

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 184th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 5th July 2005 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: G Ingram (Chairman), N Matson, C Grainger S Hicks and K
Webber
Clerk: G Lewis
Councillor Margaret Squires MDDC
7 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.
M Lee
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 Prop. Cllr Grainger. Seconded Cllr Hicks.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Re: Use of land between Eastacre and Allen's Cottage. The MDDC planning office have confirmed that as yet the notice regarding this land has not been served.
 - 3.2 The state of repair of the roads through the village was raised again and it was pointed out that in Puddington these are also pedestrian paths (no pavements). There is a potential problem at night as the roads are unlit and hazardous holes etc cannot be easily seen.
 - 3.3 Regarding the 30mph limit, it was reported that a meeting with a DCC representative would be taking place on site in early August to finalise on sign placement.
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 No new notices.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1 A cheque was raised in the sum of £250.00 as annual payment to the clerk. Note that as agreed on 6th July 2005 item 6.2 this is six months in arrears. Prop Cllr Matson Sec Cllr Grainger.
 - 6.2 A cheque was raised in the sum of £28.00 as payment of an invoice from Ken Abraham for the council audit. Prop Cllr Matson Sec Cllr Webber.
 - 6.3 The balance at the bank was reported as £2,018.57 of which £923.86 is P3 grant.
 - 6.4 Confirmed that a cheque was raised as agreed to Community First for the Parish Council Insurance. This was for £156.00 a saving of over £50.00 on last year. Prop Cllr Grainger Sec Cllr Hicks.
7. To consider items from the public
 - 7.1 A complaint was raised regarding the number of areas in the village where plants and hedges overhang the roads.

7.2 The general complaint regarding the roads through the village was again raised.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch

8.1 John Breading was in attendance and update was given.

9. To consider items from Councillors

9.1 None

10. To consider items from the Chairman

10.1 Cllr Ingram raised the issue of the MDDC grant to Villages In Action which has been reduced despite considerable protest. (Refer to 11.1 below)

10.2 Cllr Ingram stated that he proposed taking action regarding the poor state of the land at the rear of his house 'The Old Forge', this land belongs to his immediate neighbour and is within the conservation area. (Town and Country Planning Act) He asked for the other councillors to visit the area without him in order to give an unbiased opinion from the Parish Council.

10.3 Cllr Ingram asked Cllr Margaret Squires to comment upon any issues raised during the meeting.

11. Any other business

11.1 Cllr Squires pointed out the difficulties that the MDDC had this year with budget restrictions affecting all areas. She agreed to contact several of the MDDC departments to put forward the views of the Parish Council and parishioners. In particular these were the VIA grant and the condition of the roads. There was considerable discussion with Cllr Squires and the Councillors and the parishioners spoke on the issues at some length.

12. Date of next meeting

6th September 2005 in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm

The Chairman then closed the meeting

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