

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 18th May 2020 7.00pm, Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)

Mr R Bates

Mrs M Lockyer

Mrs J Morrisson

Mr S Bishop

Ms A Mitchell

Mrs E Major

Cllr G Tucker

Cllr C Paul

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

4 Member of the Public

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

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Apologies for absence** – None received
2. **Declarations of interest** – None declared
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** – Carried over.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – No statistics received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Thefts are happening locally as Neighbourhood Watch alerts have been received.
5. **County Councillor report** – Cllr Paul firstly congratulated the Parish Council for embracing the new technology and holding a virtual meeting. Cllr Paul checked that the council were receiving the email updates regarding Covid 19 – the clerk confirmed that the updates were being received. Cllr Paul reported to the meeting that the Climate strategy was ongoing and due to the current situation no grants had been issued. Cllr Paul reported that all household waste recycling sites are in the process of re-opening with restrictions in place for the items they can receive.
6. **District Councillor report** – Cllr Tucker gave his report to the meeting. He noted that we are in strange times and having to find new ways of working, some of which seem to be for the better, including the increased numbers of public at meetings held virtually. Cllr Tucker reported that at a recent committee meeting the committee resolved to support the application at Oath Hill Barn in support of the planning officer. Cllr Tucker also reported that SSDC have had to make some changes to the way they are working, including within the Planning service, for example site notices are not being erected at sites and the scheme of delegation having been temporarily altered to allow the final decision for applications to be made by the Chief Executive of SSDC. Cllr Tucker informed the meeting that he had recently received a report from SSDC detailing businesses within his area that had not applied for grant monies available, he suggested that this money might be

available for the village hall. SSDC has distributed £27 million to date in grant monies and they have set up a food parcel distribution hub for people in need.

7. Planning

Applications:

20/00781/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for the demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of two dwellings and garaging, Juglands, Church Path, Aller, Langport TA10 0QP. – The council heard the representations made by members of the public from the clerk. After a fairly lengthy discussion the Council unanimously agreed to support the principle of the demolition of the existing building and the redevelopment of the site in sympathy with the surrounding properties but that they have concerns regarding the outline proposal for 2 No two storey houses.

20/01218/FUL – Erection of a Livestock building, Longstone Farm, Aller Drove, Aller, Langport TA10 0QT. – The council heard the representation made by a member of the public from the clerk. Following discussion the council agreed by majority to support the application subject to appropriate landscaping being included to mitigate the sound and visual impact to neighbouring properties (6 for, 1 abstention 0 against).

20/01184/HOU – Conversion of detached double garage into single storey annexe, Pennyhayes, Church Path, Aller, Langport TA10 0QP. – Following discussion the Council unanimously agreed to support the application subject to satisfactory waste water connection being confirmed in the area.

Decisions:

None

8. Finance

8.1 Receipts - None

8.2 Insurance – It was unanimously agreed to sign up to the three year deal with Penn insurance.

8.3 Cheques for authorisation – Notifications: HMRC, Clerks salary, Zoom, Parrett Internal Drainage Board. Fire tablet for SID £49.99. – All agreed unanimously

8.4 Audit – dates, exemption certificate. – The clerk explained the alteration to audit dates this year and requested confirmation from the Council to continue as in previous years to exempt the council from full audit. The Council agreed unanimously to this request.

9. Highways – The trees along Aller Drove have been pollarded with the trees on Church Street due to be pollarded soon.

10. Correspondence for information [to be tabled] - None

11. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman – The clerk asked the council to consider adopting the previously distributed meeting protocol document, this was agreed unanimously.

12. Date and time of next meeting – The council discussed the frequency of meetings to be held virtually and agreed to try and reduce the length of the meetings by increasing to monthly meetings for the time being. Next meeting **8th June 2020 at 7pm**