

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 5 December 2018** commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Williams (Chairman)
Cllr Chris Daly
Cllr Nick Warren

Clerk: Mrs L McGhin
Others present: One member of the public

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chairman), County Cllr Claire Wright and District Cllr Paul Carter and East Devon District Cllr Geoff Pratt.

2. Declarations of interests in Items on the Agenda

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2018 were confirmed to be correct. They were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

(a) New Councillors Training Course – Cllrs Chris Daly and Nick Warren reported back that the training course was very informative and well worth attending. They would be happy to attend further courses.

(b) Update on Broadband – The clerk had received correspondence from The CDS Team (Connecting Devon and Somerset) stating that Gigaclear have announced significant delays to their rollout and have been instructed to provide a full remedial plan to improve its performance. A report from Cllr Geoff Pratt had given his apologies and was not present at the Parish Council meeting but sent in a report stating that Wiggaton residents had a meeting with Jason Pearce, the Community Engagement Manager of Gigaclear Ltd. He was unable to give any commencement date for the connection of the Wiggaton properties and Gigaclear's Contract with CDS is under review due to poor performance. The Chairman to follow this up as this is unacceptable.

(c) An assessment had been undertaken on 30 November by Devon Highways at Shutebridge Farm and Marwood Lane. The Chairman to follow this up.

5. Reports of County & District Councillors

District Cllr Paul Carter

Cllr Paul Carter gave his apologies and would report back at the next parish council meeting on 9 January 2019.

Cllr Claire Wright gave her apologies and would report back at the next parish council meeting on 9 January 2019.

District Cllr Geoff Pratt

Cllr Geoff Pratt had given his apologies but corresponded that an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence at Le Bistro, Great Houndbeare Farm, Oak Road, Aylesbeare had been granted.

6. Chairman's Report

I must start with a very big thank you to Ann Turl for her excellent First World War Centenary exhibition honoring those from this Parish who lost their lives during that conflict. A number of other people assisted with the running of this event in providing tea and cakes thank you to you all. Unfortunately, I don't have a list of your names.

The Sunday service was very well attended and a special thank you to Sophia, Harry and Charlie, representing the younger members of our village who laid the wreaths on graves on the churchyard.

Sadly, the council is losing the presence of Bill Pearson and I would like to record the thanks of the council and the Parish for his significant contributions and in particular, for his input and work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have received correspondence advising that proposed time scale for broad band improvements has now slipped as Gigaclear have experienced some operational difficulties. We will be following this up with our District and County Councillors to try and move this forward.

Equally disappointing is the lack of action in repairing roads in our area and especially the very poor drainage and surface over large parts of Marwood Lane. I am writing to all those concerned to attempt to get some of these problems resolved once and for all.

A big thank you must go to Graham Trude for his work in recent weeks to rod and clear a blocked drain in Withen Lane. It is clear from the recent funding changes to local authorities that this self-help approach is unfortunately going to be the way forward in the times ahead.

The council is now short of two councillors so if you can spare a few hours to support the Parish please get in touch with our new clerk Laura McGhin at clerk@aylesbeareparishcouncil.co.uk

7. Clerk's Report

Salt Bins

The clerk reported that a request to refill the salt bins around the village had been acknowledged and would be actioned.

Sandbags

Further sandbags were in the process of being ordered and the clerk would let parishioners know the location of these once they were delivered/collected.

Parish Council Vacancies

Vacancies for co-opting new councillors for the parish council would be displayed around all of the noticeboards in due course.

Fly Tipping

The clerk had followed up complaints about fly tipping and general rubbish around the village and this had been reported to Streetscene at EDDC.

Refuse and Recycling Collections over the Christmas Period

Information on revised collection times for recycling and waste, together with Christmas Tree Recycling are listed in this month's magazine and also on the noticeboards around the village. The Chairman has also put these on the Aylesbeare Buzz Facebook Page. If you would like a copy, please let the clerk know.

8. Reports of Parish Council representatives

(a) Village Hall Committee – Cllr Nick Warren attended a Village Hall Committee Meeting on Tuesday 4 December, together with Cllr Mark Branson. There was a short discussion on fixing the mixer/dvd player to the overhead projector. Cllr Mark Branson offered to assist and contact the local electrician to help with other electrical maintenance matters. He added that the dishwasher was on hold as supply outlets at a maximum. It was politely asked if the tables could not be stowed on top of each other. Community Carol Singing would be held at the Village Hall on 14 December.

(b) Ottery St Mary and District Health & Care Forum – Cllr Chris Daly had attended a Review Meeting on the 15 November to review the June public consultation event of the Ottery St Mary and District Healthcare. The meeting due to be held on 4 December was postponed until the new year. Cllr Chris Daly stated he was happy to continue to be the representative for the parish council. The chairman thanked him for his work.

(c) Exeter Airport Consultative Committee Meetings – Cllr Chris Daly had attended the Exeter Airport Consultative Committee Meeting held on 5 December. He reported that Flybe was not up for sale but that the low value of the pound and the high cost of fuel had caused speculation. The city route to London is always very full. Apprenticeship Programmes would be rolling out, pushing the schools and colleges. Flybe makes up two-thirds of Exeter Airport's business having 9.5m passengers last year.

There are big plans for the Mayflower Festival in 2020 which Flybe are looking to be heavily involved in. The next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee is 13 February 2019. Cllr Chris Daly stated he would be happy to be the parish council representative. The chairman thanked him for his work on this.

9. East Devon District Council: Planning Applications

No Planning Applications had been received.

10. Finance

Payment for the following invoices was approved:

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs L McGhin – Parish Clerk	£232.10
British Telecom Broadband - November	£44.64

11. Communities Together

Cllr Chris Daly attended a meeting on 22 November at which 80 persons attended representing 60 parishes. There was some discussion on what would happen in an emergency situation, an order of responsibility and looking to be more flexible and to work with neighbouring parishes. The Community Emergency Plan is outdated and needs addressing. Formal thanks to Cllr Chris Daly on this.

12. GDPR

The Clerk currently looking into training regarding this.

13. Parish Council Website

The Chairman to report back at the next meeting. Ongoing.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

Ongoing. Once finalised, this would be readily available for viewing.

15. Correspondence Received

- (a) A reply from the Police Community Officer from an email sent to the clerk stating that he hoped to be at the Annual Parish Meeting with an annual report.
- (b) Recycling information (as previously mentioned in the Clerk's Report).
- (c) Various leaflets for playground equipment.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council: **Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7.30 pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.