

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
7.30pm,  
Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor

Mr S Bishop

Mrs J Morrison

Mr R Bates

Mrs A Mitchell

Cllr C Paull

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Mrs Lockyer, Mrs Major and Cllr Tucker
2. **Declarations of interest** – None declared.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
  - 4.1 **Aller Crime statistics** – Although no details have been received from Avon and Somerset Police there are numerous reports regularly being received through the Avon and Somerset Farmwatch scheme.
  - 4.2 **Speedwatch** – No update.
5. **County Councillor report** – Cllr Paul reported that the Covid data has been skewed with potentially large numbers of people having been subject to the PCR testing failures, schools have been encouraging families to use the half-term break as a mini fire-break, more vaccinations and the booster programme will hopefully improve the levels before the next school break. The first joint committee meeting for the Unitary Authority has recently been held, the result of the possibility of a Boundary review is still unknown and currently the plan is to go ahead with 110 councillors across Somerset. Cllr Paul also reported that the Childrens and Adults services are under a huge amount of pressure nationwide.
6. **District Councillor report** – Cllr Tucker has previously circulated his report via email.
7. **Finance**
  - 7.1 **Finance statement [Clerk]** – Noted.
  - 7.2 **Cheques for authorisation - Clerks Salary, HMRC, Glasdon** – All agreed unanimously.
  - 7.3 **Budget** – The proposed budget was agreed.
8. **Aller Recreation Area** – An email conversation with Rupert Cox has determined that £5000 will be the requested figure next year, generally £1500 per year is requested, this was proposed by Mr Bates and seconded by Mr Bishop, and agreed unanimously.
9. **Planning**

**Applications** – Noted.  
**Decisions** – Noted.
10. **Highways** – It was reported that there is a damaged barrier on Ridley Hill from the last accident. Mrs Lockyer had previously informed Mr Mayor that a broken drain cover has been reported three times to Highways since the spring, a child fell down it in August and it still hasn't been repaired.

**11. Lengthsman scheme/ongoing Parish maintenance** – Mrs Lockyer reported via Mr Mr Mayor that she has organised for James Waggon to continue with the cemetery maintenance until the end of this season, which he has done, along with maintenance in other areas.

**11.1 Schedule of works** – It was agreed that this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**12. Aller Village Hall** – Bookings have been greatly affected by the Covid pandemic, the sewing group has ceased, although a Mother and Baby group has started. Various plumbing and electrical issues have been addressed. It was unanimously agreed that £1000 be paid now with a future annual allowance of £1500.

**13. Flooding** – During the two heavy storms this autumn neighbouring fields have been flooded leading to concerns regarding further heavy rainfall. It was agreed that a link be added to useful flooding links should be included on the website.

**14. Village/Community issues** – The Remembrance Service is to take place at the church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 16:30

**15. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – None.

**16. Website** – Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the clerk is to be paid to create a new website.

**17. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05pm**

**18. Date and time of next meeting** – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7:30pm.

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