Piddle Valley Parish Council

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summonsed to attend the next meeting of the Piddle Valley Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 25 March 2014** at **7.30pm**, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

Yours faithfully

Samantha Paulley

Clerk

Agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 March 2014. Meeting to be held at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

1. Democratic Half Hour – Guy Parker, Environment Agency
2. Absence with apologies – Cllr Howard
3. Minutes of meeting held on 25 February 2014
4. County Councillor update
5. District Councillor update
6. Clerk/Chairman update
   - i) Piddlehinton Councillor Vacancy
7. Police/Home watch update
8. Matters arising from last minutes – Action Points
   - i) Piddlehinton Gym
   - ii) Piddle Inn
   - iii) Defibrillator
9. Financial Matters
   - a) Bills for payment – March

Clerks salary	£256.53
PAYE tax	£ 64.13
Clerks expenses inc Office	£
Village Hall hire costs	£ 12.50
BT (Broadband contribution)	£ 15.00

10. Planning Matters
11. Neighbourhood Plan
12. BOATS

13. Highway Matters

14. News & Views items

15. Playing field & Playground

16. Correspondence & Matters received after agenda set

    a) Correspondence received after agenda set

17. Items for next agenda

18. Notice of next meeting

    Tuesday 29 April 2014, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Signed:

Clerk to Piddle Valley Parish Council

18 March 2014

Draft Minutes of Piddle Valley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 25 March 2014
Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Abbott, Cllr Brackstone, Cllr Dangerfield, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Cox (Chair), Cllr Lock, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Mailer, District Cllr Cuff

Apologies: Cllrs McArdell, Howard, Hiscock, Strainge, Cake, Willitts, Coombes, County Cllr Haynes,

Actions

Democratic Half Hour

Guy Parker from the Environment Agency attended the meeting to talk about ground water flooding and gave a background on how the water ends up in the Piddle Valley.

The flood plans created by the flood wardens play a huge part in the Environment Agency's plan.

The following questions were raised by the floor;

- Would extra trees help? – **with saturated ground there is nowhere for water to go**
- Would it help if the water meadows were reinstated through the Valley? – **it wont cause any harm to do so**
- Who enforces river clearance? – **The Environment Agency**

Cllr Cox thanked Mr Parker for attending the meeting.

Neil Herbert informed the meeting that the Community Speed Watch will start in the Valley on the 26 March and anyone caught doing over 36 mph will receive a letter from the Police and if the offender persists they will receive a visit from the Police.

On behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan, Neil Herbert requested a contribution from the Parish Council for £300 so that the group can buy their own kit, which includes; vests, speed gun, clipboards and monitoring equipment.

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting. **Action/Agenda**

33/2014 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Abbott and seconded by Cllr Mailer that these minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed

34/2014 County Councillor matters

County Cllr Haynes gave her apologies for the meeting.

35/2014 District Councillor matters

District Cllr Cuff gave an update on the following;

- Piddlehinton Camp – There is a covenant on the land that states grazing only, however, Dorset County Council paid £10k to the Army to have it removed. The 2004/05 appeal was for a permanent site and therefore not appropriate. On the current application there is no indication of time limit for caravans. Health and Safety concerns have been expressed. The application has been reduced from 5 years to 3.
- Manor Gate Cottage – The Planning Officer has recommended refusal, this is going to the Development Control Committee. The concerns are the dormer windows and garage.
- Little Platt – The Planning Officer has recommended refusal as the design is not suitable for the surroundings.
- A new Chief Executive at West Dorset District Council has been appointed as of June 2014. The £115,000 salary for this appointment has been split between West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland.
- There are currently talks going on regarding North Dorset District Council joint working with West and Weymouth.
- There is a survey with North Dorset District Council to see if affordable housing is needed in Melcombe Horsey/Bingham/Hilton and the survey needs to be completed by 7 April on Dorset for You.

36/2014 Clerk/Chairman update

i) Piddlehinton Councillor Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr Lock and seconded by Cllr White that Stephen Brackstone be co-opted onto the Piddle Valley Parish Council to represent Piddlehinton. All agreed.

37/2014 Police/Homewatch update

No update

38/2014 Financial Matters – Bills for Payment – February

Clerks salary	£256.53
PAYE tax	£ 64.13
Clerks expenses including Office	£ 73.45
Village Hall hire costs	£ 12.50
BT Broadband contribution	£ 15.00
Creeds	£ 267.00

It was proposed by Cllr Cowley and seconded by Cllr Dangerfield that these payments be approved. All agreed

39/2014 Planning Matters

<u>Tree Works</u>

CA/14/00027 – St Pancras Church, St Pancras Church access road – T1 & T2 – Yew – reduce by approximately 6-8ft, crown clean and thin by 10-15% - NO OBJECTIONS

40/2014 Neighbourhood Plan

The process is continuing but there is no further update this month.

41/2014 BOATS

Nothing to report

42/2014 Highway Matters

The following defects were reported;

o/s Bridge House, Piddlehinton – broken drain cover
Sun Lane, Piddletrenthide – 2 x blocked drains
White Lackington – potholes
Bottom of Plush Hill – blocked drain
Alton Pancras past Boldacre on the corner of farm entrance – blocked drain

43/2014 News and Views Items

Refuse Collection days & contact Dorset Waste Partnership for all refuse enquiries

44/2014 Playing field & Playground

Cllr Howard has replaced the badly worn links on the swings.

45/2014 Correspondence & Matters received after agenda set

Broadview – Proposed Slyer's Lane Wind Farm – Clerk to contact
West Dorset District Council – Material Planning Considerations 2014
Posters for The Great Dorset Beach Clean – Sunday 27 April 2014
Letter of thanks from Mrs Agg
External Audit information 2013/2014
Consultation on a draft transparency code for Parish & Town Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000

Action/Agenda/Clerk

46/2014 Items for next agenda

- Defibrillator
- Community Speed watch contribution
- Contribution to News & Views

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2123 with notice that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29 April**, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, 7.30pm