

Puddletown Area Parish Council

Covering the Parishes of Athelhampton & Puddletown, and Burleston & Tolpuddle

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Parish Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting to conduct the business overleaf. (LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 10(2)(b)).

A meeting of the: **Puddletown Area Parish Council**

On / at: **Tuesday 10th February 2026**

commencing at: **7:00pm**

In: **Tolpuddle Village Hall**

Yours respectfully



Michelle Harrington

Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

27th January 2026

AGENDA

0226-117. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To record members, present (Local Government Act 1972, sch 12) & receive apologies of absence. (Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1)).

0226-118. DECLARATIONS OF PRECUNINARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS.

- a. Members to declare any interests that are not currently entered in the Member's register of interest. (Localism Act 2011 s26-37 and Sch 4 plus Code of Conduct).
- b. To consider any prior requests to the Clerk from members for Dispensations. (Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)).

0226-119. PUBLIC SESSION

An opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of concern or comment on agenda item. (Standing Orders 3e-k)¹.

0226-120. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – APPENDIX

To approve the minutes and confidential minutes from the last Council meeting as a correct record. (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)).

0226-121. DORSET COUNCILLOR LOCAL UPDATE

To discuss any item arising from Dorset Council Newsletters and receive a verbal report on any parish specific update from the Ward Councillor.

0226-122. PCSO REPORT

To discuss a report from the local PCSO.

0226-123. CLERKS REPORT - APPENDIX

a. Finance

1. Bank Balance - To note the previous end of month balance.
2. Monthly Expenditure & Income - To authorise payments in accordance with the Payment Schedule, and to note the monthly income.
3. Bank Reconciliation – To approve the latest bank reconciliation. – **ANNEX**

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- b. Parish Safety
To note and discuss any issue raised. N.B. Any issue raised after the agenda publication date will be reported verbally during the meeting.
 - 1. Playparks – Internal weekly inspections
 - i. Butt Close
 - ii. Orchard Meadow
 - iii. Puddletown Rec.
 - 2. Defibrillators
 - i. Puddletown Library
 - ii. Martyrs Inns – Tolpuddle

- c. Action Log Updates
 - 1. Systems to enhance hearing meetings.
 - 2. Signage Costs
 - 3. Actions updated since the publication of the agenda.

0226-124. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. To discuss and agree a way forward regarding any correspondence received (excluding newsletters)
 - 1. Royal Garden Party – To ratify the nomination of Cllr Green.
- b. To discuss any correspondence received since the agenda publication.

0226-125. POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW -

No policies, procedures or risk assessments reviews this month

0226-126. PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS - APPENDIX

To receive and consider planning and licensing application(s). N.B. Any planning application received after the agenda publication date will be discussed.

0226-127. GRANT REQUEST

- a. Tolpuddle Village Hall - **APPENDIX**
- b. Puddletown Library – **APPENDIX**
- c. Life Education Wessex - **APPENDIX**

0226-128. FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR PUDDLETOWN RECREATION PAVILION - APPENDIX

To discuss and agree a way forward in respect of the Puddletown Recreation Pavilion fire risk assessment.

0226-129. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY EMERGENCY - APPENDIX

To discuss Puddletown Area Parish Council stance in relation to declaring a Climate and Ecology Emergency.

0226-130. RIGHTS OF WAY

To discuss rights of way across the parish.

0226-131. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

To note any items for the next meeting and discuss the meeting dates. 10th March 2026 from 7pm at the Puddletown Village Hall

¹ N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)