

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 at
7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)

Ms A Mitchell

Mrs E Major

Mr R Bates

Mr G Matravers

Cllr C Paul

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

9 Members of the Public

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Aller Parishioners only, there were no matters raised.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Tucker, Mrs Lockyer and Mr Bishop
2. **Declarations of interest** – None received.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** – The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – The statistics as received by the clerk were given to the meeting.
 - 4.2 Speedwatch – Speed indicator device. – At the recent meeting of High Ham and Long Sutton Parish Councils it was agreed that a shared device be bought.
5. **District and County Councillors reports** – Cllr Paul reported that several highways issues within the parish had been addressed and that the Small Improvement Scheme for Wearne is going ahead. Somerset County Council has delivered a balanced budget and measures to address Climate Change have been agreed. Cllr Paul reported that Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce's 'Supply the supplier', which feeds into larger projects like Hinkley Point, are now considering contract bids from further afield than the previously Bridgwater centric pool used previously.
Cllr Tucker had previously distributed his report via email.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] - Noted
 - 6.2 Receipts – Noted
 - 6.3 Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, £500 Village Hall. All agreed unanimously.
7. **Aller Recreation Area** – Nothing to report
8. **Planning**

Applications:

 - a) **19/00237/HOU** – The Bungalow, Aller Road, Aller, Langport TA10 0QN.
Alterations to construct a first floor to convert the bungalow into a house and raise the garage roof to provide an additional bedroom.
The Council heard representation against the scheme from Mr Morrison and for the scheme from the applicant. Following discussion the Council unanimously agreed the following wording: 'Whilst supporting the principle of the development the Council have concerns about the design of the proposal, both in terms of the materials to be used and the effect on the residential amenity of the neighbouring properties, in particular the potential loss of

privacy, especially from the inclusion of a balcony and the increased number of windows at first floor level'.

- b) **19/00147/HOU** – Walnut Cottage, Aller Hill, Aller, Langport TA10 0RE. The erection of a two storey side and rear extension.

Following discussion the Council unanimously agreed to support the proposal.

9. **Highways.** – Mrs Major reported that the drains on Aller Hill had been cleared and the potholes on Aller Drove are due to be filled, however, the potholes at Beer Corner have yet to be addressed. The clerk informed the meeting of the road closure at Hankridge roundabout in Taunton and the resulting diversion routes.
10. **Lengthsman scheme** – It was noted that the Lengthsman has been pollarding the willows around the recreation area and that it has been agreed that he will look at the footpath behind Vale View with a view to cutting back overgrown vegetation.
11. **Aller Village Hall** – It is noted that the rental costs have been increased due to the increase in utility bills.
12. **Village/Community issues** – The clerk reported that a response had been sent to David Crisfield at SSDC following his recent email enquiry regarding space/multi race options within the churchyard/cemetery.
13. **Martha Bond Charity** – Nothing further to report at this time.
14. **Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – The clerk distributed the nomination papers for the upcoming elections and talked the Council members present through the completion of the form.
15. **Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** - None
16. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:52pm
17. **Date and time of next meeting – Monday 13th May 2019 7.30pm (Election result dependant).**

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