

# ALLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 7.30pm, Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present:

Mr D Mayor  
Mrs M Lockyer  
Mr R Bates

Ms A Mitchell  
Mrs E Major

Cllr G Tucker  
Cllr C Paul  
Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

No items had been sent to the clerk for inclusion during the open session. However, as a parishioner Mr Tucker requested that the Council consider including funding within their precept for the regular cutting of the playing field at the recreation area as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find volunteers that are able and willing to complete the work. He also noted that although maintenance is being carried out it hasn't been to the same standard as previously enjoyed. Mr Mayor responded that the recreation committee were welcome to put some costings together for the grass cutting and approach the Council for funds and noted that it is hoped that the new contractor would get on top of the maintenance work required.

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Mr Bishop and Mrs Morrison.
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 – Nothing to report.
5. **County Councillor report** – Councillor Paul gave her report to the meeting in which she updated the Councillors regarding the Climate Change Emergency Community Fund – it's a really important scheme and bids can be made from 1 October, if any help is needed please contact Councillor Paul. Following a comment regarding the signage problems during road closures from Mrs Lockyer Councillor Paul explained that there are difficulties due to the proximity to the District border. Mr Mayor explained that he had spoken to Somerset County Council this morning regarding the issues at Aller Drove re the closure, they couldn't find any information either and they have asked the Highways department to call him back which hasn't happened yet.
6. **District Councillor report** – Cllr Tucker gave his report to the meeting in which he updated the Councillors regarding several items: some recent planning applications in his Ward; the Unitary debate and status; SSDC Building Control and Legal Services have joined a County wide scheme; and the ongoing work on the regeneration projects in Chard, Yeovil and Wincanton.
7. **Climate Emergency Community Fund** – Mr Mayor explained that it is difficult to find volunteers within the village to do works that may come out of any bid submitted. Mr Bates asked if it was possible to insist that any new development

within Aller have photo-voltaic cells, Councillor Paul explained that this was not within the remit of the fund.

**8. Planning**

**Applications:**

None – Noted.

**Decisions:**

None – Noted.

**9. Finance**

9.1 Receipts: - Noted.

9.2 Cheques for authorisation: HMRC, Clerks salary, SALC affiliation, Lengthsman invoices, £257.50 Mr Leitch. – All agreed unanimously.

9.3 Notification of national salary increase (2.75%) – Noted.

9.4 Bank Account/Financial regulations. – deferred.

**10.Highways** – Nothing to report.

**11.Allotments** – Due to the low level of plots being actively tended the allotments at Chantry Farm that were established approximately 5 years ago are to be closed down. The two plot holders have been informed and given notice to vacate.

**12.Website** – Alternative options are to be investigated and considered.

**13.Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – None.

**14.Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – Mrs Lockyer informed the meeting that the work for the bench in the cemetery has started.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:15.

**15.Date and time of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm (virtual).** – Noted.

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