

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Aylesbeare Parish Council held in the Foxwell Room at Aylesbeare Village Hall on **Wednesday 5th March 2025** at 7:15pm.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Cllr Anna Thompson (Chair)
Cllr Tracie Cooke
Cllr Nick Warren

IN ATTENDANCE:

Three member of the public, C & D Cllr Jess Bailey
Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

1 Chair's remarks

Cllr Branson chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. He welcomed the 'Opening Soon' sign on the Nightjar and hopes this is positive news. The agenda includes this item and flooding which continues to be a problem. Cllr Branson welcomed the work on the stream and look forward to the return of the kingfishers.

2 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Thompson, Cooke and Warren could not attend due to other commitments. Council **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons given.

3 Declarations of Interests in items on the agenda

None

4 Open Public Forum

The first speaker discussed the planning application 7.2 below and explained that they had planted 2 trees and seeded the bank with a wildflower mix to attract bees and birds. They would check the previous shed application and ensure all necessary trees would be planted.

Solar panels could not be fitted as National Grid had advised there was no export capacity. They already have a 30kw solar panel system and would like to fit a 50kw system. The first speaker also mentioned the junction of Withen Lane and Village Way was really difficult to negotiate as visibility is seriously reduced by parked vehicles. Council has put stones and no parking signs to limit parking. The Cllrs will speak to anyone if they witness them parking obstructively.

The second speaker asked about the new noticeboards. These have been received, a contractor's quote accepted and the Council hopes that the installation will take place soon.

The second speaker also mentioned Topics which may cease production after April's issue. No editor has come forward.

5 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of 5th February 2025.

6 Report of the County and District Councillor

D & C Cllr Bailey reported the following:

The EDDC Local Plan is now out for Regulation 19 consultation and Council was urged to respond.

D & C Cllr Bailey reported that the Enforcement Officer at EDDC is insistent that the entrance to the Oaks is not new. The shipping containers on Oak Rd are temporary while works are being carried out

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on the house.

An Enforcement Notice will shortly be issued for the caravan at a different location. Oak Rd was suffering from water draining from a chalet style building which will also be investigated.

Local Government Reorganisation proposals which will mean the end of East Devon District Council need to be ready by 21st March and final plans signed-off in November.

7 Planning Applications & Consultations

7.1 [25/0235/FUL](#) Spring Cottage Village Way New Double Garage

Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

7.2 [25/0127/FUL](#) Rosmondford Farm New Cattle Shed

Council **RESOLVED** to support this application.

7.3 APP/U1105/W/25/3359850 Barton Farm Village Way Appeal: Barn Conversion

Council **RESOLVED** to advise the Inspector that they were surprised that this application was refused. The Parish Council had visited this brownfield site and seen the overall plan for the whole site (of which this is a part) and the scale, style, appearance and size of the development fits in well with the village.

7.4 East Devon Local Plan 30th March 2025

Council asked D & C/Cllr Bailey for advice on the best way to contribute. Cllr Branson pointed out the level of growth that Aylesbeare had seen in the last 5 years. Sixteen additional houses had been built on top of the original 102 properties. Aylesbeare has very few facilities with no shop and a very limited bus service. The clerk will collate individual Cllr responses which they will submit by 20th March.

7.5 East Devon Public Spaces Protection Orders 28th April 2025

Councillors will consider these orders and bring comments to April's meeting

8 Village Matters

8.1 The Nightjar

An 'Opening Soon' sign has been erected on the property and adverts have been seen online. Council is concerned that a meal will have to be bought before alcohol can be consumed, becoming a restaurant rather than a pub that serves food. Council did consider whether an ACV should still be submitted to ensure that the pub survives. Council hopes to meet the new owners and Cllr Branson will make enquiries.

8.2 Speedwatch

Cllr Owen advised that this is ongoing. Different sites for SpeedWatch sessions have been considered and permission will be needed to be gained for use of the grass opposite the Nightjar. The sites must have a pavement for observers' safety. Cllr Owen will actively recruit volunteers when she has suitable days off.

8.3 Aylesbeare Sewage Plant

Cllr Warren had submitted additional data on the overflows. South West Water have yet to reply regarding the use of the new attenuation. Council notes that fencing is still up at the site and contractors are attending most days. The clerk will update SWW with Cllr Warren's data.

8.4 Marwood Lane Flooding

Local landowners and farmers need to keep out the ditches clear. The Neighbourhood Highways Officer has been advised and D & C/Cllr Bailey will chase this up for the Council.

8.5 Noticeboards and Rec Work

The contractor's quote has been accepted, the equipment has arrived and Cllr Warren will update at the next meeting.

8.6 Village Hall Report

Council **NOTED** the report concerning dry rot, wet rot and woodworm that will need approximately £5,000 of work.

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9 Finance

9.1 Current balances

Council **NOTED** the current balance of **£ 13,526.21** (£6,816.15, £4,994.49 & £715.57)

9.2 Payments

Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments

9.2.1 Council for the Protection of Rural England Membership		£ 60.00
9.2.2 J P Roberts - clerk pay for February	£ 296.91	
Reimbursement for VH Internet Jurassic Fibre (Feb)	£ 17.50	
Reimbursement for pension payment (Feb)	£ 95.96	£ 410.37
9.2.2 HMRC - clerk's PAYE for February		£ 71.20

10 Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd April 2025

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm thanking everyone for their attendance and hard work.

Signed Date

Cllr A Thompson, Chair