

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th November 2020 7.30pm, Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present:

Mr D Mayor
Mrs M Lockyer
Mr R Bates

Mrs J Morrison
Mrs E Major
Mr S Bishop

Cllr C Paul
Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

No items had been sent to the clerk for inclusion during the open session

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Tucker and Ms Mitchell
2. **Declarations of interest** – No declarations received.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** – It was noted that Mrs Morrison had been at the previous meeting, contrary to the minutes, with this amendment the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – No up to date statistics were available on the Police website, however, the meeting was informed that outbuilding, livestock and machinery thefts are increasing and are getting closer to the village. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is still operational in the village, but it was agreed that it needs re-invigorating.
5. **County Councillor report** – Cllr Paul gave her report to the meeting, items covered included: the Climate Strategy which had recently passed through Council with full support; Somerset has entered into Lockdown II from a low position and hope to come out with even lower figures, household waste recycling centres will remain open, as will libraries to some degree; Item 7 on the Agenda was noted. Mrs Lockyer queried the regular road closures in Langport. Mr Bates asked if there had been any widening of the River Sowey this season, Cllr Paul informed the meeting that this was being completed at the moment.
6. **District Councillor report** – Cllr Tucker has previously supplied a report via email which he summarised. The Unitary authority proposal is ongoing and the District Councils have been asked by the Secretary of State to put forward their bid.
7. **Climate Emergency Community Fund** – Mr Mayor informed the meeting that the Recreation Area committee had been informed of the opportunity and that an email would be sent to remind them of the deadline for applications.
8. **Planning**

Applications:

20/02520/COL – Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of Oath Hill Barn as residential family dwelling which previously had been converted from agricultural use following permission being granted for change of use (17/00229/FUL) in 2017. Oath Hill Barn, Wickmoor, Stathe, Langport, Somerset TA7 0JP – The clerk informed the meeting of the purpose of this application as permitted development rights had

been restricted and the applicant was checking that the proposal was inline with the existing permitted development rights.

Application pending – Plotstream for the extension/rebuild of bungalow. –

Application not submitted to SSDC/consultation not received at this time.

Decisions:

None – Noted.

9. Finance

9.1 Receipts: - Noted.

9.2 Cheques for authorisation: HMRC, Clerks salary, T Lockyer £1440.00. – Agreed unanimously. The Village Hall have made a request for some funding due to the considerably decreased income this year with ongoing expenditure, the Council unanimously agreed to support up to the budgeted figure of £1000.

9.3 Budget – To be considered further and decision to be taken in January.

9.4 Bank Account/Financial regulations. – Ongoing.

10.Highways – Nothing to report.

11.Cemetery – An update was given regarding the issues. The plaque has arrived and will be installed soon. Cllr Tucker commented that the cemetery is currently looking better than it had done recently.

12.Allotments – Nothing to report

13.Website – Ongoing.

14.Correspondence for information [to be tabled] – The clerk informed the meeting that a request for a dog waste bin had been received, it was unanimously agreed that the clerk should get prices for a new bin.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

16.Date and time of next meeting – 11th January 7.30pm (virtual).

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