

**ALLER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at**  
**7.30pm, Aller Village Hall**

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)  
Mrs M Lockyer  
Mrs E Major  
Mr S Bishop

Mr R Bates (Vice)  
Mrs E Foster  
Mr G Mattravers

Cllr D Yeomans  
Cllr G Tucker

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

2 Members of the Public

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Apologies for absence** - None
- 2. Declarations of interest** - None
- 3. Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting** – The minutes of the previous two meetings were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.
- 4. Crime and Disorder**
  - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – None received
  - 4.2 Speedwatch – The team have been out today and the roads seem fairly quiet, the speeds seem to be slower than at other times.
- 5. District and County Councillors reports**

Cllr Yeomans reported that the County Council budgets have been fraught and that the Scrutiny committee at the County Council have been busy of late. Cllr Yeomans also reported that another appeal is to be heard regarding the footpath, this appeal should only be considering any newly discovered evidence.

Cllr Yeomans is not standing for re-election, as such Mr Mayor, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Cllr Yeomans for all the help that he has given over the years.

Cllr Tucker gave his report which included the level of police statistics in the area, SSDC's budget, areas of discussion at the next Area North committee meeting and the availability of grants from Sport England and the Countryside stewardship scheme.
- 6. Finance**
  - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] - Noted
  - 6.2 Receipts - Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Clerks expenses (£14.85 mileage, £7.68 stamps) £22.53, Land registry search £12 – All agreed unanimously
- 7. Aller Recreation Area** – Nothing to report
- 8. Planning**

**Applications:** None

**Decisions:**

16/04852/FUL - Longstone Farm, Aller Drove, Aller, Langport, TA10 0QT – Erection of a youngstock building. Permission granted with conditions.

16/04605/OUT – Land At, Church View Close, Aller, Langport, Somerset – Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of 2 dwellings and garage with associated parking and landscaping (with some matters reserved). Permission granted with conditions.

17/00195/S73A – Land Opposite, 1 Church Path, Aller, Somerset TA10 0QR – Application to vary condition 02 of planning permission 16/01062/FUL for the substitution of approved plans with revised plans. Permission granted with conditions.

**Appeal:** Notice received of appeal inquiry.

- All noted

9. **Highways** – It would seem the jetting still hasn't taken place as there is a large amount of surface water on the road following rainfall. The potholes at Beer Corner have also not been looked at, although this was promised by SCC. It was reported that when Wessex Water have finished their work the potholes on Church Path would be looked at. The issues with the single track nature of Aller Drove were discussed again, in the past a suggestion of the Parish Council arranging for scalplings to be laid in the ditches on the side of the road, it was agreed that a further conversation is to be had with SCC regarding the provision of consolidated passing places that the Parish Council would not be liable for.
10. **Lengthsman scheme** – The lengthsman has completed the work on the footpath in the cemetery, he seems to have done a respectable job. The contract for the lengthsman is due for renewal, the number of days has returned to the level that they should be following the deduction from a previous late payment. It was agreed unanimously that the contract is renewed.
11. **Aller Village Hall** – The AGM for the Village Hall is on 17<sup>th</sup> May, it is to be advertised in the newsletter. The Village Hall committee have heard that the Parish Council may be offered the old sales office by the current owner. If this is the case the Village Hall would be grateful for the use of the building for storage and ask the Parish Council to bear their request in mind. The Parish Council need to agree their Village Hall Committee representatives for the coming year, both Mr Bishop and Mr Mayor are happy to continue. Both were nominated and seconded unanimously, both accepted.
12. **Village/Community issues**
  - 12.1 War Memorial – The current war memorial does not include the fatality of World War II. Mr Mayor has researched options for an additional memorial. The Council agreed unanimously to fund the purchase and installation of this additional plaque.
  - 12.2 Turn Hill Footpath closure – Mr Mayor informed the meeting of the history behind the footpath. The footpath warden has agreed to go to the appeal hearing on behalf of the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should continue to argue that the footpath should be kept.
13. **Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** - None
14. **Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm

**Date and time of next meeting – Annual Parish Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7.00pm followed immediately by Annual Parish Meeting**

**Closed session to discuss clerk's salary** – The Clerk's salary was discussed, a new rate, more commensurate with the Clerk's experience and based on the NALC salary scale, of £11.05 per hour with an annual increment was agreed.

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