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AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 2 October 2019** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Chris Daly (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Nick Warren
Cllr Jacky Owen (left the meeting at 8.30pm)

Clerk: Mrs Laura Smith

Others present: Four members of the public

15 Minutes – Members of the Public

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jess Bailey (EDDC District Councillor), Cllr Claire Wright (County Councillor) and Cllr Anna Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Mark Branson stated an interest in Agenda Item No.14a – Payment to Mrs Branson at which point Mrs Branson's payment (listed below) was agreed by the remaining Councillors.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 3 July 2019

The Minutes were agreed, signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

(a) **Defibrillator** - Will Thomas kindly attended the meeting and went through the figures of purchasing, installing, training and maintaining the new proposed defibrillator which was kindly permitted by the owner to be mounted on the outside of The Nightjar Inn.

A formal request from the parish council to the Rotary Club via David Incoll was noted so that the donation of £200.00 towards funding the defibrillator can be received. Formal thanks to the Rotary Club. Ongoing.

Formal thanks were given to Will Thomas for working so hard to get this important project up and running. Clerk to ask about the cost of the hire of the village hall for training purposes.

(b) **Devon Air Ambulance** – A meeting is still to be arranged with parish councillors, Cllr Jess Bailey and Sulina Tallack – Planning Obligation Manager at EDDC regarding the Section 106 monies available for setting up a suitable DAA Landing Site. Ongoing.

5. **Grounds Maintenance** – The Clerk to continue to ascertain geographically where the grass cuts and hedge cuttings will be carried out before we pay EDDC the annual payment.

6. **Highways – Drainage and Gulley’s – Cllr Nick Warren**
Cllr Nick Warren stated that he had cleared various drains over the previous months, but Highways needed to flush out gulley’s and continue work on the drainage system. DCC were holding several Road Shows regarding highways and Cllr Nick Warren stated he would be attending to ascertain a programme of works for road repairs in and around the village. A reminder that with winter coming, use Devon County Councils website to report problems, especially potholes: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

7. **PROW – Footpath Closure**
A discussion took place regarding a newly locked gate along a public footpath in one of the farmer’s fields near the village. The clerk to make further enquiries.

8. **Travellers’ Site (Sale of Land) – Cllr Mark Branson**
Cllr Jess Bailey stated that EDDC’s offer for the land at Harp Lane regarding this has not been accepted. Some discussion took place and it was noted that there was now a caveat on the land with an agricultural tie.

9. **Broadband – Jurassic Fibre – Cllr Nick Warren**
Cllr Nick Warren stated that he felt the parish council should take a vote of No Confidence in Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) after they had ceased the Gigaclear FTTP Broadband Contract which had suffered significant delays and parts of the rollout put back by 2 years. A proposal was made by Cllr Nick Warren and a show of hands of councillors showed a vote of No Confidence.

10. **Reports of County and District Councillors**
 - (a) Cllr Jess Bailey was unable to attend due to another meeting at EDDC but gave a report as follows:-
 - i) I have set up a meeting with one of my colleagues on West Hill Parish Council with Jurassic Fibre for this Friday. I am keen to discuss with Jurassic, the potential for super-fast to be provided to the sister parishes of West Hill and Aylesbeare as hopefully by having two parishes acting together it will give more weight. I will know much more after the meeting on Friday but will keep my fingers crossed. I will send around an email on Friday with an update for Aylesbeare Parish Council.
 - ii) We need to work with EDDC officers on accessing the S106 monies. I think Sulina Tallack is waiting for some dates from Aylesbeare Parish Council. I would suggest we just need say 2 Aylesbeare Parish Councillors to agree some dates and put them forward to Sulina as it will probably be impossible to get everyone there. Please can I be copied in with these dates and then I can also confirm my attendance.
 - iii) I have no further information on the potential traveller site, other than the offer has not been accepted.
 - iv) I understand that an officer from EDDC met with Ann Turl in relation to a damaged fence and I am waiting to hear back from the engineers at EDDC and will update as soon as I have more information.
 - v) Please let me know by email if there are any comments/queries from Aylesbeare and I will address them.

Cllr Jess Bailey

- (b) Cllr Claire Wright sent a report by email as she was unable to make the meeting:-

Unfortunately, fibre to home broadband in Devon has hit a major obstacle. Contracts given to Gigaclear, supposed to have been completed in December 2019, but cancelled in July after many months of fruitless re-negotiations with the company (with only 1 out of 5 contracts completed), will not be put out to tender again until 2020:-

- i) There will need to be a 12-month tender process to find a new contractor
- ii) The earliest a new contractor will start will be later in 2021
- iii) Although Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) has asked for the £18.7m funding to be renewed until 2023, the chancellor, Sajid Javid didn't mention it in his recent funding statement which in any case, unfortunately, largely because it was a pre-election statement which only covered one year.
- iv) Even if the funding is restored, officers agreed that the 2023 target is likely to prove unrealistic for a new contractor.

So, we are looking (at best) at something like a 5-year overshoot and even if it is completed, the CDS programme would still leave thousands of homes in Devon and Somerset without 'full-fibre ultra-fast broadband' which the prime minister promises. Months ago, the cabinet member responsible, Rufus Gilbert – described Devon's broadband crisis as a 'mini-brexite'. There will be a debate about this on Thursday at Devon County Councils full council meeting, in which I will be asking some key questions, including how the council intends to support local communities to improve their broadband service.

Review into how Devon carers are managing

The group I am chairing goes into its final meeting next week as it reviews all the evidence and findings from around a dozen meetings with carers groups across the county since June. Councillors will make recommendations and then the final report with recommendations will go before the November Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee Meeting.

11. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave apologies for the cancellation of the September parish council meeting but that due to unforeseen circumstances this meeting could not go ahead as the parish council would not have been quorate. He assured the members of the public that this would not be repeated.

12. Clerk's Report

- (a) The clerk thanked Liz Branson for taking Minutes in July in her absence.
- (b) A copy of DALC Annual Report for 2018/2019 was circulated.
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan – Philip Twamley has now left his post as Neighbourhood Planning Officer with EDDC. Claire Rodway is now the main contact at EDDC for the time being until they appoint another person. Contact has been made and she stated the last formal contact was in Feb/March 2017 when the pre-submission

draft of the Plan was consulted upon. She asked if any members of the parish council could attend the EDDC offices on a Monday or Tuesday to discuss and move it on. Clerk to arrange meeting.

13. Reports of the Parish Council Representatives (Committees)

(a) Exeter Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Chris Daly
Cllr Chris Daly attended the last meeting of the ACC where ACC Membership was reviewed but was still awaiting the Minutes to that meeting. Twelve complaints were received about the engine testing and the application for controlled air space is still ongoing. The date of the next meeting would be 4 December.

(b) Ottery St Mary Health and Care Forum – Cllr Jacky Owen
Cllr Jacky Owen kindly attended on 25 September and reported as follows:-

Our first speakers on the night were Health and Wellbeing Coaches from Ways2Wellbeing, this is a non-medical intervention that is being encouraged to enhance health and wellbeing in the communities. Our own village of Aylesbeare is partaking in something similar by way of the fortnightly luncheons being held in The Nightjar, these are run by lottery funded Live/Drink Wise age well.

It is an NHS Social Prescription Scheme that your GP/Health Professional and Psychological and Dietetics and facilitate the client to identify their own needs. An asset-based approach to promote emphasising the need to redress the balance between meeting needs and nurturing the strengths and resources of people and communities.

Has been running in Honiton and Seaton since 2018 and is ow expanding since July 2019 in this area. It is about being active and keep learning.

Leigh Edwards was the second speaker of the evening and deputy Chair of the Forum. He spoke of saving Ottery St Mary Hospital. Stated that dementia was up to capacity at Ottery. The Ottery help scheme for the district services Ottery with community transport, mini bus run by the League of Friends, there are 110 volunteers on the books and Bereavement volunteers can be called upon.

Two big projects by the EDDC, one is making Ottery a dementia friendly community being assisted by year 8 at Kings School and the other is looking at the rural isolation of groups that are living with dementia.

The third speaker of the evening was Dr Alex Degan, talking about the PCN, Primary Care Networks. There are a network of surgeries in Ottery, Honiton and Sidmouth that, I understand, will cover a network of 30,000-50,000 patients, enabling sustainability and transformation. Also the indemnity insurances will be paid for by the government, thereby saving thousands of pounds. The practises in these areas will be offered a new contract with additional roles being extended to include Clinical Pharmacies, Physiotherapists and Community Paramedics. 70% of the costs will be paid for and the other 30% will be found by the PCN. It will enable surgeries to extend their hours and enhance care. **Cllr Jacky Owen.**

- (c) Village Hall Committee – Cllr Nick Warren
Cllr Nick Warren reported that he was away on holiday when the last meeting of the village hall took place and was awaiting the minutes but was aware a new Chairman had been found which was good news.

14. Finance: To approve cheques for payment for services:

- (a) Liz Branson's expenses for covering the Clerk for the April and July Parish Council Meetings - £50.00
- (b) EDDC – Lease of Children's play area - £25.00
- (c) EDDC – Rent for land at Scotchmead playing area - £25.00
- (d) Vision ICT – Website Hosting - £156.00
- (e) Vision ICT – Email Hosting - £21.60
- (f) EDDC - Grounds Maintenance Contract payment – 1358.88 – This was **NOT** approved as more information was needed – Clerk to follow up
- (g) DALC – Training - £48.00
- (h) Clerk's wages for July and August 2019 - £517.86
- (i) Clerk's wages for September 2019 - £282.28

Clerk to follow up the annual donation to the Church.

To approve the accounts for 1.4.18 to 31.3.19

The accounts were approved and will be available for the public to view.

15. Planning Applications

19/1510/VAR – Variation of Condition 3 Planning Permission 17/0011VAR (Solar Farm) to extend the operational lifetime of the solar farm from 25 years to 40 years Great Houndbeare Farm Aylesbeare Exeter EX5 2DB

This was discussed and there were no objections from the Parish Council. The Clerk would relay this to EDDC.

It was agreed that if there were no objections to any planning applications, the parish council would always comment to that effect.

16. Correspondence Received

The Clerk read out the items of correspondence received (as previously circulated), in particular, an email from EDDC asking if the village required sandbags. It was agreed that the clerk would request 50 sandbags.

17. The next meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 4 November 2019 at 7.30pm – Aylesbeare Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm. Members of the public left the meeting.

The Parish Council then entered into **Part 2** of the Meeting.

