

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)

Mrs M Lockyer

Ms A Mitchell

Mrs E Major

Mr R Bates

Mr S Bishop

Mr G Matravers

Cllr G Tucker

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Aller Parishioners only, there were no members of the public present and no matters raised.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Aparicio Paull.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None received.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** - The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – The clerk gave the crime statistics as provided by Avon and Somerset Police. It was noted that there had been another farm break-in within Aller in August. Due to the increased numbers of farm break-ins it was agreed that the Police be asked to attend the next Parish Council meeting.
 - 4.2 Speedwatch – The County wide statistics have been received which show no real difference to previous figures.
5. **District and County Councillors reports** – The report from Cllr Aparicio Paull had been previously distributed via email. Cllr Tucker gave his report to the meeting which included information regarding a recent report and figures received regarding the level of fly-tipping in Area North, the change in the management of the Crematorium in Yeovil, MOT tests are now available at the SSDC Lufton depot, a report on the grants programme and information regarding the upcoming Economic Development strategy.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] – Noted. The clerk is to chase the rent for the allotments
 - 6.2 Receipts – Noted
 - 6.3 PCC grant request – The council considered the request from the PCC and agreed to grant £500.
 - 6.4 Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Lengthsman's expenses, Aller Village Hall £450, Allotments £257.50 – All payments were unanimously agreed.
7. **Aller Recreation Area** – Nothing to report.
8. **Planning** – None.
9. **Highways** – Mrs Major updated the meeting on several issues regarding Highways including the remaining surface water issues on the main road which Mrs Major will take back to SCC Highways through Cllr Aparicio Paull. The meeting discussed the issue of a blocked drain and potholes near Beer Farm, although these are within Turnhill ward they will be reported. Mrs Major informed the meeting that the footpath bridge between the village and the play area has a safety defect which has been reported. The white van that had been abandoned in the car park at Aller Drove has been dealt with by the Environment Agency.

- 10. Lengthsman scheme** – Mr Mayor gave the report on the works undertaken by the Lengthsman.
- 11. Aller Village Hall** – Mr Bishop reported that the works to the kitchen area in the hall had gone well.
- 12. Village/Community issues** – Some plots in the cemetery are untidy and against regulations, notice has been given in the Roundabout that families need to address issues by November or the Parish Council will need to complete the work and re-charge the costs to the families.
Mr Mayor reported that he has spoken to the vicar and church warden with reference to the potential closure of the churchyard, unfortunately the records are not sufficiently complete to allow for closure but some spaces may be opening up for the burial of ashes.
- 13. Martha Bond Charity** – Despite investigation no further information has, as yet, been discovered. Mr Mayor suggested that one option would be to rename the recreation area in Martha Bond's honour and to donate the remaining money to the recreation committee to include the erection of a memorial plaque.
- 14. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – None received.
- 15. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.
- 16. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm**
- 17. Date and time of next meeting – Monday 5th November 2018 7.30pm**

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