

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 175th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on Tuesday 6th January 2004 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: K Webber (Chairman), N Matson, C Grainger and G Ingram
Clerk: G Lewis
Councillor M. Lee, DCC
5 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Councillor Margaret Squires DCC
Councillor S Hicks
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 Prop. Cllr Ingram. Seconded Cllr Grainger.
3. Matters arising
 - 3.1 The 30mph speed limit was deferred to item 4
 - 3.2 Further discussion on the subject of fouling by dogs took place. It was pointed out that the legislation on this problem only applies in areas with speed limits of 40mph and below. In the case of Puddington therefore no official action could be taken at this time.
4. To receive correspondence
 - 4.1 A list of correspondence received was provided with items of interest identified.
 - 4.2 A reply had been received to the chairman's letter re the 30 mph speed limit suggesting that it may be implemented in this financial year. The Parish Council had been requested to identify the locations where the 30mph limit signs should be placed. These were discussed at the meeting and agreed as follows. Alongside the village sign on the Pennymoor road, alongside Country Life Cottage on the road to Smynacott, alongside the village sign on the Puddington Bottom road, some 75 yds beyond The Oaks on the Black dog road, alongside the village sign on the Witheridge road and some 75 yds beyond Chapel Orchard on the Tiverton road.
5. To consider Planning matters
 - 5.1 It was reported that the three planning applications received by the PC in respect of 6, Glebelands, Longmead and Smynacott Farm had all been approved by the MDDC.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1. The Parish Council contribution to the cemetery was agreed to remain at £150.00 Prop by Cllr Ingram, Sec Cllr Matson. In this regard the MDDC grant of £75.00 had been received.

6.2 The balance in the PC bank account was unreported due to the absence of the finance officer. However the last reported balance (minutes 4/11/03) was incorrect and should have read £1,820.51.

7. To consider items from the public

7.1. The problem of on-road parking in particular that around the Village Hall was raised and discussed at some length, occasioned because some damage had been caused to the Village Hall Green retaining wall. It was suspected although not witnessed that a large vehicle had damaged the wall in negotiating the narrowed roadway at that point. Several points were made from the parishioners present including the need for a car park, the technical requirement for car lights to be on when parked and the use of the village hall parking spaces. No action proposed.

7.2. The placement of building material around The School House was raised and it was agreed that although this was unsightly it was in fact within the bounds of the property and that no action would be taken.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch

8.1. John Breading advised the meeting that problems occurring in Witheridge would not be reported to Puddington despite our proximity as Witheridge in the North Devon area. Some new NW signs have been erected near the Tristram Chapel.

9. To consider items from Councillors

9.1. Cllr raised two issues, firstly that a number of accidents had occurred on the Tiverton road at the sharp bend beyond Twenty Acres. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the relevant authority to request better warning signs. The second issue concerned the damage and disruption caused by "Devon Swedes" on the Witheridge road opposite Chapel Orchard. Large amounts of mud had been left on the road for some distance and the verge had been left badly damaged. It was agreed that a letter of complaint would be sent.

10. To consider items from the Chairman

10.1 None

11. Any other business

11.1. None.

12. Date of next meeting

2nd March 2004 in the Village Hall at 8pm

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Signed..... Date.....

