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AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 5 February 2020** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Chris Daly (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Nick Warren
Cllr Jacky Owen

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

Others present: 4 members of the Public

7:15 Public Forum

The plans for a Solar Farm were discussed and the public present were supportive of the development and stayed for the Council's discussions (see section 10 below).

The chance of high-speed broadband reaching the village was also discussed and Jurassic Fibre seemed to be telling some residents would definitely not be getting a service. The Council believes this is just because the actual service has yet to be planned and no dates have been set. Residents should not take this advice as the final decision.

The issue of Stagecoach's review of bus services was raised and the Council agreed to make the case to Stagecoach for improved services to Aylesbeare.

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), Cllr Jess Bailey (EDDC) and Cllr Anna Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No declarations were received.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 5 December 2019 & 8 January 2020

The minutes of both these meetings were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's Remarks – Opening Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The revision to the website was discussed and the Council resolved that no money would be paid until a contract specifying the work to be done and a suitable timescale had been agreed.

5. Matters Arising

- (a) Defibrillator – Cllr Owen advised that the defibrillator should have a code lock and the Ambulance Service would have the code as well as local residents. **The Clerk to contact Will Thomas for an update.**

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(b) Parish Footpath Maps – 2 maps have been laminated but 1 additional map to be encapsulated so it is waterproof. This will then be displayed on the village noticeboard. **Clerk to action.**

- (c) Flooding – A resident had called out a local service to clear a drainage channel at a cost of £552. Whilst it was agreed that this had very probably saved further flooding to other properties the Council could not reimburse the resident as there was no budget for such payments. **The Chairman would pursue this matter with the District and County Councils.**

6. Reports of County and District Councillors.

Cllr Wright's email report gave details of the difficult challenge facing the Health and Adult Care budget plans for 2020/21. She will take the identified risks forward to the Health & Adult Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12th March.

Cllr Bailey was attending the EDDC Cabinet Meeting but asked by email for details of the Council's planning discussions and for ideas for spending the s106/CIL money.

Cllr Branson reported that the request for ideas sent out had received no suggestions for spending this money.

7. Reports of the Parish Council Representatives (Committees)

- (a) Village Hall Committee – The next meeting will be held on 12th March.
- (b) Jurassic Fibre (JF) Presentation – There are no definite dates yet for a service to Aylesbeare. JF were pleased with the turnout to the village meeting on 14th January so the Council hope for a positive decision by July or August this year. Cllr Thompson is meeting BT who will visit the village to see if they can offer any broadband service. The outlying properties that aren't in Aylesbeare village centre will be treated on a case by case basis. If these properties can't be provided with fibre/wired broadband the Council hopes that a 4G service can be provided using a mast. The Devon Air Ambulance landing site will require high light poles which the Council hopes can be used for this service.
- (c) The Chairman gave the report from the Airport Consultative Committee. Passenger numbers were down by 7% and the future of the Flybe services were not clear on the day of the meeting.
- (d) The Council intends to finalise and submit the Neighbourhood Plan. **The Chairman, Cllr Branson and Cllr Warren will check through the current draft plan.**

8. Flooding

The Minchin Lane flooding was improved by the action of the local resident mentioned above in Matters Arising.

Podgers Pit flooding is causing standing water on the B3180 throughout the winter despite the attention to the grips. **Clerk to report this to DCC.**

The Council agreed to delete the item regarding floodwater at the A30 nr Faringdon but noted a new problem at Withen Lane as a ditch is not effective. **The Chairman has spoken to the landowner and will monitor the situation.**

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9. WI Centenary Plans

The Council noted the WI's plans to plant crocuses and mount a plaque. **Clerk to advise the WI** of the Council's encouragement and hope that the planting will be natural and not designed to form words or emblem.

10. Planning

19/2832/MFUL – Solar Farm & 19/2803/FUL North Cottage

The Council agreed to support both the above applications. **Clerk to advise EDDC.**

11. Finance

- (a) The Council approved payment to the Clerk of £193.00.
- (b) The Council approved payment to the Chairman of £237.06 but asked that future expense claims be submitted on a quarterly basis.

12 Councillors Contacts List and Register of Interests

The Registers of Interests outstanding were signed and handed to the **Clerk for submission to EDDC.**

The contacts list had been laminated but there were 2 mistakes on the list – **Clerk to amend.**

13 Correspondence Received

The Chairman expressed disappointment with the details of the Traffic Notification received from DCC as it was both unclear and incomplete. **The Chairman will write to DCC with his concerns.**

14. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4 March 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed
Cllr C Daly, Chairman

Date