

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held at Aylesbeare Village Hall on **Wednesday 5th June 2024** at 7:15pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mark Branson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Debbie Banks
Cllr Tracie Cooke
Cllr Jacky Owen

ABSENT

Cllr Anna Thompson(Chair)
Cllr Nick Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: County & District Cllr Jess Bailey , Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

Others present: One member of the public

1 Chair’s remarks

Cllr Thompson submitted the following written report:

Thank you for electing me to Chair the Parish Council for the next year. I hope I’ll do as good a job as Cllr Nick Warren has, and would like to thank him for all he has done and no doubt will continue to do as he will still be a member of the Parish Council.

Thanks too to Cllr Mark Branson for continuing to be Vice Chair and indeed for chairing this meeting which I am unable to attend.

I recently attended the launch of the further (Regulation 18 stage) consultation on the emerging new EDDC Local Plan on behalf of the PC.

The consultation is now live and is open for 6 weeks, closing 5pm Thursday 27th June.

You can also sign up for future Local Plan updates by email.

Everyone is strongly advised to look at the 8 proposals in the consultation as it affects our future built environment.

Good news that the application for redevelopment of the Potters site in West Hill has been withdrawn after more than 220 objections from local residents and a strong campaign from Cllr Jess Bailey to raise awareness of the proposals.

The ford at Rosamondford has been inspected by DCC and added to the list for repair.

Council will write to the owner of the vehicle parked at Oakmead requesting that they park more considerately to avoid causing an obstruction to larger vehicles.

We are happy to hear that the resident injured in an rtc involving a tractor in Village Way is recovering at home.

Thanks to all who took part in the Village Spring Clean on Saturday June 1st.

The Village fete will be held on Saturday 13th July 12-3pm at the Village Hall and help is requested for donations and volunteers to help cover stands on the day. Hopefully this will be a well-supported event raising lots of money for local causes.

Finally, farewell to Henry and Lydia Thompson after 5 years running our amazing village pub, The Nightjar. We look forward to welcoming the new owners when the pub reopens in July.

2 Open Public Forum

The member of the public raised the following matters:

The 2023/24 & 2024/25 donations for churchyard upkeep have not been received despite the PCC Treasurer emailing the clerk in January (to which he had had no reply). The clerk had not received any emails from the Treasurer and will check his spam folder. He will email the Treasurer and arrange for the donations to be on the next meeting’s agenda.

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The grips in Village Way have been cleared but there is no clear fall for the water. This item is on the agenda tonight.

Several parishioners have asked if the planning decisions could be minuted and in Topics as they are not widely published. Council agreed so to do.

3 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interests

Cllrs Thompson & Warren are both away. Council **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons given.

4 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of 1st May 2024. Cllr Banks abstained from the vote as she had not been able to attend the May meeting.

5 Report of the County and District Councillor

C&D Cllr Jess Bailey thanked the Council for emails thanking her for her work on the Potter’s planning.

He has attended the East Devon DC Strategic Planning meeting and reported that EDDC are still working on the supply of building land. If a 5-year-land supply can’t be found the current legal framework makes it easier for developers to build anywhere in the District. It is hoped that legal advice will be sought to clarify the requirement for a 5-year land supply in the Draft Local Plan when it is submitted for final approval.

There has been no discussion by the EDDC Strategic Planning Committee about the priorities for the sites that have been offered. C&D Cllr Bailey hopes that someone from the relevant Parish Councils will be invited to the working groups that will address the priorities.

Council raised the recent concerns about speeding on the B3180 raised by a parishioner. C&D Cllr Bailey confirmed that West Hill Parish Council has Vehicle-Activated Speed Signs and have been frustrated in attempts to engage Highways in improvements. She will write to Vision Zero to come and do some monitoring of speed at the location.

6 Planning & Consultations

6.1 [24/0908/PDQ](#) Barton Farm Conversion to 2 dwellings of agricultural building Council **RESOLVED** to support the application but hope that the planners will recognise the essential need for more parking than the allocated two spaces per property. Village Way is narrow and winding when used by large vehicles. There was a recent accident (26th May 2024) which required the Air Ambulance to attend a cyclist who collide with a large tractor & trailer. Whilst 2 spaces will probably suffice for the property owners the inevitable visitors and deliveries need additional parking.

6.2 [24/0215/VAR](#) Ford Oaks Solar Nature Variations to Conditions 2, 5, 9 & 13 Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

6.3 [East Devon Local Plan Consultation](#)
Councillors will check the details and make any comments to the clerk by 20th June for collation and submission.

6.4 DCT 2024 Learning Journey for Local Climate Adaptation
Council noted this item.

6.5 Lympstone Green Wedges & 6.6 DALC Annual Survey
No further action necessary on these items

6.7 Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Branson has completed the Census 2021 revisions and will shortly

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meet the EDDC Officer for advice on final changes prior to the next change.

7 Village Matters

7.1 The Nightjar - Asset of Community Value

Council understands that the property has been sold and that the new owners are keen to continue to run it as a pub. Council will not pursue registration as an ACV in the light of this information.

7.2 Parking Outside 3 Oakmead

Council is concerned about road safety, the recent accident and the damage to the hedge opposite number 3. Council asked the clerk to write a polite letter to the owner if they could park closer to their side of the lane and perhaps trim back their hedge to facilitate this.

7.3 Defib Pads

Council **RESOLVED** to buy two sets of pads, one immediately and one in 6 months to maximise the lifespan of the sets.

7.4 Drainage Grips on Village Way

Council asked Cllr Bailey to chase this matter with DCC.

8 Noticeboards Confirmation of Preferred Quote for new boards

Council asked the clerk to revise the quotes with no locks and with/without header board and photographs of the quoted items for the next meeting.

9 Finance

9.1 Current balances

Council **NOTED** the current balance of £ 11,319.48.
Current acct £ 5669.91 Other accts £ 4,941.60 & £ 707.97

9.2 Revised Financial Regulations 2024

Council asked Councillor Cooke to review the new model regulations.

9.3 Payments

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

9.3.1 Topics Donation for 2024-25		£	550.00
9.3.2 P Clapham Audit for 2023-24 (as per contract)		£	69.50
9.3.3 J P Roberts - clerk pay, (May)	£ 284.63		
Reimbursement for VH Internet Jurassic Fibre (May)	£ 17.50		
Reimbursement for Easter Eggs for ACE Hunt (2 receipts)	£ 47.00		
Reimbursement for pension payment (May)	£ 91.47	£	440.60
9.3.4 HMRC (clerk’s PAYE Income Tax for May)		£	68.00

10 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm thanking everyone for all their hard work.

Signed Date
Cllr A C Thompson, Chair