

**ALLER PARISH COUNCIL**  
Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 7.30pm,  
Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr S Bishop

Mrs J Morrison

Mrs E Major

Mrs A Mitchell

Cllr C Paull

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

1 Member of the public.

Mr Bishop welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting since the zoom meetings had ceased. Mr Bishop pointed out that the councillors and public seating were spaced more than usual and that the windows were open but invited those present to take further precautions as they felt fit.

Open Session –

The issue of the state of the road up Aller Hill was raised, the Chair agreed to bring this item up during the item on Highways.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Mr Mayor, Mrs Lockyer 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** – No up to date statistics available online
  - 4.2 Speedwatch** – The speedwatch team have been very active, being on site regularly. Mr Bishop confirmed that Cllr Tucker has been putting up the SID as required.
- 5. County Councillor report** – Cllr Paul gave her report to the meeting in which it was noted that everybody has been having teething problems with the new Recycle More scheme and the Garden Waste collections have restarted. The Recycle More scheme is rolling out to Somerset West and Taunton next. Cllr Paul also informed the meeting that there have been some minor issues with transportation to Huish Episcopi school following the start of the new term, school children of secondary school age are testing twice weekly and reporting the results. It has also been announced that 12-15 year olds are to be offered one Pfizer vaccination. The Somerset Rivers Authority Board met last month, the Authority are still trying to get a motion through Government that will allow them to become a self-precepting authority.
- 6. District Councillor report** – The meeting was informed that there is an Area North meeting this month, but no planning items within Aller.
- 7. Finance**

- 7.1 Finance statement [Clerk]** – Noted.
- 7.2 Cheques for authorisation - Clerks Salary, HMRC, Insurance £1740.42 (already paid), SALC affiliation £111.65, Laptop £499, Grass cutting £265.00** – All agreed unanimously.
- 8. Aller Recreation Area** – Due to current issues the PlayDay did not go ahead.
- 9. Planning**  
**Applications** – Noted.  
**Decisions** – Noted.
- 10. Highways** – The residents on Aller Hill have noted the deterioration of the road and have been in contact with Somerset County Council Highways and Public Rights of Way teams. Somerset County Council Highways have agreed that they are responsible for the drains. A query was raised regarding the history and whether any of the Parish Council have knowledge or details regarding the historic re-surfacing. There was a meeting held approximately three years ago which was attended by a representative of Somerset County Council Highways. The current situation and state of the road is causing some concern and some Royal Mail representatives are considering refusing to drive the road. A discussion was held and details of the location of the Somerset Records Office given, the clerk confirmed that she is not in possession of any historic records.  
Mrs Major noted that the planned closure of Pound Road had not happened, the new date is yet to be confirmed.
- 11. Lengthsman scheme/ongoing maintenance** – Mrs Morrison updated the meeting on the current situation. It was unanimously agreed that any arrangements currently in place should continue and that an Agenda item be included for the next meeting to agree a works schedule to allow the Parish Council to go out to tender.
- 12. Aller Village Hall** – No committee meetings have taken place. It has been noted by two individuals within the parish that the outside of the building needs some work. A rota for window cleaning is being considered.
- 13. Village/Community issues**  
**13.1 Dog bin** – The council agreed unanimously to the purchase of two Metal Fido 50 dog waste bins from Glasdon.
- 14. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – The clerk informed the meeting of an email received from SALC regarding the timings of Parish Council elections. The meeting discussed the content and agreed to the proposed change of timings to allow elections to coincide with other elections (Unitary)
- 15. Website** – The clerk informed the meeting of the price already obtained for the creation of a new website from Vision ICT. The clerk had previously circulated to the Chair and Vice-Chair a very draft version of a website that she would be prepared to bespoke build at a cost of £450. The council discussed the options and requested that the clerk circulate further the link to allow the other Councillors to see it.
- 16. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:59pm**

**17. Date and time of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7:30pm.**