

## Alwington Parish Council

### **Draft minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at the Alwington Village Hall.**

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Phil Pennington, Mr Malcolm Harris, Parish Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

**Min.19 :19/20**

**1) Apologies:** Apologies received from Cllr Gordon Lester

**Min 20:19/20**

**2) Declarations of Interests**

No declarations were received in respect of personal, or prejudicial interests

**Min.21:19/20**

**To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th July 2019**

Subject to the following amendment, the minutes were confirmed as a true record.

Min.16:19/20 Maintenance & Highways – to read the manhole cover is loose.

It was **resolved**, to confirm and sign the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 as a true record. (all in favour)

**Min.22:19/20 Correspondence and Communication**

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

- DCC – Councillor Tony Inch relating to speeding on the A39.
- Gerrard Sables relating to a Rural Bus Campaign – Meeting to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> Octobet.

**b) Website**

Cllr Gordon Lester, in his absence, provided an email in response to issues raised at the last meeting as follows:

1.Choice of businesses on the website.

Businesses have been given the opportunity to be placed on the website. The issue raised for clarification related to the extent of invites to business in or outside the Parish.

**Action Point:** Clarification required on the availability/promotion of the website to businesses outside of the Parish.

## 2. Church and Chapel

There are currently issue relating to safeguarding, that restrict the information available on the website. **Action Point:** Information to be provided to Cllr Gordon Lester for inclusion on the website.

### c) District/County Council Reports

Cllr Phil Pennington reported on the following:

- Noted that Full Council meeting was cancelled on the 5<sup>th</sup> August
- A contract on the regeneration of Brunswick Wharf has been awarded to Red Earth.
- A High Street Fund has been launched by the government. Bideford and Barnstaple are included as Towns within the Fund.
- There are proposals to locate a cinema and a number of restaurant's at Affinity (Atlantic Village). The Parish Council expressed concerns that more litter would be generated on the A39 by the proposed developments.
- TDC are holding a Strategy Day and Parishes are being asked to identify a key issue for the agenda. The main issue was identified as the provision of housing and the subsequent impact on infrastructure. Cllr Neil Rothney raised an issue relating to the percentage provision of affordable housing.
- Litter on the A39 was again discussed. Cllr Phil Pennington confirmed that photographic evidence is required to identify the registration number of the cars disposing of the litter. Cllr Brian Adams confirmed that the litter from McDonalds does not include a registration number.

**c) Community Safety** - No report of incidents for this meeting.

## PUBLIC SESSION

The following issues were raised in the public session:

- Comments on the Affinity proposed development.
- Woodtown Car Park work – thanks passed onto Cllr Brian Adams
- Noted the request for information on the Church and Chapel for the website.
- Welcome Pack – offer of help, if required,
- VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated next year, it is proposed by the Village Hall Committee, that a community event will be organised in May 2020. The Parish Council are invited to participate,

**Min23:19/20**

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 is £7,498.92.

**b) To receive any accounts to pay**

- Jeremy Harris – Harris Garden Services – Drain maintenance £360 – Paid
- Parish Clerk – Quarterly Salary - £507.56
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It was **resolved** to note and approve all accounts for payment. (all in favour)

**c) To note any income received**

No income received since the last meeting

**d) Any other financial issues.**

No issues for discussion.

**Min.24:19/20**

**Planning Matters:**

**a) New applications:**

Ref: 1/0746/2019/FUL – Proposed extension to cover feed building – Yeo Vale Farm.

Cllr Brian Adams conformed he had visited the site, and would recommend supporting the planning application,

It was **resolved** to recommend approval of the application (all in favour)

**b) Planning decisions:**

None for this meeting

**c) Other planning issues:**

No issues were raised at the meeting.

**Min.25:19/20**

**Maintenance & Highways**

Cllr Chris Payne confirmed that the main ongoing issue was speeding on the Fairy Cross section of the A39. He reported that no progress had been made with DCC on this issue. It was agreed to keep the issue live and continue to report incidents to DCC.

**Min.26.:19/20**

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

**a) Broadband**

No update provided for this meeting. However, Cllr Brain Adams reported improve broadband speeds for receivers linked to the Salterns.

**b) Review of Parish Action Plan**

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft review of the 2015 – 2019 Alwington Parish Plan.

Cllr Christine Moore had raised an issue relating to the provision of allotments, and that this topic should be included in the review.

It was agreed at the next meeting to set up a small working group to take forward the next phase of the review of the Plan.

**c) Speeding A39 – Fairy Cross**

This item was discussed under maintenance and highways.

**d) Revised Parish Council Meeting Dates.**

The Clerk had circulated the following proposals to change the dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

It was **resolved** to revised the Parish Council meeting dates as set out above.

**Min. 27:19/20 – other items at the Chairman’s discretion**

Cllr Brian Adams raised an issue relating to the locations of the dog bins. It was agreed to consult on any proposals to relocate the dog bins.

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 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) Date \_\_\_\_\_