

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)

Mrs M Lockyer

Mrs E Major

Mr R Bates

Mr S Bishop

Ms A Mitchell

Cllr C Aparicio Paul

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

0 Members of the Public

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Aller Parishioners during which no issues were raised.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Tucker
2. **Declarations of interest** – None
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** – The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – No up-to-date crime statistics available. It was reported at the meeting that rural crime is on the increase. With vehicles, equipment and livestock being stolen recently.
 - 4.2 Speedwatch – The volunteers have been out again as has the speed van. There is one new volunteer for the speedwatch team.
5. **District and County Councillors reports** –

Cllr Aparicio Paul gave her report to the council which included updates on the Langport Information Centre, the Small Improvement Scheme for Wearne and improvements on the planning consultation with SCC Highways. Cllr Aparicio Paul also took the opportunity to congratulate the community on the bonfire night arrangements and display.

Mr Mayor summarised the report received from Cllr Tucker. This report included an update, amongst other things, to the Links scheme and to the Transformation programme at SSDC.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] - Noted
 - 6.2 Receipts - Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Chairman's expense £6, PCC grass cutting grant £450, Mary Lockyer Burial book, Lengthsman materials £19.95 – All agreed unanimously
 - 6.3 Budget – the budget was discussed and a few alterations were made to the proposal, to be reviewed in January before submission. Requests from the Village Hall and Recreation Area to be chased.
7. **Aller Recreation Area**
 - 7.1 Aller Bonfire – The event went very well and all of the administration duties also went well. The site seems to have been cleared well. It is believed that approximately £6000 was raised.
8. **Planning**

Applications: 17/03523/FUL, Levels Cottage, Bagenham Farm, Rye Lane, Othery
Replacement of window for barn door and insertion of 5 No. Conservation roof lights – The application was discussed and the Council has no observations.

17/04293/FUL, Oath Hill Barn, Wickmoor, Oath, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0JP, The creation of 1 No. new gable ridge window opening on the south east elevation to the property. – The application was discussed and the Council has no observations.

Decisions: 17/03209/FUL, Aller Court Solar Park, Revised siting and increase in height of the private substation, DNO substation, spares container, welfare unit and composting toilet (Retrospective) – Permission granted with conditions - Noted
9. **Highways** – A message was sent to SCC the day after the last Parish Council meeting, a response was received and the issue has been referred to Gary Warren at SCC Highways.

On the 16th October a large number (60) tyres were dumped on Aller Drove, on reporting the issue to SSDC Mrs Major was referred to Paul Huntington in the Environmental Protection Unit. Although no response was received from Mr. Huntington the tyres were soon removed. The bin at Aller Drove car park has been removed and efforts are being made to have it replaced.

- 10. Lengthsman scheme** – Mr Mayor read the report sent from Craig Howe. Winter jobs are needed for Craig
- 11. Aller Village Hall** – Nothing to report other than the insurance is due for renewal in December, the clerk is to compare prices with the current Parish Council insurance. It was noted that the tables from the Village Hall had not been cleaned following the Bonfire event.
- 12. Village/Community issues** – Mrs Lockyer asked if there was a mechanism by which the parishioners could be made aware of the recent increase in thefts. It was agreed that an update would be added to Facebook.
- 13. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]**
 - 13.1 Winter Service and Grit Bin – The grit bins are located on Aller Hill (x 2) and in Stathe on the road from Stathe to Oathe Hill near the railway bridge.
 - 13.2 SSDC Local Plan consultation – the clerk informed the meeting of the current consultation period.
- 14. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** - None
- 15. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.53pm**

Date and time of next meeting – Monday 8th January 2018 7.30pm

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