

## Alwington Parish Council

### **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Old School Rooms, St Andrew's Church on Thursday 30th , September, 2021, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Gordon Lester (Chair), Alison Browning, and Christine Moore

**In attendance:** Mr Malcolm Harris – Parish Clerk.

Three Parishioners were in attendance.

#### **1. Min.17 :21/22**

**Apologies:** Received from Cllrs Sarah Bourke, Brian Adams, and Neil Rothney.

#### **2. Min 18 :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.19:21/22**

#### **To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April,2021**

It was **resolved**, to confirm and sign the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 as a true record, and were duly signed by the Chairman. (all in favour)

Matters arising: Min 15:21/22 – No further update on the land at Portledge Place. The Parish Council will continue to monitor any developments.

#### **4.Min 20:21/22 - a) Correspondence was received in respect of the following matters:**

- Devon Communities Together - The second Devon Wide Local Councillor Climate Emergency Support Network Event – noted.
- Devon County Council(DCC) – Free Trees for Landowners. Final call for comments on Peninsular Transport vision for Transport. Circulated to all Cllrs.
- Jenny – Carey Wood – ND AONB – Grants for Farming in Protected Landscapes – noted.
- Graham Parsons – Issues relating to speeding on the A39.

The Chairman provided Graham with an opportunity to outline a range of issues relating to speeding on the A39.

**Action Point:** It was agreed that Cllr Gordon Lester would contact DCC Cllr Jeffrey Wilton – Love to discuss speed reduction options, and to request that an item be placed on the agenda for the next HATOC meeting.

## **b) Website**

Cllr Gordon Lester gave an update on the new software introduced into the website, and confirmed that a full audit of the site would be undertaken in the next 2-3 months.

**Action Point:** In recognition of the work undertaken by David Butterworth, it was agreed to forward a letter of thanks. The Clerk to action.

The meeting was informed that there had been 553 visits to the website between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and the 30<sup>th</sup> September. 70% of the visits from the U.K, 20% USA, and 10% from the rest of the world.

## **c) County/District Council Reports**

There were no reports received for this 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.**

There were no questions for the Parish Council.

## **5. Min 21:21/22 Financial Matters:**

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

The Parish Clerk reported a balance in the bank at the 30<sup>th</sup> September of £13,453. The balance less commitments is £11,512

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

- Parish Clerk salary June to September - £519.84. Paid by TDC via BACS. Invoice of £1,029 received for salary April – September.
- Defibrillator outstanding invoice for £2,040 has now been paid. Previously approved for payment.
- Grant of £500 for the repairs to The Old School Room at St Andrews Church – approved as per standing orders.
- Parish Clerk expenses - £43.50 – for approval.
- Dave Butterworth – Abinger Web – software and site audit - £270. For approval.
- Underwood Wright – valuation of 2 Bus Stops - £420. For approval.

**Proposed** by Cllr Gordon Lester, and **seconded** by Cllr Alison Browning that all expenditure be approved for payment. **Resolved** (all in favour)

**c) To note any income received:**

A payment of £2,540 was received from TDC, in respect of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of the precept.

**d) Any other financial issues:**

There were no other financial issues for consideration.

**7. Min 22:21/22 Planning Matters:**

Issue	Details	Decision
Planning decision	Ref: 1/0407/2021/FUL – Conversion and extension to existing garage/store to annex. Merry Meeting, Fairy Cross	Planning permission granted.
Consultation request	Ref: 1/0903/2021/FUL – Removal of condition 9 Planning Application 1/1556/2000(holiday occupancy) – Winscott Barton, Fairy Cross	The Parish Council had no comments on this application.
Consultation request	Ref: 1/0436/2021/FUL – Application to reserve matters. Variations of conditions – Site Adjacent to Grenacleave, Fairy Cross	The Parish Council had no further comments on this application.
Planning decision	Ref: 1/0903/2021/FUL – Proposed barn conversions to form 5 dwellings – Winscott Barton, Fairy Cross	Planning permission granted.

**d) Any other planning matters arising**

Councillor Christine Moore reported that a number of parishioners had made contact relating to noise levels associated with events at Chiddicombe Farm.

**Action Point:** Councillor Gordon Lester agreed to follow up, and investigate these concerns

**8. Min.23:21/22**

**Maintenance & Highways**

Issues as follows:

Location of potholes to be confirmed and reported to DCC.

**Action point:** Councillor Gordon Lester to tour the rural roads in the Parish, and confirm location of reportable potholes. Information to be passed to the Clerk, and reported to DCC Highways.

Councillor Alison Browning reported a left-hand rusted bend sign to DCC, this has now been replaced. Yeo Vale finger post has fallen off.

**Action Point:** Councillor Alison Browning to report to DCC Highways

Discussion took place on the responsibility for cutting road side verges and hedges.

**Action Point:** The Parish Clerk to clarify responsibilities with DCC Highways, and report back to Councillors.

Councillor Alison Browning reported that a dog bin in Woodtown has come off the fixing pole.

**Action point:** The Parish Clerk to report defect to TDC.

## **9. Min.24:21/22**

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

#### **a) Airband**

Following a presentation by Airband, it was confirmed that the roll out of fibre to properties should be completed by the start of 2022

#### **b) WoodTown defibrillator**

Cllr Alison Browning reported that training had been moved to November

**Action point:** The Parish Clerk to add the defibrillator and associated equipment to be added the assets register, and the insurance schedule.

#### **c) Planters**

**Action Point:** The Parish Clerk to order the Planters in February 2022, in readiness for the Spring of 2022

#### **d) Bus Stops – Fairy Cross**

The Parish Clerk had circulated a report in advance of the meeting outlining options available to the Parish Council relating to ownership and maintenance. After a discussion the following was agreed:

**Proposed** by Councillor Gordon Lester, and seconded by Councillor Christine Moore that the Parish Council agree to take on the ownership, and responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the two Bus Stops at Fairy Cross. **Resolved(all in favour)**

**Action Point:** The Parish Clerk to add the two Bus Stops to the insurance schedule.

**Action Point:** Councillor Gordon Lester to forward photographs of the Bus Stops to the Parish Clerk , with a view to drawing up a maintenance specification

**e) Speeding on Parish Roads**

Councillor Gordon Lester reported that after discussions with partners it was agreed that the Quiet Lanes initiative was unworkable. Options to be discussed with DCC Highways, and the DCC Councillor.

**Action Point:** Councillor Gordon Lester to discuss options with DCC Councillor, and DCC Highways.

**Action Point:** The Parish Clerk to investigate other good practice options and report back to Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council, will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm. Venue – Meeting Room, Alwington Village Hall.**

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