

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 at
7.30pm, Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)
Mrs M Lockyer
Mrs E Major

Mr G Mattravers
Mrs E Foster

Cllr D Yeomans
Cllr G Tucker

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

5 Members of the Public

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr S Bishop and Mr R Bates.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Crime and Disorder

4.1 Aller Crime statistics

– No statistics received. The council are aware of some incidences of anti-social behaviour at the recreation area. The police have attended and it is believed they have dealt with the issues.

4.2 Speedwatch

– Nothing to report.

5. District and County Councillors reports

Cllr Yeomans gave his report in which he noted that the council needs to be aware of drug dealing in the area as cases have been noted behind Kelways in Langport. The Police stations in Wincanton and Yeovil are being closed with the Police moving into the fire station in Yeovil but with no custody suite. Cllr Yeomans also noted that sheep theft is ongoing in the area and he is due to attend a meeting at Brympton Way with the Police next week. Cllr Tucker gave his first report.

The Council gave their congratulations to Cllr Tucker on his election to the District Council. Mr Mayor informed the Council that he had emailed Wessex Water recently regarding several issues, he will forward his email to Cllr Tucker.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance statement [Clerk]

– Noted and agreed

6.2 Cheques for authorisation - HMRC, Clerks salary, Defibrillator £148, Gate repairs, £250 Allotment fence, £16.99 Parish Council mobile phone.

– All agreed unanimously.

6.3 Budget/precept

– The Council discussed the budget for the next financial year and agreed to request a total of £9000 for the precept

Action: Clerk to send precept request to SSDC before 31/1/17

7. Aller Recreation Area

– The new gate has been installed as of today. The Council discussed the options to purchase a maximum height sign to hang from the top of the gate and agreed to buy one and to also install a small plastic height sign will also be installed. The Council agreed unanimously that they would cover the costs of the installation of the gate.

8. Planning

Applications:

16/05274/LBC – St Andrews Church Cemetery, Church Path, Aller, Langport – Recovering of Nave and south porch roofs and the inclusion of insulation.

– Confirmation has been received from SSDC that this application has been withdrawn.

16/05272/FUL – St Andrews Church, Church Path, Aller, Langport – Recovering of Nave and south porch roofs and the inclusion of insulation.

– The council discussed the application and agreed unanimously to support the application.

16/04852/FUL – Longstone Farm, Aller Drove, Aller, Langport - Erection of a youngstock building

– Mrs Foster declared a personal interest and took no part in the decision of the Council.

The applicant explained the proposal. Mr Mayor informed the council that he had received an email with concerns regarding the provision for effluent noise and smells and the increase in traffic. The Council discussed the application. Mrs Lockyer proposed that the Council support the application, Mr Matravers seconded the proposal. The Council agreed unanimously to support the application.

Amended plans:

16/04605/OUT, Land At, Church View Close, Aller, Langport, Somerset - Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of 2 dwellings and a garage with associated parking and landscaping (with some matters reserved)

– The amended plans were discussed by the Council. The Council agreed that they had nothing further to add to their previous comments.

Other applications which the Parish Council are not consulted upon (for information only):

16/05215/COL – River Parrett and River Sowy, Stathe Drove, Aller, Langport – Undertaking of enhancement works to increase the flow capacity and resilience of the existing rivers Sowy, Parrett and the King's Sedgemoor Drain.

– Noted.

9. Highways

– The bus stop has been marked out by the village hall. The Ridley Hill improvements are currently waiting for the final proposal and feasibility assessment from Somerset County Council. The jetting does not seem to have been done yet as there are large puddles on the road around drains. Mrs Major will chase SCC Highways regarding this and other issues.

10. Lengthsman scheme

– The Lengthsman has been continuing with various jobs throughout the village and has distributed the de-icing salt.

11. Aller Village Hall

– The financial position has stabilised and by the end of the financial year there should be a small profit. The £1500 received from the bonfire will be invested toward a hearing loop and pa system for the hall. Cllr Tucker may be able to provide some funding towards this too.

12. Village/Community issues**12.1 Construction at Aller Court**

– Construction is due to start this month. A meeting has been held with the company to discuss how any issues are to be dealt with. It is hoped that construction will be complete by the end of March. The company are to send out notes to all homes with a schedule of the works and contact numbers including the new mobile number for the Parish Council representative.

12.2 Website

– Mrs Foster will talk to Mr G Perkins to enquire if he can help with access to the website and how to publish documents

13. Correspondence for information [to be tabled]

CRiSP – Acceptance Form and Terms and Condition of Grant Offer

– Signed.

14. Any other urgent matters raised by permission of the Chairman

– None.

15. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Date and time of next meeting – 6th March 2017 7.30pm

Clerk: Emma Meecham 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 8PB