

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2018 at
7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)
Mr S Bishop
Mr G Matravers

Mrs M Lockyer
Ms A Mitchell
Mrs E Major

Cllr C Aparicio Paul

Cllr G Tucker

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

1 Member 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 Mr Bates
2. **Declarations of interest** – None declared.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting** – The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 4.1 Aller Crime statistics – The clerk gave the statistics as provided by Avon and Somerset Police. The clerk also informed the Council of the change of Police personnel covering Aller.
 - 4.2 Speedwatch – No report
5. **District and County Councillors reports** – Cllr Aparicio reported that the libraries redesign by SCC had been approved earlier that day, 19 are to remain under the responsibility of SCC, the others will be opened for community involvement, Langport library is one of the 19 to remain with SCC. The issues with Broadband and Gigaclear are ongoing, Gigaclear are being held to account.
Cllr Tucker gave his report to the Council, it included a item regarding Area North committee meeting in September, at which Derek Davies from SCC Highways had given a report, Cllr Tucker informed the meeting that he had raised the issue of the undulating surface through Aller with him. Cllr Tucker reported that it is evident that if there are health and safety or statutory functions then SCC will act. Cllr Tucker also reported that he had attended an informal meeting with the developer responsible for the work behind Church View Close to discuss the current issues with the development traffic accessing the site contrary to the agreed method and to covenants. Mr Mayor asked what, if anything, can be done and by whom to stop the access being used. Cllr Tucker will enquire with the SSDC Planner, John Millar.
Cllr Tucker also wished to bring to the attention of the Council an issue with a bridge on the Aller circular walk which seems to have been altered when the dredging took place as it is now partially under water. Mrs Major has previously reported it via the Public Rights Of Way website. Cllr Aparicio Paul will chase it up with the PROW team.
Mr Mayor asked Cllr Aparicio Paul about what would seem to be inconsistencies along Aller Drove, the area that falls under South Somerset is not being maintained to the same level as the area under Sedgemoor, Cllr Aparicio Paul agreed to look into it.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 Finance statement [Clerk] – The Clerk gave the Councillors advanced warning regarding the need for the budget to be set at the next meeting, the proposed budget was distributed and areas highlighted for consideration. The Clerk suggested that the Council agree to transfer money from the Current Account to the Reserve Account, the Council unanimously agreed to this proposal.
 - 6.2 Receipts – As per statement
 - 6.3 Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Defibrillator pads £63.60, Lengthsman's expenses. The cheques for HMRC, the clerks salary, defibrillator pads

were unanimously agreed. No invoice for Lengthsman expense has yet been received but it was unanimously agreed that should an invoice for less than £50 be received before the January meeting this should be paid. It was also agreed that up to £500 can be spent on remedial works for the footpath should it be required.

7. **Aller Recreation Area** – Ms Mitchell gave a report as provided by the Recreation committee. The report included a request that the Council consider increasing the annual grant to the Recreation Area to £1500 for the year ahead.
8. **Planning**
Applications: - None.
Decisions: - None.
9. **Highways** – Mrs Major informed the meeting that residents on Ridley Hill have suggested that more 30mph repeater signs along the route would be beneficial, the Council discussed the suggestion and concluded that this will potentially form part of the small improvement scheme for the area and that anything in the meantime is very unlikely. The Clerk informed the meeting of the notice of road closure received and the changes to the winter maintenance.
10. **Lengthsman scheme** – No formal report has been received but the Lengthsman has been carrying out various tasks within the parish.
11. **Aller Village Hall** – Nothing to report
12. **Village/Community issues** – The hedge at the property known as Ilex Trees on Ridley Hill is causing an obstruction to the footpath and needs to be cut back. Mrs Major offered to approach the homeowner and the Clerk is to report it to SCC Highways.
13. **Martha Bond Charity** – Nothing further at this point.
14. **Correspondence for information [to be tabled]** – The clerk informed the meeting of the letter received from Royal Mail regarding Scam mail. The meeting discussed the issue of 'Next door' letters that have been received by parishioners, it was concluded that parishioners should be advised to be careful. The clerk informed the meeting of the email received from SSDC regarding furniture available from Bridge Barns, the upcoming tree conference and the update from SCC regarding the SID scheme.
15. **Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman** – None.
16. **Date and time of next meeting** – **Monday 14th January 2019 7.30pm**

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