

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held at Aylesbeare Village Hall on **Wednesday 6th April 2022** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Nick Warren (Chair)
Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Jacky Owen
Cllr Anna Thompson
Cllr Kirsty Trude
Cllr Tracie Cooke
Cllr Jess Bailey (DCC & EDDC)

ABSENCES

None

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

Others present:

14 members of the public

Open Public Forum

A member of public raised the issue of Jurassic Fibre who had still not connected the properties in her area of the Parish despite the promise to 'connect by Christmas' made by a JF senior manager last October. Engineers had visited in November but no contact at all since then.

A resident asked for more details about the Houndbeare Solar Farm which has Planning permission to go ahead. The clerk will send him details.

A member of the public raised concerns with traffic and speeding and asked if the 30mph zone could be extended up Harp Lane to the B3180. The junction at the Half Way Inn and onwards on the b3180 toward Ottery is plagued by speeding traffic. She knew of accidents and animals being killed there and had witness a car rolling over after overtaking 3 other cars.

An Independent Traffic Consultant gave a report about the implications of the Rosamondford Farm planning application (see para 20/0355/PDR below). Issues raised:

- TRICS shows there would be 320 2-way vehicle trips created (6/day HGV)
- The site access is very clearly constrained
- The traffic intensification raises concerns about the entrance to the property
- A 10m rigid truck could manage the entrance but risks damaging the verges and hedges. Articulated lorries would not be able to use the entrance to the property.
- The likely route for much of the traffic would be to the B3184 where the junction has very poor visibility and is virtually blind, conflicts are likely as the flows would be opposite to the commuter traffic.
- The lane is rarely 4.8m wide and vehicles may have to reverse up to 150m to allow others to pass.

The applicant pointed out that arctic could access the property as one had that morning.

Other speakers commented that

- 24 objections had been submitted to EDDC.
- The junction is blind and non-local people show a less considerate driving style.

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The misuse of footpaths was raised as it is a growing problem. Dog-owners are throwing a ball for their dogs, which are off the leads as well as cutting the corners of fields. Dog fouling can cause disease for cattle. Owners should remember that these footpaths are often on private land on working farms. The Council will publish the EDDC updated guidelines for dogs to help the situation.

Other issues discussed were

- Signage at Blind Lane – motorbikes will use this footpath which is signposted at the Half Way junction end but not at the village end.
- The regular litter drops of beer cans near Madge’s Cross has started again
- Concern was raised about the insurance of the out-of-bounds equipment in the Play Area. The Council confirmed it would be removed soon.
- An official bus stop on the A3052 would be useful. Some drivers will stop, but others just drive past.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

[13 members of the public left at 20:16]

The Chairman started the meeting at 8:17pm.

1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No declarations were made. The Chairman advised that he is a member of the PCC (see para 13.2).

3 Chairman’s Remarks – Opening Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and raised the following issues:

- The Platinum Oak has been planted in the corner of the Play Area – match the neighbouring tree in 50 years. A copse could be created in the area below.
- Village way has 2 new drains to stop the water flows across the junction to the pub.
- Marwood Lane ditch is now clear and working well.
- The Village Hall Management Committee meeting reported
 - The drainage channel has been finished behind the snooker room.
 - Number of Hall hires has improved and still need a booking secretary.
 - Signage will be displayed re. dogs exercising outside in the VH grounds.
 - Two potholes have been reported in the drive to the car park at Scotch Mead.
 - Pothole repairs don’t last long – JB will take to Meg Booth.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 2nd March 2022

The minutes were accepted as a true record by the Council and the Chairman was unanimously authorised to sign on their behalf.

5 Matters Arising

5.1 Drain on Village Way – now completed.

5.2 20-mph Zone – application submitted and supported by Cllr Bailey/

5.3 Perkin’s Village roadside barriers.

Council noted that the barriers are on the landowner’s property. Highways and the Police are aware and have both raised no objections. There is CCTV, which is also

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legal. Any residents concerned about images can submit a Subject Access Request (of which the landowner is also aware). EDDC are investigating the camera mounted in the tree as a planning issue.

The Council is concerned that many of the Perkin's Village residents had raised frequent complaints to Cllrs that these barriers made their daily use of the lane very awkward, and they wanted to see them removed.

5.4 Ford Oaks Solar Farm – No planning application has been submitted yet. LCA reported the following updates

Traffic movements - The traffic plan for construction vehicles has been refined but will still involve a one-way system for trucks to and from the storage area near the airport. Further there will be marshalling (and escort vehicles if necessary) at key points of possible conflict along the route, this includes the crossroads by our village hall.

LCA are commissioning Devon Communities Together (DCT) to consult the local residents to judge the level of support for the green elements of the project and try to pin down what benefits the community would like to see derived from the Ford Oaks project. This could help build our case for the Marsh Green circular footpath/bridleway and the NW-SE safe green route for cyclists, pedestrians and horse-riders through Aylesbeare Parish (both of which incorporate Withybed Lane). The Parish Council will signpost this consultation to gain as much input as possible using our social media channels, website and newsletter.

5.5 21/2835/FUL Half Way Inn Amendments to Plan. – moved to Planning item 12 below.

6 Reports of County and District Councillor.

Cllr Bailey reported the following

- Problems with the school bus breaking down, leaking fuel, fan belt broke on Quarter Mile Lane – urgently forwarded to DCC for action. Please keep her posted with any problems.
- Strategic Planning re EDDC Local Plan – Parishes will be asked if they have sites to be put forward, especially brownfield sites with facilities. Go out to consultation in September. Cllr Bailey frustrated as there are no attempts to utilise sustainable sites within towns, eg Budleigh and Colyton have no new housing planned at all.
- Race equality audit in DCC which discovered systemic racism. Steps being taken to rectify the situation but Cllr Bailey still finds it shocking.
- DCC Children's Services had identified serious problems with the management and operation of the Service 2 years ago and Cllr Bailey still shocked that the situation still exists 24 months later. She has tried to hold the portfolio holder to account.

7 Play Area

7.1 Project requirements The next step is the report from EDDC and the maintenance grant agreement. The Working group will remove the rotten equipment as soon as a mini-digger can be borrowed. The Council will post a picture of the new layout online and on the noticeboard now it is finalised.

7.2 Contractor – Council **RESOLVED** to select the best value for money of the tenders.

7.3 Lease Renewal Council is awaiting EDDC's solicitors' response.

8 Website Revision -

[The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to let a member of the public speak]

A member of the public hoped that the new website could publish Topics as the businesses would appreciate the wider advertising.

[The Chairman resumed SO]

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Council **RESOLVED** that the the new site should

- Have a page for the village hall
- Combine all the links
- Make Topics to be publishable
- Use Sage green (pantone 16-1124tcx sage green)
- New pictures would be sought from residents via the Buzz
- Cllr Thompson will find a logo
- Be mobile phone friendly

9 Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Trude outlined the plan for the Jubilee weekend

- Thurs 2nd – VH coffee morning with arts & crafts children's competition eg decorated biscuits and bake off started for Saturday judging. Daytime activities eg treasure hunt
- Fri 3rd June – Childrens party incl fabcy dress party. Pub will host an event on the Friday evening, ticketed with a band
- Sat 4th June – VH activity hub – picnic party on the lawn – jubilee & trifle comp (A Turl will judge) and possibly skittles. The winner will be announced of house decoration. Issue children with their jubilee gift and a competition for things people love about the village.
- Sun 5th June – kept free so people can join some local or national events.
- All funds raised to go to local groups

Council **RESOLVED** to order 50 enamelled commemerative coins cost of up to £500

10 Dog fouling at the Village Hall Village Hall have discussed putting up signs. The recreation and play areas should also have a sign prohibiting dog fouling.

Council **RESOLVED** to buy signs if necessary.

11 Consultations

11.1 Luppit Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Council has no comments to offer on the plan but congratulated Luppit Parish Council and wished them well with their Plan implementation.

11.2 Devon Carbon Plan Cllrs will complete as individuals.

12 Planning

12.1 - 22/0355/PDR Rosamondford Farm – Amendments to plans.

Council **RESOLVED** to continue their support for this application.

12.2 - 22/0528/FUL Beautiport Farm Erection of agricultural building for hay and straw storage.

Council **RESOLVED** to support this application.

12.3 - 21/1330/FUL & 21/1331/LBC Withen Farmhouse Single storey rear extension.

Council **RESOLVED** to continue to support this application.

12.4 – 21/2835/FUL Half Way Inn Amendments to Plan.

Council **RESOLVED** to comment as follows:

Aylesbeare Parish Council supports this application and notes that this business is already open prior to the planning permission being granted. The Council notes the Traffic Plan as amended and look forward the full implementation of the submitted plans including the second car park and the removal of the temporary shipping containers. The Council also trusts that the recommendations of the EDDC Landscape Plan will be implemented.

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13 Finance

13.1 - The Council noted the current balances as follows:

Current Account £9,910.57 less uncashed chqs (£ 1,257.04) =	£ 8,653.53
Reserve Account	£ 4,848.32
Recreation Fund Account	<u>£ 694.59</u>
Total	£ 14,196.44

13.2 Council **RESOLVED** to donate £400 to the upkeep of the churchyard (the Chairman abstained from the vote).

13.3 Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to contribute £110 to the cost of a consultant to advise the group of local parishes responding to the East Devon draft Local Plan.

13.4 Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments

13.4.1 - DALC annual subscription (invoice 3635)	£ 137.89
13.4.2 – To J P Roberts (clerk) for pay (March)£ 221.75 + Expenses (£14.04 + 7.92)	£ 243.71
13.4.3 - To DCC Pension Fund (clerk’s pension for March)	£ 69.22
13.4.4 - To HMRC (clerk’s PAYE Income Tax for March)	£ 49.20

14 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th May 2022.

Items for the agenda to the clerk by Tuesday 26th April please. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm thanking the Cllrs for all their hard work.

Signed
Cllr N. R. Warren, Chairman

Date