

Alwington Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Alwington Village Hall on Thursday, 2nd December , 2021, commencing at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mr Malcolm Harris – Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public.

1. Min.25 :21/22

Apologies: Received from Councillor Sarah Bourke.

2. Min 26:21/22

Declarations of Interests

2a) No declarations were received in respect of personal interests

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

3.Min.27:21/22

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 30th September 2021.

Proposed by: Cllr Alison Browning, and seconded by Cllr Neil Rothney, that the minutes be approved.

It was **resolved**, to confirm and sign the minutes of the 30th, September, 2021 as a true record, and were duly signed by the Chairman. (all in favour)

There were no matters arising.

4.Min 28:21/22

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

- Torridge District Council – Transition to Low Carbon Futures – Workshop for Cllrs, Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation – noted. Request for details of any community events to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – various options are currently under consideration, more details to follow at the next meeting.
- Devon County Council – Highways – Parish/Town Council Conference, Devon Climate Emergency – Newsletter – noted.
- South West Heritage Trust – Request for financial assistance for the ND Records Office – **Action Point:** Clerk to forward Small Grants Application Form.
- Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust – Inspection report for ND Hospital – noted.

- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service – consultation on draft Community Risk Management – noted.

b) Website

Cllr Gordon Lester reported that a shadow site has been created as the new system is formatted. This is proving a challenging project.

c) County/District Council Reports

No reports provided for the meeting.

d) Community Safety:

There were no matters to report.

PUBLIC SESSION -at the discretion of the Chairman, any members of the public may speak between agenda items 4 and 5.

Parishioners raised the following issues:

A request to the Parish Council to monitor any planned developments in the field opposite to the Village Hall. It was agreed to keep a watching brief,

Concerns were expressed on the current standard of maintenance across the Parish. In particular, pavements with weeds, verges, and culverts.

Action Point: It was agreed that a tour of the Parish would be arranged to identify a list of priority maintenance tasks. The list will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting in January, with a view to engaging a contractor to undertake the work.

5. Min 29:21/22 Financial Matters:

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

The Parish Clerk reported a balance of £11,346 in the Treasurers account

b) To receive any accounts to pay:

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- Royal British Legion - £50 for wreath. Cheque No 000337. Approved.
- Parish Clerk Expenses – Ink cartridges - £22.99. Pay by BACS. Approved.

It was **resolved** approve payment of the above items. (all in favour)

c) To note any income received:

None received.

d) Any other financial issues:

Draft budget 2022/23 – The Parish Clerk presented the draft budget to the meeting.

After a discussion it was agreed to accept the budget in principle, subject to the following:

- Website costs - £460
- Parish Maintenance - £1,000
- Bus Shelter Maintenance - £500
- Delete any further expenditure on Planters
- Defibrillator – Awareness Training - £200

Proposed by: Cllr Neil Rothney, and seconded by Cllr Brian Adams to accept the 2022/23 budget in principle, subject to the changes outlined above.

It was **resolved** to approve the 2022/23 Draft Budget. (all in favour)

7. Min 30:21/22 Planning Matters:

a) To receive any applications for consideration

Ref: 1/1133/2021/REMM/1/1266/2021/REMM – Application for reserve matters for details of 274 dwellings – Land to the South of Clovelly Road, Bideford.

There was a detailed discussion of the above application, and **it was agreed** that the Cllrs Gordon Lester would draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council, and circulate to all Cllrs for agreement prior to forwarding to Torridge District Council. The Parish Council have a list of concerns mainly linked to infrastructure to support the proposed housing development.

Ref: 1/1197/2021/FUL – Erection of a residential detached garage and car port – Church Town Farm, Fairy Cross.

No comments on the application.

b) To note any permissions granted.

Ref: 1/436/2021/FUL – Application for reserve matters – variation of conditions – Site Adjacent to Grenacleave, Fairy Cross.

The application was granted permission.

c) To note any refusals advised.

None received for this meeting.

Any other planning matters arising

There were no outstanding matters.

8. Min.31:21/22

Maintenance & Highways

This agenda item was discussed during the Public Session, it was agreed to provide a list of outstanding maintenance issues at the next Parish Meeting. It was also **agreed** to tour the Parish and confirm locations for potholes that require repair, and report to DCC Highways.

The continuing issue of speeding on the A39, will be discussed again with DCC at later date.

9. Min.32:21/22

Alwington Parish Plan & other issues for action in 2021/22

Defibrillator Awareness Training – Cllr Alison Browning reported that the training has taken place, and that 16 Parishioner’s attended, a very good training event.

It was proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Cllr Alison Browning and her team for organising the training event.

Airband – Update

Work is ongoing in the Parish, with a completion date set for January 2022.

Proposed Parish Road Safety Partnership

Cllr Gordon Lester circulated at the meeting details of a submission to HATOC (DCC Highways Committee) outlining the problem of speeding on the lane from Fairy Cross Hill to Yeo Vale. The meeting agreed that the report should be submitted via Cllr Phil Pennington at TDC.

Cllr Gordon Lester informed the meeting that Josie Burrows had passed away. He paid tribute to Josie for the significant contribution to the life of the local community over many years. She will be sadly missed,

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will take place on Tuesday 25th January , 2022 at 7.30pm. Venue – Alwington Village Hall.

Signature _____(Chairman) Date _____