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AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 4th March 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: 3 members of the Public

7:15 Public Forum

The public challenged the Council on potholes, flooding, general village tidiness and using available funding. Expensive repairs to a vehicle caused by potholes were reported and complaints that potholes were not repaired properly. The Council shared the exasperation of residents and are pursuing Devon County Council (DCC) on this matter.

The flooding is worse than it has ever been (in 43 years to quote a resident). The Council is taking action, see 5(d) below. A resident proposed the Council employ someone to tidy the village for 10 hours per month. The current annual precept the Parish Council receives from Council Taxpayers (£7,622) is not sufficient to cover this but residents' views on this idea would be welcome. The regular litter picks always welcome new volunteers.

DCC operates a Parish Paths Partnership that offers money to support footpaths across the county and Aylesbeare does not currently benefit from this. The Council agreed it would be good to see if this could help our footpaths.

1. Apologies of Absence

The Council accepted the apologies 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 – 5th February 2020

The minutes were accepted by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's Remarks – Opening Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the Council he had just come from a very useful session on Dementia.

Matters Arising

- (a) Defibrillator – The Clerk advised that Will Thomas had said the electrician should connect the supply this week.
- (b) Parish Footpath Maps – **The Chairman will put up the waterproof map on the noticeboard.**
- (c) Stagecoach Review of Bus Services – The Council’s comments had been submitted to the review group and acknowledged.
- (d) Flooding & Drainage – The areas of main concern are both ends of Withen Copse & Withen Lane, Podger’s Pit (although DCC had cleared the drain so this was better), the area beyond Marwood Cross and Harp Lane just past Nutwalls. **Chairman to gather evidence with Cllr Branson & Cllr Warren and write to DCC seeking a meeting if necessary. Clerk to submit the Drainage Responsibilities information to Topics to consider for publication.**
- (e) Website – no further information.
- (f) High-Speed Broadband – Aylesbeare is in Phase 1 of Jurassic Fibre’s plans for laying cables. The area of the parish towards West Hill is in Phase 2. 95% of properties should be able to connect by cable. Unconnected properties may be served with 4G by line of sight wireless connection to a mast. The cost of service is expected to be £35/month. Connecting Devon & Somerset is discussing the vouchers that are available towards connection costs with Cllr Bailey (EDDC).
- (g) Councillors Contacts – **Councillors to consider which details they would like displayed on the noticeboards.**

6. Reports of County and District Councillors.

Cllr Wright’s email report gave details of her efforts to get better support for unpaid carers; her recommendations will be put for approval on 12th March. She is also working to get better scrutiny how the NHS cuts will be implemented in Devon which get tougher each year.

Cllr Bailey advised that EDDC will increase Band D properties’ Council Tax by £5 (3.53%). She reminded us that EDDC have litter pick kits available to borrow and that fortnightly green bin collections are available to all EDDC residents for £48/year.

7. Speeding Traffic in Village Way

The Council agreed that the 30mph limit was not always being observed. If road layout changes were pursued the Council preferred chicanes to speed humps as the latter cause noise, pollution and erratic driving.

The Council decided to investigate the use of community speed cameras. **Clerk to contact Woodbury Parish Council who have just completed training.**

8. Flooding

This was fully discussed and action planned under item 5(d) above.

9. S106/CIL Money

The Council is due to meet EDDC staff on 9th March to discuss the next steps. As no ideas had come forward yet from the residents the Area Youth Co-ordinator will talk on our behalf to youth groups and schools. The lease of the Play Area is due for renewal in

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July and the renewal must allow for the DAA night landing site. If the Council does not get the ball rolling with DAA the funding will disappear.

10. Planning

20/0228/FUL – Barns at Barton Farm

The Council did not object to the proposals but had 3 areas of concern and questions they wanted the planning officials to answer.

1: Parking. Aylesbeare already has a problem with parking and this development will reduce the availability of parking in Village Way (given the visibility lines). The Council feels that 2 spaces per unit is insufficient as often each adult in a house needs a car to get to work. Is there any provision for visitors' parking? If not, this will lead to more pressure on the surrounding roads.

2: Drainage. Application 90/P0758 gave permission for 2 slurry tanks at this property. Have these been fully accounted for in the plans? Furthermore, the Council notes that the surge tank will release water towards the Churchyard. Will the arrangements prevent flooding to both the Churchyard and the area of adjacent land which the Church has bought for future burials? The Council needs to be sure that the burials, both current and future, will not be disturbed by flood events.

3: Recycling. The provision for recycling/landfill containers looks too small for the number of containers East Devon District Council's scheme requires. The Council is concerned that a standard provision for fewer bins (which many Districts use) has been applied to these properties. Will there be room for all the recycling bins?

Clerk to advise EDDC.

11. Operation London Bridge

The arrangements have been made that the book of condolences and flowers be left at the Church. **Clerk to investigate purchase of book and wording of message for noticeboards and website.**

12 Finance

12.1 The Council unanimously resolved to ask Peninsula Pensions if Aylesbeare Parish Council can join the LGPS for its employee. **Clerk to action.**

12.2 Payments to the Clerk for wages & expenses (£209.08), Peninsula Pensions (£135.64), HMRC (£100) and DALC (£69.49) were all agreed.

13 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st April 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06pm.

Signed

Cllr C Daly, Chairman

Date