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AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held virtually (online) on **Wednesday 15th July 2020** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Chris Daly (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Nick Warren
Cllr Jacky Owen
Cllr Anna Thompson
Cllr Jess Bailey

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

Others present: 5 members of the Public

7:15pm Public Forum

There were no issues raised by the public during the forum although some input was given during the meeting for which the Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

1. Apologies of Absence

The Council accepted the apologies from Cllr Claire Wright (Devon County Council).

2. Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No declarations were made.

3. Amendments to Standing Orders

Council agreed unanimously to the amendments to Standing Orders for Remote Meetings Protocol and Procedures which will remain in place until 7th May 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Warren, **Seconded** by Cllr Branson.

4. Ratification of Decisions Made under Covid 19 Lockdown

Council ratified the decisions below following the advice given in the DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) Newsletter #17 2020 issued on 23rd March 2020
Aylesbeare Parish Council made the following decisions using email.

Finance

Reimbursement of the Village Hall Insurance Renewal	£ 937.63
Email from Steve Greenslade (Treasurer) 15-12-2019 refers	
PKF Littlejohn LLP for Audit of our AGAR Return	£ 96.00
Invoice no. SB20194438	
JR Pratt for installation of electrical supply for the defibrillator	£ 200.00
Invoice no. RJP 1667	
Clerk's wages & expenses	£ 290.43

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Pension Payments for Clerk	£ 67.82
HMRC Payment for Clerk	£ 50.00
To pay for eggs for use in the village Children's Easter Egg Hunt	£ 25.00
Payment to Zurich Insurance for Parish Council's policy renewal	£ 398.18

Planning

The Council agreed the comments on the following two planning applications

20/0769/FUL Construction of single storey front, side and rear extension, front and rear dormer window with terrace and front porch. Provision of cladding to main house. Woodlands Withen Lane Farringdon Exeter EX5 2JH

Comment - Aylesbeare Parish Council is generally supportive of this application with some questions. Is it really going to be possible to complete the development without felling trees and at least some hedges? Trees look to be within falling distance of the property and therefore felling or pruning will have to be carried out. The roots of T4 appear to be inside the building line which begs the question of how the roots will be protected? In addition, please note; The development will be out of character with the rest of the area. In Section 5 the colour is missing.

20/0911/FUL Portal framed agricultural building for the storage of straw, hay, feed, agricultural machinery. Rosamondford Farm Perkins Village Exeter EX5 2JG

Comment - Aylesbeare Parish Council is broadly supportive of this application with one major concern regarding the waste water.

There have already been surface water issues from the farm including one where contaminated water from the chicken shed entered The Old Stables.

The application refers to surface water going to soakaways. Given the size of this barn at some 27m long the Council urges the planners to ask for engineered rainwater disposal calculations for a proper attenuation system.

This will ensure future problems/flooding are avoided.

5. Chairman's Remarks – Opening Welcome

Cllr Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that the broadband installations by Jurassic Fibre (JF) were going well with approx. 40 households connected. JF had recently doubled the broadband speeds without any extra charge. They had also introduced a £25/month tariff for 30mbps supply which he hoped the community were aware of as this can be sufficient for many households.

The Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) Voucher scheme was discussed, and Cllr Bailey emphasised that this has to be supplier led. Our outlying residents are eager to be supplied but JF seem unwilling to use the CDS scheme. Some properties will be able to connect to the next phase of JF installation as they will be laying fibre cables through the Parish again at a later date (believed to be months, rather than years away). The exact route of the new cables is unclear.

Cllr Daly agreed to obtain a map of Phase 2 from JF.

Clerk to chase JF regarding the CDS voucher scheme.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 4th March 2020

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

7. Matters Arising

5.1 MA(b) Done - Cllr Daly has posted the waterproof Footpath Parish map on the noticeboard.

5.2 MA(d) Flooding and Drainage - carried forward to the next meeting due to the lockdown and Topics not being published.

5.3 MA(g) Councillors Contacts - **Clerk to circulate for confirmation of items to publish by each Councillor.**

7 Speeding Traffic in Village Way – The Clerk reported on the experience of Woodbury Parish who were in favour of the Speedwatch scheme where residents could monitor motorists' speed. The parking on the junction by the Nightjar pub was also an issue and it was suggested that some large rocks could dissuade dangerous parking. **Clerk to arrange a Speedwatch meeting** once the lockdown lifts to see if there is local interest in forming a group.

10 Planning - 20/0228/FUL: Barns at Barton Farm – Clerk has advised EDDC, comments can be viewed on the Planning Portal at EDDC or on our website.

11 Operation London Bridge - Clerk to investigate purchase of book and wording of message for noticeboards and website. **Carried forward to next meeting.**

8. Reports of County and District Councillors.

Cllr Wright's email report gave details of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) and the timescales for the meetings which would affect the District Councils involved.

She also gave details of the phased reopening of Devon's libraries during July, the DCC Education Portfolioholder's letter to Government for clear guidance and financial support for schools reopening in September as well as the petition to save Redbridge at Harpford which is on the East Devon Way footpath and a safe walking route linking the villages of Harpford, Newton Poppleford and Tipton St John.

Cllr Bailey advised that there had been no appeals for the MacDonald's site at Daisymount to date. She was also going to report on the s106 money for the playing field and GESP but would discuss those as they came up on the agenda.

9. Greater Exeter Strategic Plan

GESP is the strategic document that outlines the areas around Exeter where the development targets set by Government for housing and employment land can be met over the next 2 decades (until 2040). It identifies areas for building as well as other policies for land use. It involves the District Councils of Exeter City, East & Mid Devon and Teignbridge.

Aylesbeare Parish Council were appalled at the level of inappropriate development proposed in the East Devon area, especially in or near the AONB. The Council noted that some of the areas around the airport that were already planned to be Employment land were still green fields, but the GESP was planning much more development. It wasn't clear where all the jobs would come from to support the thousands of homes to be built in the areas around Aylesbeare.

Cllr Bailey encouraged Aylesbeare Parish Council to complete their Neighbourhood Plan as this could afford some protection from encroaching development. She explained that Rockbeare Parish's Neighbourhood Plan had identified fields surrounding the village as a 'green belt' to protect the rural environment.

Cllr Bailey would be attending a meeting on 23rd July where EDDC would be discussing whether to be involved in the GESP and how any public consultation would work.

10. Planning

10.1 - 20/1361/MRES – Land East of Antiques Complex, Harrier Court Industrial Estate

This large development is part of the FAB project that supplies electricity from France to the UK. The plans were far from comprehensive and it was not clear to the Council why generators were needed for this installation. Furthermore, some items for the development weigh too much for the M5's infrastructure.

The Council decided to comment that they were concerned about this application because of

1. The level of heat waste from the site.
2. The inadequate cooling systems in the plans.
3. The acoustic issues that large-scale plant such as are proposed will cause; with no obvious proposals for reducing the noise.
4. The height of proposed trees surrounding the site.

Clerk to action.

10.2 – 20/173/FUL – Lorams, Perkins Village

Aylesbeare Parish Council was happy to support the conversion of this accommodation into a holiday let with one major concern; the sewage/waste water system.

The waste water drainage to the treatment plant as shown on the plans does not account for the travel of waste uphill to the plant's current location. No pump is shown to move the waste. Furthermore, it is not clear how a gravity toilet would function (to comply with building regulations) below the level of the treatment plant.

Whilst the capacity of the plant seems adequate on paper the existing outfall from the septic tank has reached the lane and caused flooding. Increased waste would only exacerbate this problem.

Clerk to Action

10.3 – 19/0055/RES – Land Adjacent Glebe Farmhouse, Harp Lane

Some concerns had been raised with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman that the planning permission conditions associated with this development were not being adhered to. The Council heard from a member of the public that is building the properties and are now satisfied that this development is fully compliant. **Item discharged.**

11. Playing Field and Play Area Lease

Council resolved that it wished to renew the lease and were to authorise payments of the yearly rents (see item 19 below) to show good faith. It seems appropriate to adjust the lease to allow for the Devon Air Ambulance night landing site as it was due for renewal from 10th July 2020. There was some discussion of the possible reduction of the Play Area to make from for the landing site but this wasn't definitive.

Cllr Daly agreed to provide a map of the playing field showing the possible landing site and the play area.

12 S106/CIL Money

Cllr Bailey was concerned that Aylesbeare would lose this money as no ideas for items to buy had been generated. Because of the lockdown the Area Youth Coordinator had not been able to talk to groups and schools as planned.

The Councillors asked about the cost of items and the Clerk promised to circulate information about the purchase prices.

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Cllr Trude (see item 13) was willing to try the Aylebeare Buzz Facebook group for ideas and Cllr Bailey emphasised the need for a record of all consultations.

Cllr Trude to action.

13 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

The Council agreed unanimously to resolve to co-opt Kirsty Trude onto the Council as one post is currently vacant. She will complete her Declaration at the next meeting.

Clerk to Action

14. Footpaths

Council was pleased to note that the Rosamondford Farm path issues had been resolved. Footpath no. 7 at Westcott Farm which crosses into Rockbeare parish still has access problems. **Cllr Warren agreed to investigate.**

15. Grass Cutting

The Council was concerned about the grass cutting at the Playing Field. It was accepted that the lockdown had meant that the grass would grow but it seemed to be taking a long time to deal with. It was noted that the team at EDDC was waiting for a part which would allow them to cut long grass.

Cllr Bailey agreed to chase this matter up.

Council was keen that the invoice for grass maintenance would be reduced but no bill had yet been received.

16. Defibrillator Notices

Council agreed that signs should be purchased and posted on the Parish noticeboard opposite the Nightjar, at the Village Hall, by the telephone box and at Madge's Cross.

Cllr Branson offered to help with lamination if necessary.

Clerk to action.

17. Covid19 & A.L.E.R.T.

30-35 people in the parish had volunteered during the lockdown and approx. 20 requests for help had been made.

Cllr Thompson offered to complete the survey asking for the information.

18. Flooding

The Council reaffirmed its understanding that the blockage at Michin Lane, for which a resident had incurred considerable cost, was his responsibility.

Clerk to write formal reply to the phone call and return invoice.

19. Finance

19.1 Noting the direct debit to BT Council resolved to cancel this contract as the router wasn't working anyway and JF had offered a 150mbps connection.

Clerk to action.

19.2 Payments were approved as follows

19.2.1 Payment to Will Thomas for defibrillator and associated costs

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19.2.2 Payment to Vision ICT for hosting email Sept 2020 to August 2021	£ 21.60
19.2.3 Payment to EDDC for yearly rents on the Playing Field & Play Area	£ 50.00
19.2.4 Clerk's interim wages & expenses for April, May & June	£ 652.23
	Peninsula Pensions £203.50 & HMRC £150
19.2.5 Devon Association of Local Councils for annual subs.(Inv. 1897)	£ 133.28

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

Signed
Cllr C Daly, Chairman

Date