

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held at Aylesbeare Village Hall on **Wednesday 6th March 2024** at 7:15pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Nick Warren (Chair)
Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Debbie Banks
Cllr Tracie Cooke
Cllr Jacky Owen
Cllr Anna Thompson

ABSENT

None

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO) and

Others present: 6 members of the public

1 Chair’s remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He made the following comments: The banner picture on the Buzz is asking us all to join in and give the village a spring clean in between 15-31 March this year. It would be great if, as well clearing litter and other rubbish, if branches and other vegetation encroaching on footpaths could be cleaned back also any grass alongside kerbs when safe to do. Plus, any ditches alongside properties to be cleared so when we do get that “rare” downpour water can safely drain away from the highway.

A reminder that the Aylesbeare Family Easter Bingo is being held on Friday 22nd March at the village hall. All welcome and prize donations greatly appreciated. More details on the Buzz.

The launch of “SOC” Save our Church, St Mary’s Church was held on Wednesday 21st and was well attended by 23 enthusiastic members of the parish. Again, more details on the Buzz.

Item 6.2 on the planning & consultations - 23/1644/FUL holiday let amended plans this is incorrect it should have been 23/2422/FUL Blind Land & Land behind Great Halls. Since we put our comments in the applicant has amended access plans including the widening at the end of Blind Land and the Parish Council has not been notified officially. In addition their consultants have issued a rebuttal of our previous comments.

2 Open Public Forum

The first speaker raised the issue of internet services to the far side of the B3180. Despite Jurassic Fibre visiting the village and promising to clear up any remaining properties nothing had happened. The contacts the clerk had at JF have since left. Council will contact JF again and see if Airband can offer any help.

The 2nd speaker said thank you for the flowers received at the last meeting and apologised that this hadn’t been published in Topics as planned.

The 3rd speaker complained that items weren’t reported in a timely manner in January which was the Council’s paid officer’s fault. The parishioner is now living with the consequences of the non-availability of the minutes which weren’t published in Topics. The planning department had taken a

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decision about the application without the Parish Council's comments due to the clerk not writing the minutes in due time.

The Parishioner will submit her complaint about the clerk in writing to the Chairman. The fourth speaker asked about the change from support to objection to application 23/2572/FUL stating that this was unprecedented. The Council explained about pre-meeting discussions and the change of their opinion was because of new information being received. Council planning comments are made on the available evidence when consultations are made.

The third speaker raised concerns about the damage to the road caused by the recent activity at the gas works. The edge of the road has collapsed near Livermore farm and this needs to be raised with Highways. There is now no room to pass and this road which is on both the school and public bus routes.

The third speaker also queried how the speed limits were implemented as she was aware other counties operate a points system. The Chairman advised that the criteria he was aware of related to accidents and casualties.

[3 members of the public left at 7:47pm]

3 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interests

No absentees at this meeting. No interests were declared.

4 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of 7th February 2024 as a true and correct record. The Chairman duly signed them.

5 Report of the County and District Councillor

C & D/Cllr Bailey could not attend the meeting as she was busy at another meeting.

6 Planning & Consultations

6.1 [23/0556/FUL](#) Land off A3052 Change from agricultural to storage (B8)

Council reviewed the objections previously submitted and **RESOLVED** to make the following comments:

Since our previous comments the Inspector should be aware that another storage facility has opened at the Potbury site in Sidmouth (about 6 miles distant). The local petrol station immediately opposite the site is being redeveloped with additional services including a hot food takeaway. With this development, the recent reduction in bus services and significant housing development on the eastern side of Exeter there will be even more vehicle movements on this very busy 'A' road compared to the time of application.

6.2 [23/1644/FUL](#) Land off Blind Lane Holiday let – amended plans

A parishioner had contacted the Council about the additional plans and statements submitted for an application in Blind Lane. This did not refer, in fact, to 23/1644/FUL which has been refused but refers to 23/2422/FUL.

Council asked the clerk to write confirming the Council's objections still stand as previously submitted.

[1 member of the public left at 8:45pm]

6.3 Clyst Honiton Neighbourhood Plan Reg 16 Consultation

Council congratulated Clyst Honiton Parish Council on their plan but had no comments to make at this time.

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7 Aylesbeare Community Events – Easter Egg Hunt

Council **RESOLVED** to donate £50 worth of Easter Eggs to this year’s hunt.

8 Play Area Refurbishment

The bench had been dismantled during the Play Area works. Chairman will reassemble the bench and fix it in place.

9 Finance

9.1 Current balances

Council noted the current balance of **£ 20,260.21**.

9.2 Payments

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

9.2.1 J P Roberts - clerk pay, (Feb)	£ 284.63	
Reimbursement for VH Internet Jurassic Fibre (Feb)	£ 17.50	
Reimbursement for celebratory tokens	£ 26.00	£ 328.13
9.2.2 HMRC (clerk’s PAYE Income Tax for Jan)		£ 68.00
9.2.3 EDDC Grounds Maintenance for 2023-24		£ 3153.23

The invoice for 9.2.3 had been received after the agenda was published. Council decided to process the payment could not be avoided as it was for work done according to tender, the invoice requires payment in 2 weeks and this would ensure the expenditure is incurred in the correct financial year.

10 Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd April 2024

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:02pm thanking the Cllrs for all their hard work.

Signed
Cllr N R Warren, Chair

Date