

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 186th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 1st November 2005 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: G Ingram (Chairman), C Grainger S Hicks and K Webber
Clerk: G Lewis
7 Parishioners
PC Keith Laity

PC Laity the Local Beat Manager for the area was in attendance and was invited to address the meeting following the approval of the minutes. (see notes after the minutes)

1. To receive apologies for absence.
M Lee, Nick Matson
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 The previous minutes were approved. Prop. Cllr Grainger, Sec. Cllr Webber.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Re: Use of land between Eastacre and Allen's Cottage. It was reported that the MDDC planning office has still not sent the enforcement notice regarding this land to the owners.
 - 3.2 Regarding the 30mph limit, it was reported that although no further action has taken place the council have been assured that the matter will be progressed
4. To receive correspondence
 - 4.1 A list of correspondence received was provided with items of interest identified.
 - 4.2 The annual audit report by the Audit Commission has been received with no adverse comments.
5. To consider Planning matters
 - 5.1 Planning approval has been granted relating to rebuilding works at Town Living.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1 The balance at the bank was reported as £1,790.57 of which £923.86 is P3 grant.
 - 6.2 A cheque for £58.75 was raised in payment to the Audit Commission for the annual audit fee. Prop Cllr Grainger, Sec Cllr Webber.
 - 6.3 The cemetery grant of £150 was approved. Prop Cllr Webber, Sec Cllr Hicks.
7. To consider items from the public
 - 7.1 It was reported that the footpath below The Lodge has been cleared and there was a general discussion on the good state of the parish paths.
 - 7.2 The drainage problem in the road between Eastacre and Allen's cottage was raised. It was agreed that further letters would be sent to DCC regarding the poor state of repair of the roads.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch
 - 8.1 Nothing to report.

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 proposed wind farm at Rackenford and there was a general discussion on the subject.
 - 10.2 The Chairman raised the issue of merging the parish council with others in the area. No action to be taken on this at present.

11. Any other business
 - 11.1 None.

12. Date of next meeting
3rd January 2006 in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. Postponed to 10th January 2006 after the meeting.

The Chairman then closed the meeting

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

PC Keith Laity

PC addressed the meeting, outlining his role as police liaison for the local area. He noted that Puddington Parish had a very low crime rate and was generally a very safe location. There was some discussion and questions from the floor were raised, in particular the subject of rough sleepers in the area.

PC Laity requested that a specific liaison person should be appointed and it was agreed that John Breeding as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator was the best choice. John agreed to take on this role.

The Chairman thanked PC Laity for the presentation and extended an open invitation to attend future Parish Council meetings.