

# Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 176th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on Tuesday 2nd March 2004 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: K Webber (Chairman), S Hicks, C Grainger and G Ingram  
Clerk: G Lewis  
Councillor M. Squires, DCC  
5 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.  
Councillor Michael Lee DCC  
Councillor Nick Matson
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
  - 2.1 Prop. Cllr Ingram. Seconded Cllr Grainger.
3. Matters arising
  - 3.1 Referring to item 9.1 in the January 2004 minutes, it was reported that a letter had been sent to MDDC on both matters. Only an acknowledgement had been received thus far.
4. To receive correspondence
  - 4.1 A list of correspondence received was provided with items of interest identified.
5. To consider Planning matters
  - 5.1 It was reported that two planning applications had been received by the PC in respect of Smynacott Farm ( New Porch ) and a new agricultural dwelling on land opposite Yowlestone owned by Mr Boundy. The first had the approval of the Parish Council but the latter did not.
6. To consider financial matters
  - 6.1. A grant from the Parish Paths Partnership for £515.00 had been received.
  - 6.2 An invoice from the Audit Commission for £58.75 relating to the 2003 audit had been received. The raising of a cheque to cover this was proposed by Cllr Ingram and seconded by Cllr Grainger, all approved.
  - 6.3 The purchase of tools for the maintenance of the parish paths in the sum of £475.62 was proposed by Cllr Grainger and seconded by Cllr Hicks, all approved. Funds taken from the Parish Paths Partnership grant.
  - 6.4 The £50.00 quarterly payment to the clerk was proposed by Cllr Ingram and seconded by Cllr Grainger, all approved.
  - 6.5 Referring to item 6.3 from the January 2004 meeting, following a review of the accounts, the Parish Precept would remain as for 2003/4 with DAPC deduction. Proposed by Cllr Hicks and seconded by Cllr Ingram, all approved.

6.6 The balance at the bank was reported as £1623.07 of which £1141.26 is P3 grant.

7. To consider items from the public

7.1. A suggestion was put to the meeting that gates rather than stiles should be installed where possible on the parish paths. It was pointed out that the Parish Paths Partnership would where agreeable repair or replace field gates making stiles unnecessary.

7.2. The very poor condition of the roadway outside Allen's Cottage was raised and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to MDDC in this regard.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch

8.1. John Breading reported briefly on an Information Day at MDDC which he attended with Cllr Ken Webber. A village meeting to discuss issues related to neighbourhood watch was proposed.

9. To consider items from Councillors

9.1. None.

10. To consider items from the Chairman

10.1 None

11. Any other business

11.1. None.

12. Date of next meeting

4th May 2004 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
Annual meeting followed by the 177<sup>th</sup> Parish Meeting

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Cllr Margaret Squires answered questions from those present.

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