

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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

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 Tucker and Cllr Aparicio Paul.
2. **Declarations of interest** – No declarations 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 two PCSOs present gave their report. There have been several vans broken into in the Langport and Curry Rivel area. There have been reports of a silver Skoda Octavia acting suspiciously in the area before the break-ins, if anyone sees a silver Skoda acting suspiciously please report it to the Police.
  - 4.2 Speedwatch – No report.
5. **District and County Councillors reports** – Mr Mayor gave Cllr Tucker's report, Cllr Aparicio Paul had circulated information prior to the meeting by email.
6. **Finance**
  - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] – Noted. The cost of the hosting package at 1&1 was discussed. It was agreed that this should become an agenda item while other options are considered.
  - 6.2 Receipts – Noted.
  - 6.3 PCC grant request – The received request was read to the meeting. Discussion was held. The Council agreed to a grant of £400 this year, any grant next year would be subject to further discussions regarding the closure of the churchyard.
  - 6.4 Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Lengthsman's expenses, Internal Audit - £50 – All unanimously agreed.
7. **Aller Recreation Area** – There was a recent report of boxing taking place on the recreation area. It has been confirmed that this was an authorised activity and the committee had received the necessary remuneration.
8. **Planning**

**Applications:** - Noted.  
**Decisions:** - Noted.
9. **Highways:** - Various road repairs throughout the village have been marked up. There is no update on the works to Ridley Hill.
10. **Lengthsman scheme** – Mr Mayor gave the report as provided by Mr Howe. The issue of weeds on the cremation plots under the wall was raised, it was agreed that Mr Howe would be asked to look at this.
11. **Aller Village Hall** – Nothing to report.
12. **Village/Community issues** – The previously discussed issue of a replacement oil tank at the Pound will be resolved by the purchase of a fireproof tank. The Pound owners have requested that they be allowed to remove the hedge between the pub and the gate. Discussion was held and the meeting was reminded that the terms of the lease require the council to have a very good reason to say no to a reasonable request. It was agreed that the issue would be looked at. As the meeting believes that the fence still exists within the hedge Mr Bates proposed that permission be granted, Mr Bishop seconded the proposal, the vote was 6 in favour and 1 against.
13. **Martha Bond Charity** – Mr Mayor gave the history of the Martha Bond charity, believed to have been set up in approximately 1700. There is money within the trust that was set aside

for the purchase of a new bench in memory of Martha Bond. It was unanimously agreed that the Council members should consider a suitable location for the bench and that the item be included as an agenda item for the foreseeable future, until it is resolved.

**14. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – The clerk informed the meeting of the new arrangements for contacting the planning department at SSDC and of the contact details at Avon and Somerset Police for Remembrance Parades.

**15. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.

**16. There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40**

**Date and time of next meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 7.30pm**

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