

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 178th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on Tuesday 6th July 2004 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: G Ingram (Chairman), S Hicks, C Grainger and K Webber
Clerk: G Lewis
4 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Councillor Nick Matson
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 Prop. Cllr Grainger. Seconded Cllr Webber.
3. Election of Officers
 - 3.1 Vice Chairman Ken Webber
Prop Cllr Ingram Sec Cllr Grainger All agreed.
4. To receive correspondence
 - 4.1 A list of correspondence received was provided with items of interest identified.
 - 4.2 It was agreed that a letter would be written to the MDDC regarding the condition of the local roads, with particular reference to the apparently unnecessary resurfacing of Church Close.
5. To consider Planning matters
 - 5.1 An application for permission to build a house near to Yowlestone on the Pennymoor Road has been received. This is a repeat of the application made earlier this year with minor insignificant amendments. It was agreed that a letter would be sent objecting to this construction.
 - 5.2 An application to remove a tree at Heritage has been received, no objection to this was raised.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1 A cheque for £14.00 to cover an invoice received from Ken Abraham re: the recent audit was raised. Prop Cllr Grainger Sec Cllr Webber
 - 6.2 It was agreed that the Clerk would be paid annually in future six months in arrears. In this regard a cheque for £200.00 was raised. Prop Cllr Grainger Sec Cllr Webber.
 - 6.3 The balance at the bank was reported as £2,092.72 of which £1141.26 is P3 grant.
 - 6.4 As above Ken Abraham carried out the annual audit with no adverse comments raised.
 - 6.5 The annual audit details have been forwarded to the Audit Commission.
 - 6.6 A VAT refund of £79.59 has been received.
 - 6.7 The annual precept £695.00 has been received.

7. To consider items from the public
 - 7.1 A question was raised regarding waste collection and the use of wheeled bins. The chairman stated that no changes to collection methods had been notified to the Parish Council. Collection of recycled waste is not yet planned for Puddington.
 - 7.2 The condition of the footpath at via Pitt Farm was raised, the chairman agreed to raise this with Cllr Matson. Seward Folland who would normally carry out maintenance has not yet recovered from a surgical operation.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch
 - 8.1 John Breading was not present to report.

9. To consider items from Councillors
 - 9.1 Cllr Matson reported via the Clerk that the material for several styles and gates had been received from P3. Once Seward Folland had recovered these would be installed.
 - 9.2 With regard to the question of publicity for footpaths no action has yet been taken.

10. To consider items from the Chairman
 - 10.1 A letter re: the 30mph limit has been received requesting permission to proceed with the necessary formal notices. The sites for the signs proposed by DCC are not as requested and it was agreed that a letter would be sent restating the Parish Council's views.
 - 10.2 The recent fire at the Old Bakery and Lily Cottage was raised. The actions of villagers in support of those affected and the firemen was commended. A letter has been received from Group Commander Youngs expressing considerable praise for the way in which his fire-fighters were looked after.
 - 10.3 The question of water pressure had been discussed with GC Youngs and he had stated that he felt that the water supply had been adequate. Arrangements had been made for a visit by SW Water to further discuss the issue.
 - 10.4 The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should arrange for a leaflet with various utility help lines identified to be prepared and sent to all villagers.

11. Any other business
 - 11.1 None

12. Date of next meeting
7th Sep 2004 in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman