

Alwington Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th September, 2020, at the Alwington Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr Malcolm Harris – Parish Clerk, and 11 Parishioners

1. Min.18 :20/21

Apologies: Apologies for the meeting were received from Cllr Christine Moore,

2. Min 19:20/21

Declarations of Interests

2a) Two declarations were received in respect of personal interests:

There were declarations of personal interest from Cllr Alison Browning in respect of agenda item 5 b) – Planning consultation request 1/0602/2020/FUL – Hock Ridge Farm. Fairy Cross, and Cllr Neil Rothney in respect of Planning consultation request 1/0628/2020/FUL – The Old Rectory, Fairy Cross.

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

3.Min.20:20/21

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th July , 2020.

It was **resolved**, to confirm and sign the minutes of the 28th July , 2020 as a true record, and will be duly signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Sarah Bourke, and Seconded by Cllr Alison Browning. (all in favour)

There were no matters arising.

4.Min.21:20/21 - Correspondence and Communication

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

- DCC (Devon County Council) – Various briefings/updates re COVID – 19 – circulated to all Cllrs.
- TDC – (Torridge District Council) – consultation request on new Government planning reforms. Deadline for comments 1st October, 2020.

Action Point: it was agreed that Cllr Gordon Lester would draft a response and circulate to all Cllrs for comments. A link to the Government proposals will be provided via the Parish website.

- DCC – update on latest broadband programme from Connecting Devon and Somerset.

b) Website

No matters to report for this meeting.

c) District/County Council Reports

There are no reports from the County or District Councillors for this meeting.

However, regular updates on COVID -19 and other issues have been provided by both the County Council and the District Council.

d) Community Safety – There were no matters to report.

PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Alison Browning read out a statement , in respect of planning application 1/0602/2020/FUL – Hock Ridge Farm, Fairy Cross, Bideford.

6 Parishioners made representations to the Parish Council in respect of planning application 1/0602/2020/FUL – Hock Ridge Farm, Fairy Cross, Bideford.

There were no other questions from Parishioners.

Prior to Item 5 on the agenda Cllrs Alison Browning and Neil Rothney left the meeting.

5. Min22:20/21 Planning Matters:

a) To receive any applications for consideration

Planning consultation request – Ref: 1/0550/2020/FUL - Erection of two replacement dwellings, Church Town Farm, Fairy Cross, Bideford.

The Parish Council have no comments to make in respect of this application. Torridge District Council informed.

Planning consultation request – Ref: 1/0602/2020/FUL – Conversion of redundant out-buildings to provide 1 no. holiday letting accommodation. Works to include demolition of 2 no . attached lean-to-extensions, re-building 1no, extension to cavity block work.

After a discussion the following **resolution** was agreed:

That the application should be “ called -in” on the basis of access and safety.
Proposed by Cllr Sarah Bourke and seconded by Cllr Brian Adams

Action Point: That Torridge District Council be advised of the Parish Councils response to the above planning consultation request.

Planning consultation request: Ref: 1/0629/2020/LBC & FUL – Proposed conversion of garage/store to ancillary accommodation.

The Parish Council has no comments on this application.

b) To note any permissions granted

None for this meeting

c) To note any refusals advised.

None for this meeting.

d) Any other planning matters arising

None for this meeting.

6. Min 23:20/21 Financial Matters:

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

The current balance in the Treasurers account less the commitments up to the 17th September, 2020 is £9,792.44.

b) To receive any accounts to pay

A grant of £300 to St Andrews Church has now been paid, following confirmation of the work on the lych-gate path has now been completed.

Parish Clerk – quarterly salary payment for July – September - £519.84

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the above expenditure item.

c) To note any income received.

No income has been received.

d) Any other financial issues.

No other matters for consideration.

6. Min.24:20/21

Maintenance & Highways

It was reported that Devon County Council had undertaken a visit to the Parish, following a request to inspect drains and culverts for blockages that may cause flooding over the winter. DCC undertook a site visit and confirmed that works would be undertaken clear any debris.

It was confirmed at the meeting that Cllr Brian Adams had agreed to take on the role of overseeing any maintenance or highway issues in the Parish. It was agreed that Brian would undertake a tour of the Parish to identify any issues requiring attention.

Action Points: a) It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would email Cllr Tony Inch regarding the current roadworks on the A39, which are poorly signed and lacking in information.

b) Parish Clerk to contact DCC regarding the state of the current rural roads in respect of overgrown hedgerows and that some of the roads require scrapping.

c) The manhole cover on the A39 is again causing a noise when traffic drives over, and this needs to be reported to DCC.

d) Speeding on rural roads continues to be a problem, and the Parish Council agreed to investigate the possibility of signage on the roads.

7. Min.25:20/21

Alwington Parish Plan & other issues for action in 2020/21

Alwington Parish Plan Working Group

a) Woodtown Noticeboard

Following a discussion, it was agreed to investigate the option of undertaking repairs to the existing notice board at Woodtown, and report back on progress to the next meeting.

b) BT Phone Box – Woodtown

Cllr Alison Browning reported that good progress had been made by the team of volunteers in respect of the refurbishment of the phone box, and that Cllr Tony Inch had agreed a grant of £1.000 to support the work.

A vote of thanks was recorded for the excellent work undertaken by the volunteers.

Min: 26:20/21

Cllr Brian Adams raised the issue of the relocation of the dog bins, and the repair of the bin at Woodtown.

Action Point: Parish Clerk to contact Cllr Phil Pennington to discuss the process for requesting the relocation of the bins, and the repair to the Woodtown bin.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 19th November, 2020, in the Alwington Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Signature _____ (Chairman) Date _____