

ALLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018
Immediately following the Annual Parish Assembly which starts at 7pm,
Aller Village Hall

Present:

Mr D Mayor (Chair)

Mrs M Lockyer

Ms A Mitchell

Mr R Bates

Mr S Bishop

Mr G Matravers

Cllr G Tucker

Cllr C Aparicio-Paul

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 Mrs Major
2. **Declarations of interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting** – The minutes of the previous meeting were declared a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Election of Officers and Representatives** – It was unanimously agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and representatives remain as they are.
5. **Crime and Disorder**
 - 5.1 **Aller Crime statistics** – The Council were made aware that another shed had recently been broken into.
 - 5.2 **Speedwatch** – The team are continuing and new members are always welcome.
6. **District and County Councillors reports**

Cllr Aparicio Paul updated the meeting on several ongoing issues within the Parish and surrounding area. She also informed the meeting that following the announcement of the possibility of creating a Unitary Authority for Somerset communication has started but the process will not be rushed through.

Cllr Tucker gave his report to the meeting which included information regarding the report on the 'Our Place Programme' in Martock given at the Area North Committee meeting, South Petherton's Neighbourhood Plan, the Homlessness Atrategy and the Strategic development and regeneration plans for Yeovil, Wincanton and Chard.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 **Finance statement [Clerk]** – Noted.
 - 7.2 **Annual Governance Statement** – The clerk read the statements to the meeting, the answers were agreed unanimously and duly noted.
 - 7.3 **Adoption of Accounts** – The clerk gave the details of the accounts and invited the council to formally adopt them. The council unanimously agreed to adopt the accounts.
 - 7.4 **Audit – exemption?** – The clerk explained the process and implications of exemption from formal external audit. The council unanimously agreed to exemption. The council gave their thanks to the clerk for her efforts for the accounts and audit.
 - 7.5 **Cheques for authorisation - R Leitch - £257.50, Parrett Drainage Board - £61.44, Insurance, Clerks Salary, HMRC, C Howe £3.78** – All payments were agreed unanimously
8. **Aller Recreation Area** – Nothing further than noted within the Annual Parish Meeting

9. Planning

Applications – None.

Decisions – None.

10.Highways – An update on the various ongoing issues was given.

11.Lengthsman scheme – Nothing new to report

12.Aller Village Hall – Nothing further than noted within the Annual Parish Meeting.

13.Village/Community issues

13.1 Aller Drove bin – The newly reinstated bin had been knocked over but has since been reinstated again.

14.Correspondence for information [to be tabled]

14.1 GDPR – The clerk updated the meeting on the new advice regarding the GDPR. No DPO will be required, however, the council noted that the advice stated it would be good practice.

14.2 Local Boundary Review – The clerk updated the meeting on the results of the review.

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

16.There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.11

17.Date and time of next meeting – 9th July 2018, 7:30pm.

Closed session: Clerks salary – it was agreed that the Clerk's salary be increased by an increment, as agreed last year, plus the national 2% pay rise.

Clerk: Emma Meecham 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PB