

Alwington Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the The Old School Rooms on Tuesday, 3rd May , 2022, commencing at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance : Mr. Malcolm Harris – Parish Clerk, Cllr Phil Pennington Torridge District Council (TDC), Cllr Jeffery Wilton-Love Devon County Council (DCC), and 5 members of the public.

1. Min.1:22/23

Apologies : Cllr Bob Hicks, TDC.

2. Min.2:22/23

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.3:22/23

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 25th January 2022.

Proposed by: Cllr Neil Rothney, and seconded by Cllr Christine Moore, that the minutes be approved as a true record.

It was **resolved**, to confirm and sign the minutes of the 25th January, 2022 as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3a) Any matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Gordon Lester confirmed that after discussions with Officers from TDC, there was no need to update the current Parish Plan, an action plan for the Parish Council, would be sufficient. The Parish is not big enough to justify the production of a Neighborhood Plan

4.Min:4:22/23

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

- Tracey Blackmore – TDC Planning re application 1/0020/2022/OUT – Land to the East of Cottages, Fairy Cross. Chairman to update on a meeting held with TDC Officers, under the planning agenda item.

- North Devon Place and Time Project – Planning policy. Opportunity to outline priorities for the Parish. The Chairman confirmed that revision of Local Plan and Housing Land Use, will be a focus for the Parish Council, and may require assistance from a Planning Consultant.
- North Devon and Torridge Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment – response as above.
- Graham Parsons – Request for update on implementation of speed restrictions on the A39 – The Clerk responded to confirm no progress to date on this issue,

b) Website

Cllr Gordon Lester reported that Dave Butterworth had stood down from his involvement in the management and development of the website. This is due to personal reasons. A vote of thanks for his work was placed on record.

A new website will be developed over the next 6-8 weeks. Report to the July meeting.

c) County/District Council Reports

Cllr Phil Pennington, and Cllr Jeffery Wilton-Love had previously provided reports at the Annual Parish 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.

The following questions were put to the Parish Council:

This question was for DCC. It related to the use of electric cars for carers in rural areas, and the limited ability to recharge the electric vehicle. Cllr Jeffrey Wilton-Love noted the issue and will discuss with colleagues at DCC.

A request to include Church information on the website. This was noted and will be considered in line with the new website.

At this point in the meeting the chairman informed the meeting that at the end of the agenda items, the Parish Council would go into Part 2, and request members of the public leave the meeting.

It was **resolved** to go into Part 2 after agenda item 8

5.Min 5:21/22 Financial Matters:

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

The Parish Clerk reported a balance of £8,824.38 at the end of March 2022. The Clerk reported that the first installment of the precept had been received to the value of £2,540.00. As at the 3rd May the balance is £11,364.38.

b) To receive any accounts to pay:

- Gordon Ellis & Co – 2 Planters - £1,314.89 VAT £219.15. Paid by BACS.
- Devon Association of Local Council – Annual subscription - £90.42 VAT £10.42. To be paid by BACS,
- Torridge District Council – 6 monthly Clerks salary recharge - £1039.89. Paid via BACS in March 2022. Approval via e-mail.
- Malcolm Harris – Parish Clerk – Expenses - £40.22. To be paid via BACS.
- Julie Snooks – 2022/23 – Internal Audit cost - £106.42. To be paid via BACS.

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the above items.

c) To note any income received:

April – 2022 - 1st Installment of the precept - £2,540.00.

d) Any other financial issues:

Small Grant Applications:

Applications received from ND Records Office, and Abbotsham & Alwington Pre -School.

It was **resolved** to approve a grant of £200 to the Abbotsham & Alwington Pre-School for the development of a large shed to be used as an additional learning area, and a grant of £200 to the Southwest Heritage Trust to support the continued provision of the North Devon Records Office

6.Min: 6: 22/23 Planning Matters:

a) To receive any applications for consideration

Ref: 1/0099/2022/FUL – Consultation request.

Conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling. Giffords Ford Meadow, Fairy Cross.

Parish Council response - No comments on the application

Ref: 1/1256/2021/REMM – Consultation request on further reserve matters relating to application.

For 276 no dwellings Land South of Clovelly Road Littleham. No additional comments from the Parish Council

b) To note any permissions granted.

None received for this meeting.

c) To note any refusals advised.

None received for this meeting.

Any other planning matters arising.

Application 1/0020/2022/OUT – Outline application for 3no dwellings Land To The North East of Council Cottages, Fairy Cross.

Cllr Gordon Lester reported that a meeting had taken place with TDC Planning Officers on the 20th April 2022. The notes from the meeting are available via the Parish website, and Parish noticeboards. The potential for a public meeting on the application is currently under discussion with TDC Planning Officers,

7.Min: 7: 22/23

Maintenance & Highways

Cllr Brain Adams reported that a tour of the Parish had been undertaken to identify potholes that meet the DCC criteria. The potholes have now been reported via the online website.

Action Point: That the Clerk will seek to identify a contractor to undertake roadside maintenance. A report will be brought to the next Parish Council Meeting.

8. Min: 8: 22/23

Alwington Parish Plan & other issues for action in 2022/23

a) Planters.

Cllr Christine Moore reported that the Planters had been delivered, located and filled. Thanks were passed onto Christine for coordinating the work.

b) Airband.

Cllr Gordon Lester explained that roll out of the project was still proceeding. But there were concerns over the progress of the roll out, and that communication on the project was very poor.

Action Point: Cllr Jeffery Wilton-Love agreed to chase matters up with the contractors, and report back via the Chairman prior to the next meeting.

c) Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Alison Browning confirmed that the Village Hall will be hosting a Community Lunch on Sunday 5th June. Further details to follow.

d) Feedback HATOC Meeting – 20 mpg speed limit Fairy Cross to Yeo Vale

Cllr Gordon Lester confirmed that the request for a 20-mpg speed limit would not be considered at the current time by DCC, owing to the large number of requests across Devon. Both District and County Cllrs agreed to continue to push for speed reduction on the A39, and the rural roads. **Action Point:** Updates to be provided at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm. Venue – Alwington Village Hall.

Signature _____ (Chairman) Date _____