

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2017 at
7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)

Mrs M Lockyer

Mrs E Major

Mr R Bates

Mr S Bishop

Cllr C Aparicio Paul

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

3 Members of the Public

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

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Tucker and Mr Matravers.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None received
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meetings** – The minutes of the previous meetings were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meetings.
4. **Co-option of councillor** – Due to a casual vacancy having arisen expressions of interest were sought. Amanda Mitchell confirmed her interest and, there being no other candidates, was duly co-opted.
5. **Election of Chair, Vice Chair and representatives** – Mr Mayor confirmed that he was content to continue as Chair, Mrs Lockyer proposed and Mr Bishop seconded the resolution that Mr Mayor be re-elected as Chair. This was agreed unanimously. Mr Bates confirmed that he was content to continue as Vice-Chair, Mrs Lockyer proposed and Mr Bishop seconded the resolution that Mr Bates be re-elected as Vice-Chair. This was agreed unanimously. All other representatives were content to continue and it was agreed unanimously that they continue.
6. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 6.1 Aller Crime statistics – There were no statistics received apart from a report of burglary that formed part of the report received by the clerk from Cllr Tucker.
 - 6.2 Speedwatch – The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was in place in April and May. It reports that the median speed was 33mph with the 85th percentile speed at 40mph. 40mph is 4mph above the intervention level, which explains the more regular visits from the Police's speed van.
7. **District and County Councillors reports** – Cllr Aparicio Paul gave her report. This report included details on the permit scheme at waste recycling centres, the savings still to be found at SCC and ongoing footpath and highways matters. Mr Mayor gave Cllr Aparicio Paul a brief history of the issues at Ridley Hill and a discussion was held. In his absence the clerk read the report from Cllr Tucker. This report included details on the June Area North committee meeting, the 'Transformation' programme at SSSC and a recent report of burglary.
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1 Finance statement [Clerk] – Noted and agreed unanimously
 - 8.2 Receipts - Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Insurance (£1107.56), Internal Audit (£40), Village Hall (£750) – It was agreed unanimously that the insurance '3 year' option be taken and that all payments be made.
9. **Aller Recreation Area** – Nothing reported. Amanda Mitchell agreed to be the Parish Council representative for the Recreation Area Committee.
10. **Planning**

Applications: 17/02779/FUL, Arkham, High Street, Aller TA10 0QN – Rear extension and re-roof existing conservatory – The plans were studied and the application was discussed. Mr Bishop proposed that the application be supported, this was seconded by Mrs Major and agreed unanimously.

- 11. Highways** – The issue regarding the pub signage on the triangle was discussed. This signage can be a distraction and can cause a visibility issue for road users. Mr Mayor agreed to discuss the issues with the owners. It was agreed that if the discussions were unsuccessful the Parish Council would contact the planning department at SSDC.
- 12. Lengthsman scheme** – Mr Mayor gave the report supplied by the Lengthsman.
- 13. Aller Village Hall** – The AGM was held recently. The Hall recorded a small financial surplus for the last year. A cupboard has been created to house the bowls club equipment and the hearing loop that has recently been installed. Mrs Lockyer raised concerns regarding the cleanliness of the front entrance and Mr Stuart Haynes agreed to raise this issue. At the AGM Mr Mayor was installed as the temporary chair of the committee. The hearing loop has been funded by SSDC, the Parish Council and the fundraising events – particularly the bonfire.
- 14. Village/Community issues** – The back wall of the car parking area to the village hall was reported as dangerous, Mr Bates contacted the owner of the wall and it was agreed that the wall should be pushed over to ensure that it did not fall over and create a problem. The enquiry date for the footpath on Aller hill has been set as 18th July, the Footpath Warden is due to attend. Communication has been received from Langport Town Council regarding the River project. They have asked if the Parish Council would be willing to write in support of their bid for European LEADER funding. It was unanimously agreed that a letter be written and Mr Mayor offered to write.
- 15. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – None.
- 16. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.
- 17. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm**

Date and time of next meeting – Monday 11th September 7.30pm

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