

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019 at
7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)
Mrs M Lockyer
Ms A Mitchell
Mrs E Major

Mr R Bates
Mr S Bishop
Mr G Matravers

Cllr G Tucker

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

4 Members of the Public

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Aller Parishioners only, there were no matters raised.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Aparicio Paul
- 2. Declarations of interest** – Mrs Lockyer declared a personal interest in agenda item 8b, Mr Matravers declared a personal interest in agenda item 8c, Ms Mitchell declared a personal interest in agenda item 8c, Mr Bates declared a personal interest in agenda item 8a.
- 3. Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** – The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously declared as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – The clerk updated the meeting with the latest crime statistics.
 - 4.2 Speedwatch – Speed indicator device – The SID was placed within the village occasionally. High Ham and Long Sutton parishes are interested in purchasing a SID device to share, with the full cost being in the region of £3000-£4000. The option of joining the scheme was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that subject to final cost Aller should join.
- 5. District and County Councillors reports** – Cllr Tucker gave his report to the meeting. The report included details of the recent peer review which considers the amount of anticipated return on the investments of SSDC as too high and those investments outside of South Somerset are not conducive to supporting the local economic growth. SSDC have applied for an overdraft of £30 million for further investments. Cllr Tucker informed the meeting that the next meeting of the different parish councils across the ward is due to take place on 30th January and will discuss relevant issues. The meeting will take place at 7pm and at 8pm Tim Cook the Area + Manager from SSDC will be attending, George Flint the Avon and Somerset Constabulary Beat Manager has been invited to attend.
- 6. Finance**
 - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] – Noted and agreed
 - 6.2 Receipts – none – Noted.
 - 6.3 Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary. – Unanimously agreed.
 - 6.4 Budget – The council discussed the budget as drafted by the clerk and unanimously agreed that a figure of £9250 precept be requested. The council agreed an increase of up to 3% for the lengthsman should it be required.
- 7. Aller Recreation Area** – Nothing to report.
- 8. Planning**

Applications:

 - a) **18/03342/LBC** – The Old Rectory, Ridley Hill, Aller, Langport TA10 0RA. Internal and external alterations. – Mr Bates excused himself from the discussion. The remaining councillors discussed the application and unanimously agreed that as long as the Conservation Officer was content with the proposals there would be no objection from the Parish Council. Mr Bates returned to the discussion.
 - b) **18/03455/FUL** – Dairy House Farm, Beer Road, High Ham, Langport TA10 0QX. Change of use of part of the land and barns for use as a wedding venue and retrospective application for the erection of an extension to the barn. – Mrs Lockyer excused herself from the discussion. The council discussed the application and

unanimously agreed that there were no objections to the proposal. Mrs Lockyer returned to the discussion.

- c) 18/03459/FUL** – Land at Chantry Farm, Beer Road, Aller, Langport, TA10 0RA. The use of land for the siting of 2 No. holiday lodges and formation of vehicular access, trackway and parking. – Mr Matravers and Ms Mitchell excused themselves from the discussion. Mr Mike Williams, the agent for the application introduced himself and gave some background to the proposal. The council discussed the proposal and unanimously agreed to fully support the application. Mr Matravers and Ms Mitchell returned to the discussion. Following the conclusion of this agenda item the members of the public and Cllr Tucker left the meeting.
- 9. Highways** – There has been a small fly tipping incident on Aller Drove, it was reported to the Environment Agency but it would seem that it has been cleared while the dredging was being done. The overhanging trees have been addressed.
- 10. Lengthsman scheme** – There is no report or invoice received from Mr Howe, the council agreed that should an invoice for less than £75 be received before the next meeting it can be paid. The lengthsman will be pollarding the trees around the recreation area.
- 11. Aller Village Hall** – Nothing to report
- 12. Village/Community issues** – Nothing to report
- 13. Martha Bond Charity** – Nothing to report
- 14. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – The clerk read the email regarding the memorial wood received earlier that day, it was agreed that it should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- 15. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.
- 16. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

Date and time of next meeting – Monday 11th March 2019 7.30pm

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