

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Additional Information for 10th January 2024

- 1 **Chair's remarks** Opening welcome from the Chairman.
- 2 **Open Public Forum**
- 3 **Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interests**
- 4 **Minutes** Council to approve the minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2023.
- 5 **Report of the County and District Councillor**
- 6 **Planning & Consultations**
 - 6.1 **23/2572/FUL Livermore Farm** Reinstatement of Window
 - 6.2 **23/2382/FUL Great Houndbeare Farm** Mobile home and stable for chickens & ducks
 - 6.3 **23/2571/FUL Mattocks** Changes to garden building

6.4 Peninsula Transport Draft Strategy Consultation incl webinars – deadline 5th February
Peninsula Transport, the sub-national transport body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay councils, have opened a public consultation on its draft transport strategy.

The strategy will be used to guide regional transport investment decisions through to 2050. It sets out four outcomes and a route map to achieving a strategic transport network that works for everyone – from businesses to communities and visitors.

Please find attached a briefing setting out more details on the strategy as well as the planned webinars. The strategy document is available on our website: <https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/peninsula-transport-strategy-consultation/>

Please register your interest for any of our free webinars using our webinar form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ffKrgK1mYq>

- 16 January 10:00 – 11:30
- 18 January 12:00 – 13:30
- 24 January 18:00 – 19:30

- 7 **Aylesbeare Local Emergency Response Team** Meeting & East Devon Resilience Network

8 **Village Items**

8.1 **Letter Box**

Letter to Simon Jupp
MP from Royal Mail
(10th November)

As mentioned in my letter dated 28 August, I spoke with the Collections Customer Operations Manager. He explained that due to human error, the original request for the installation process was not completed by one of his team. I would like to assure you that the request was processed on 8 August. I am sorry for the concern caused.

We will endeavour to install the postbox within 12-16 weeks, we are currently 13 weeks into the process. Where work involves excavation of the ground, we must however ensure compliance with the Streetworks Act of 1991 and Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. This means the gathering of relevant information from various third parties over which Royal Mail have no authority to influence the time taken for them to respond.

I am sorry this is taking longer that we would like. We are currently waiting for a CAT scan to take place. When this is completed, a request for a Works Licence Agreement will be applied for. Following this the postbox will be installed. I will of course keep you updated.

8.3 Sewage Works Capacity

From Simon Jupp MP to the Chairman

Further to the below, South West Water have finally – after some chasing on my part – sent me the following information:

“Thank you again for your email on behalf of Mr. Nick Warren regarding Aylesbeare sewage Treatment Works. Please accept our deepest apologies for the delay in responding.

“I can confirm that the figures that Mr. Warren have quoted are correct – they have come from our published EDM return.

“I can also confirm that we are planning for additional storm storage for this site, which will help reduce spill numbers. The delivery date for March 2024 and we hope that this will not only help reduce spills, but will also ensure that there is capacity to meet future infrastructure needs in the area.”

I find their delay to respond to this fairly simple query quite unbelievable. But it is nonetheless encouraging that they appear to be acting to reduce spill numbers at this site.

9 Budget 2024/25 Incl. setting the precept for 2024/25 (deadline 17th Jan) and finance for noticeboards, bench moving, playground stiles & gate and NJC Pay Agreement 2023

Email from SUEZ 20th December 2023

I work for Suez in East Devon, we are the waste contractor that work with East Devon to collect all of the household waste and recycling in the district. We also collect industrial and commercial waste across the UK. I have emailed you as you are within the area eligible for Suez's Community fund. I am not sure how many people have heard of it so I thought it would be worth sending out an email to each of the parish councils in the eligible area. A funding zone is anywhere within a two and a half mile radius of a qualifying SUEZ recycling and recovery UK waste processing location. The SUEZ Communities Fund for England uses money provided by SUEZ to help to fund community projects however, projects are not 100% funded, they still need a contributing third party payment, there is more information about this on the link below.

I have put a link to the community trust fund information page but it basically helps to fund community projects that deliver capital improvements to public amenities e.g village hall improvements, nature reserves and conservation, sports fields and play areas, community centres.. I have also put a link to the grants which have been awarded over the past year so that you can see some examples and the amounts of money that were awarded for each project.

Email from a resident 26th Dec

Thank you to all for endeavouring to see this project through to completion.

Over Christmas and Boxing Day our families ventured down to the park to burn off energy between the festivities. Recent additions to the park were much welcomed and enjoyed.

A question by all in attendance was the quality of finish towards matting surrounding the new equipment. Large pools of water accumulated throughout due to the uneven landscaping. I recognise that recent adverse weather may have contributed, and completing works during this time was likely not optimal. Despite this, the quality of the finished works looks poor and detracts from the purpose of this community investment.

Please could I ask you as Parish Councillors to review the quality of the landscaping around the equipment to ensure both a quality and safe finish has been obtained. Without this there appears to be an increased risk of injury for families using the park, and without signs indicating 'use at own risk', there would presumably be a legal case for negligence against the PC for poor maintenance of equipment if injury occurred. I certainly view the investment in the play park as a positive action, and hope a quick resolution is achievable via basic aftercare from the installing company.

11 Finance

11.1 Current balances Current acct £ 14,854.19 Other accts £ 4,911.87 + £ 703.71 **£ 20,469.77**

11.2 Payments To consider the following payments:

11.2.1 J P Roberts - clerk pay, (Dec)	£ 264.86	
Reimbursement for Pension Fund payment (Dec)	£ 84.35	
Reimbursement for VH Internet Jurassic Fibre (Dec)	£ 17.50	
Reimbursement for postage stamps	£ 12.00	£ 378.71
11.2.2 HMRC (clerk's PAYE Income Tax for Dec)		£ 63.20

12 Next Meeting Wednesday 7th February 2024

This agenda, and additional background information, can be viewed on the Aylesbeare Parish Council website www.aylesbeareparishcouncil.co.uk