

**ALLER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm, Aller Village Hall**

**1. Attendance and Apologies:**

Present: Cllrs Tucker, Perkins, Geary, Laird and Sharratt; Mrs Larsson (Clerk); Somerset Council Cllr Wilkins.

Apologies: Cllrs Brown and Dunton; Somerset Council Cllr Stanton.

**2. Declarations of interest:** None.

**3. Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:** RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 were an accurate record of the meeting, and duly signed by the Chair.

**4. Planning Applications:** There were no applications to consider.

**5. Finance**

5.1 Finance statement: RESOLVED to approve the financial reports.

5.2 Payments: RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments. A list of payments is annexed at the end of the minutes.

**6. Application to the Avon & Somerset Police Road Safety Fund:**

Cllr Dunton was not present at the meeting, but councillors understood the next deadline for applications would be before the next scheduled parish council meeting. With this in mind it was RESOLVED to delegate authority to Cllr Dunton to make an application on behalf of the Parish Council.

**7. Application for a Community Resilience Grant:**

Councillors discussed the potential uses for a grant, such as providing flood resources such as sandbags. Councillors were supportive of the opportunity to apply for a grant, and it was agreed for Cllr Tucker to put together a plan for what resources the community could use with a view to submit an application. Cllr Tucker to present plan at the next meeting for review.

**8. Report on recent meeting to discuss Adapting the Levels:** Unfortunately the meeting was postponed and a new date has not yet been sent.

**9. Updates and associated actions**

9.1 Footpath Improvement Works:

Works from across the Coffin path to Oath have been completed.

Installation of a new kissing gate at the Copse is still in discussion with landowners.

Installation of the gate at Monk's Leaze Clyse is complete.

9.2 Aller Information Sign: Good progress is being made, with the artwork of the sign expected to be completed by the end of August.

9.3 Levels and Moors Local Community Network: A new Chair, Sean Dromgoole, and Vice-Chair, Tim Kerly were appointed at the recent AGM. The focus areas will be Flooding, Highways, Active Travel and Transport.

9.4 Highways: Comment was made that the hedge at Vale View is restricting visibility and that Hawthorn grown round a telegraph pole caused HGV's to move out to the middle of the road to improve their view.

9.5 Village Improvement Works: The previously agreed work to the path at the recreation ground where the dog waste bin is located is being undertaken next week.

9.6 Aller Recreation Area: Initial quotations for remedial / replacement works have been sought and will be reviewed once received.

9.7 Aller Village Hall: The AGM is this month. The hall is in need of additional members to support the committee.

9.8 Aller burial board: The Clerk has completed cemetery management training with the ICCM. Cemetery regulations to be reviewed later in the year.

**10. Actions from previous meeting:**

- 10.1 Dedicated Email Addresses/Website: Progress has been slow, but this is being followed up with the selected supplier. Update at September meeting.
- 10.2 Defibrillator: A total of 30 people have been trained at 2 separate sessions. The Parish Council wish to express their gratitude to Lee Swinson Who delivered the two training sessions.  
A local resident has also kindly offered to carry out the required checks on the unit.
- 10.3 Somerset Council Chairs Award: Nomination was submitted for Merilea Reid for her many contributions to the community.

**11. Correspondence**

General communications received have been circulated to Councillors. No significant items to note.

**12. Any other urgent matters:**

- 12.1 Deterioration of the recently refurbished finger post has been noted. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with the contractors who carried out the work.

**13. Summary of previous actions:** None

**14. Items for the next meeting:** Play equipment remedials/replacement.

**15. Date and time of next Parish Council meetings:**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to be held at Aller Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

Signed .....

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## Annex 1. Payments Authorised

Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
04/06/2024	60	0	60	ADMIN EXPENSES	K. LARSSON
23/07/2024	50	0	50	SALC TRAINING (2022/23)	SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
23/07/2024	75	0	75	SALC TRAINING (2022/23)	SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
23/07/2024	61.67	0	61.67	TRAINING	ICCM (VIA KE PARISH COUNCIL)
23/07/2024	25	0	25	COUNCILLOR TRAINING	SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
23/07/2024	34.35	0	34.35	SLCC MEMBERSHIP	THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS
23/07/2024	3.75	0	3.75	ADMIN EXPENSES	K. LARSSON
23/07/2024	436.99	0	436.99	Maintenance, Wildlife Area & Rec.	VARIOUS via G TUCKER
01/09/2024	257.5	0	257.5	Allotment Lease	R LEITCH