

Alwington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at the Alwington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Gordon Lester (Chair), Brian Adams, Sarah Bourke, Christine Moore, Chris Payne, and Neil Rothney.

In attendance: Cllr Phil Pennington, Mr Malcolm Harris, Parish Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

Min.1 :19/20

1) Apologies: No apologies were received.

Min 2:19/20

2) Declarations of Interests

2a) Cllr Brian Adams declared his interest in respect of Min6:19/20 a) planning application Ref: 1/0319/2019/AGMB

2b) No declarations were received in respect of prejudicial interests

Min.3:19/20

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th March 2019

It was **resolved**, to confirm and sign the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Chris Payne Seconded: Cllr Christine Moore (all in favour)

Min.4:19/20 Correspondence and Communication

At this stage of the meeting, the Chair invited Cllr Phil Pennington to present his District Council report. A copy of the report had previously been circulated to Councillors. A summary as follows:

- Honoured to be elected and will serve the residents of Alwington for the next 4 years. The Ward has changed and starts at Abbotsham in the north and ending close to Bradworthy. There are now two members for the parish, and Cllr Bob Hicks will focus on the south west part of the parish.
- Following the elections TDC has moved from Conservative control to no overall control. Cllr Anna Dart has been elected as the new leader of the Council.
- Westward Ho! Has been awarded a Blue Flag for the quality of the beach.
- Fly tipping is becoming an increasing problem, and the Council have introduced new fines

- Contact details for Cllr Phil Pennington are Phone: 01237 422875 E-mail: councillor.pennington@torridge.gov.uk

Cllr Phil Pennington left the meeting at 7.40pm to attend another Parish council meeting.

a) Correspondence was received in respect of the following matters:

- TDC– Advised that Community Together Fund would not operate in 2019/20 – noted.
- TDC- Poster on the garden waste service – placed on parish noticeboards
- Mr Carter email via website re Japanese Knotweed on the roadside at Ford – Chairman responded.
- TDC – Parish Elections 2019 – notice of uncontested election – noted.

b) Website

Cllr Gordon Lester proposed that Dave Butterworth take on the role of website coordinator in line with the agreement. It was felt that an independent coordinator would be of benefit to the parish council.

It was **resolved** to appoint Dave Butterworth as the coordinator of the parish website. (all in favour)

c) Community Safety - No report received for this meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Sarah Bourke would investigate if it is possible to bring any information on incidents in the parish to future meetings

PUBLIC SESSION

The following issues were raised in the public session:

Thanks, were expressed to Cllr Christine Moore for her work and attendance at the Village Hall Committee meetings.

Airband broadband presentation – comments were made on the poor turn out and the late circulation of publicity information. The presentation was not good. Cllr Gordon Lester agreed to feedback the comments to Airband.

Min5.:19/20

5) Financial Matters:

a) To receive an update on the current financial position:

The Parish Clerk reported that the balance in the Treasurers Account at the end of April 2019 is £9,612.73, which includes the 1st instalment of the precept of £2,540.

b) To receive any accounts to pay

- Jeremy Harris – Harris Garden Services – Drain maintenance £250 – Paid
- Devon Association of Local Council – annual subscription - £88.52 – Paid.
- Abingerweb – 12 months website hosting to 30 the April 2020 - £93.50
- Parish Clerk – Quarterly Salary, expenses and travel costs - £527.06
- Julie Snooks – Internal Audit Fees 2018/19 - £100
- Alwington Village Hall Committee – Hire of Village Hall - £16

It was **resolved** to note and approve all accounts for payment.

c) To note any income received - 1st instalment of the precept - £2,540

d) Any other financial issues.

The summary of comments from the internal audit report were discussed and noted.

Min.6:19/20

Planning Matters:

a) New applications:

Ref: 1/0293/TEL Erection of Telegraph monopole, Telecoms cabinet and fencing Land North of Winscott Barton Fairy Cross – no comments or observations.

Ref: 1/0319/2019/AGMB – Change of use existing agricultural building to two dwellings Church Town Farm, Fairy Cross – no comments/observations.

Ref: 1/0334/2019/FUL – Retrospective application for retention of recreational Bothy – land at Portledge Estate, Fairy Cross – no comments/observations.

b) Planning decisions:

Ref: 1/1317/2018/LBC – Erection of Porch - Town Farm Cottage, Fairy Cross, Bideford – the application was refused

Ref: 1/0077/2018/LBC – an application from Broad Park, Fairy Cross to increase both chimneys to 1.8m. Application granted permission.

c) Other planning issues:

The Old Post Office, Ford – this issue was discussed, and at present there are no further actions.

Min.7:19/20

Maintenance & Highways

Cllr Chris Payne told the meeting that there has been excellent progress on actioning the list of outstanding issues relating to Highways. It was noted that there are still several issues including potholes, and diversion signs that have not been collected.

There were concerns on the maintenance hedges that hampered visibility on the Link Road, and on the A39. Cllr Chris Payne agreed to contact Cllr Tony Inch.

Min.8:19/20

Alwington Parish Plan & other issues for action in 2018/19

a) Broadband

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

Min. 9:19/20 – other items at the Chairman’s discretion

Cllr Christine Moore raised an issue relating to dog mess on the street. Notices have been placed across the parish to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Parish Welcome Pack – it was agreed that Cllr Christine Moore and Cllr Sarah Bourke would work jointly on updating and distributing the Pack.

Cllr Chris Payne raised an environmental health issue relating to a property in Portledge Place. **Action Point:** The Parish Clerk to contact Environmental Health Officers at TDC to report and receive an update on the matter

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Future Meetings: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 16th July 2019. Other meeting dates are Tuesday 10th September, Tuesday 14th January 2020, Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday 12th May and Tuesday 14th July 2020.

Signature_____ (Chairman) Date_____