DCC)  
3 Parishioners

### **1 To receive apologies for absence**

Councillor Roger Quick (MDDC)

### **2 To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting**

Prop. Councillor Haynes. Sec. Councillor Grainger

### **3 To consider Matters Arising**

3.1) The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Mr Bell at DCC Highways who had declined our offer to attend this meeting. Mr Bell would be contacted again concerning some of the road markings that had not been renewed and the repair to Church Close sign.

3.2) Under the Freedom of Information Act the Parish Council is entitled to charge for copies of the minutes etc this was suggested as £4 in the first instance followed by 50p per subsequent sheets. This was agreed unanimously

### **4. To receive correspondence**

4.1) A list of items was circulated.

4.2) It was agreed that Mid Devon Transport Forum be contacted regarding a survey that could be sent to all parishioners.

### **5. To consider planning matters**

5.1) It was reported that a planning application had been received for "Summerlea" and that this had been passed by MDDC

5.2) It was reported that outline planning application had been granted for an additional dwelling at Buckford Cottage

### **6. To consider financial matters**

6.1) It was reported that the balance in the bank was £1393.27 of which £956.88 was Parish Paths Partnership.

6.2) The precept for 2003/2004 was set at £750.  
Prop. Councillor Rowcliffe Sec. Councillor Grainger

### **7. To consider any item from members of the public**

7.1) Concern was expressed over the condition of the steps and bridge over the ford between Ash and Smynacott. It was agreed that wire mesh would be put over the steps and bridge to improve the grip.

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7.2) A request was made for summer flowers to be placed at various places in the village. The Chair pointed out that this was not strictly Parish Council business but would support any volunteer who could provide the flowers, containers and the will to look after them.

7.3) Recycling was discussed and the Council agreed to look at all possible options. However the Council were awaiting a reply from the Village Hall Committee concerning the siting of a Recycling shed on its land.

**8. To consider items from Councillors**

None.

**9. To consider items from the Chairman**

None

10. **Date of next meeting** : March 4<sup>th</sup> 2003 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

**Signed**..... **Date**.....