

## AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the Aylesbeare Parish Council Meeting to be held at the Village Hall EX5 2BS on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:15pm**. The business to be transacted is set out in the agenda below.

*Jim Roberts*

J P Roberts, Clerk to the Council

### AGENDA

**1 Chair's remarks** Opening welcome from the Chairman.

**Written report submitted:**

Apologies for my absence due to work commitments and thank you to Vice Chair Mark Branson for chairing the meeting.

Thanks to members of the public and councillors for attending.

The weather continues to cause some challenges including a road closure and power lines down in Rosamondford after a tree fell, issues caused by rainwater running off the land at Barton Farm and ongoing problems with maintenance to the ditches by Marwood Lane.

The church will be running the Christmas window festival again this year and the PC will be taking part.

The Save our Church group is continuing to meet and raise funds for the very necessary repairs. Thanks to everyone for their fundraising efforts. The next meeting is tomorrow, Thursday 7th November at 7pm at the church.

Sadly the Nightjar remains closed and is much missed. We hope that progress in the sale is made soon so this very valuable community hub can re-open.

Many residents have expressed interest in registering the pub as a community asset and this is an agenda item for tonight's meeting.

**2 Open Public Forum**

**3 Apologies for Absence**

**4 Declarations of Interests in items on the agenda**

**5 Minutes** Council to approve minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

**6 Report of the County and District Councillor**

**7 Planning & Consultations**

**7.1 Decision - Prior Approval Refused [24/1836/PDQ](#) Barton Farm, Village Way**

**7.2 Applications**

**7.2.1 [24/2100/VAR](#) The Oaks EX5 2DE Variations to 24/1485/FUL**

**CIlr comments:**

No objections

### **7.2.2 [24/2212/AGR](#) The Oaks EX5 2DE Steel Frame building for storage of hay etc**

#### **CIlr comments:**

There is now 2 applications for barns.

The first is 24/1925/AGR and the second 24/2212/AG

For exactly the same building but adjacent to Oak Road but not shown on this plan.

EDDC on 14th October decided that this needed planning permission.

Why do they require 2 such stores?

No access roads are shown for deliveries?

Whilst not objecting we should comment, as 2 such stores could be used for commercial purposes? per the original grant of planning permission for a riding school 76/C1295 clause 5. " shall not be used for commercial purposes whatsoever".

### **7.2.3 [24/1361/ADV](#) Hidden Oak Equine And Country EX5 2JP New Signage**

## **7.3 Consultations**

### **7.3.1 Draft [Devon & Torbay Local Transport Plan](#) Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### **7.3.2 [Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\)](#) Deadline 30 Nov**

### **7.3.4 Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue [Precept Consultation](#) Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**

Email received 16<sup>th</sup> October:

Every year we ask our communities and businesses about the level of precept (council tax contribution) for the fire and rescue service. This consultation is open now until midday on 26 November.

We would like to hear from as many people as possible across Devon and Somerset to better understand our residents' views. Please can you complete the [online survey](#) and share this with your networks. Should you or anyone else be unable to complete this online please call 01392 872354 and leave a message with your name and number. Please see attached a poster for you to display if there are any appropriate places, or please include in any timely newsletters you may have. We will also be posting on our social media accounts so please share if you are able to.

### **7.3.5 East Devon National Landscape (previously AONB) New Partnership Plan**

Email received 23<sup>rd</sup> October

As you may already be aware, we are in the process of preparing a new Partnership Plan (also known as the Management Plan) for the Landscape. As part of this process, we are wanting to engage a range of stakeholders during the consultation phase to understand the needs and wants of local communities within the area, so that we can best reflect those in the priorities for the new Plan period (2025-2030).

It would be extremely helpful if you could give some of your time to consult with us on what you feel the priorities are for the next 5 years within East Devon National Landscape. We are wanting to arrange a 1-2 hour workshop (refreshment provided) with the town and parish councils, where we will quickly run through the most recent draft of the Partnership Plan, update you on some new key drivers coming

from government and then open the floor to hear your own comments and priorities. Your feedback will directly go towards drafting the Partnership Plan. We are looking to pencil the workshop in for some time the w/c 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. If this is of interest to you, for now could you please indicate your willingness to attend and any dates that would suit you best during those weeks. We will then seek a date that the majority can make and pencil it in for then.

### 7.3.6 Lymstone Parish Council Correspondence re. East Devon Local Plan Email circulated to Cllrs on 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## 8 Village Matters

### 8.1 Registering the Nightjar as an Asset of Community Value

#### Email from a Parishioner:

Some of the residents of Aylesbeare have looked into the process of nominating an asset of community value. It is our understanding that the Parish Council are also looking to prepare an application.

The following residents of Aylesbeare would be in support of nominating the Nightjar Inn as an asset of community value: [*List of 44 names provided*]

### 8.2 Church Close Drainage from the Building Site

#### Email from the Chair following a site visit:

He showed us the pathway that runs along the bottom of the land parcel owned by Clinton and the farm above where [*the builder*] is converting the barns and building the new houses. A lot of demolition work and site clearance has taken place with large heaps of hardcore created. There appears to be an historic land drain that runs from the farm down to the pathway, exiting through a bank opposite [*resident's*] fence and relatively newly built garage. In heavy rain events, muddy water is running down this drain, in much greater quantities than previously, causing water to run against [*the*] fence and then along the pathway, round to the alleyway then into the top corner of Church Close, affecting a neighbour's shed and apparently bypassing various surface water gullies.

We agreed that it is apparent that the building work has exacerbated the run off although the cause is not clear. Without camera surveys of the land drain and surface water drains it is not possible to establish what has happened to increase this volume of water although it is possible that previous blockages in the land drain have been cleared by vibration or disturbance of the ground. We advised that the PC has no jurisdiction in this matter but would write to [*the builder*] and Clinton Devon to advise them of the issues being experienced by parishioners and asking for them to investigate, confirm what is being done to attenuate the rainwater and possibly divert the flow via a new ditch to discharge towards the existing ditch and brook, away from the buildings in Church Close.



### 8.3 Marwood Road Drainage

#### Email from a Parishioner to County & District Cllr:

You will no doubt recall our meeting and discussions about this road and the water running down it.

I am afraid nothing appears to have been done and this autumn matters are worse than ever, with water coming out of the ditch on the north side of the lane as this now seems to be blocked.

In practice therefore all the water coming into the lane from the village down to here is just running down the road.

To compound this the farmers and contractors coming in and out of the fields between here and Shutebridge have damaged or destroyed the drainage beside the road so that isn't working either. and the damage to the edge of the road is unbelievable.

I would expect that this damage will be paid for by those who are responsible for it.


### 8.4 Play Area improvements

#### Work identified for the Rec

The 2 styles in the play area fence to replace.

1 Of which is considered a moderate risk in the 2024 playground report

12 - Moderate Risk	
<b>Item:</b>	Stile
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Not Identified
<b>Surface Type:</b>	Grass
<b>Item Quantity:</b>	2
<b>Equipment Compliance:</b>	N/A
<b>Surface Area Compliance:</b>	N/A
<b>Total Findings:</b>	3



<b>Finding 1</b>	<b>Finding 2</b>
One step is out of plumb - Reset the step	Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges
<b>Finding 3</b>	
There are a number of posts rotted at ground level - Replace the affected posts	

replacing the gate on the entrance to the main field by the 5 bar gate. This has corroded

turning the bench to look up the hill that is close to the entrance from Village way?

Also paint the wooden bench in the play area

### 8.5 Donation to Topics Newsletter

#### Email from the Topics Editor:

Can I ask for £500 which should get me to Easter, after which if no one comes forward then, and with a heavy heart, I'll close Topics down! We've about 4 adverts in Topics for various volunteer jobs in the village, which haven't been filled – I don't understand it! I shall keep my optimistic head on my shoulders and live in hope.

## 8.6 Website Security and .gov.uk Domain

Email from our website hosts:

### Secure your site with our SSL Offer

In the spirit of Halloween, we're offering a limited-time discount on SSL certificates to help councils protect their websites without breaking the bank. We're waiving our usual £75 setup fee so you can secure your site for only £50 per year. With data security being top-of-mind for councils and communities alike, this offer makes it easy to keep sensitive information safe while building trust with your residents. Click here to learn how to start with SSL today and keep your site secure against cyber 'ghouls'!

[You can find more about the offer here.](#)

## 9 Finance

### 9.1 Current balance £ 16,330.41 (1<sup>st</sup> October 2024)

### 9.2 National Pay Review 2024/25

National Pay Agreement (see DALC Newsletter #50)

### 9.3 Half-year Review of Budget

AYLESBEARE PARISH COUNCIL -- 2024-25 -- Budget Review					
	Budget	Qtr 2 YTD	Qtr 3 YTD	FYF	
Pay, Tax & Pension		£ 3,115	£ -	£ 6,635	
Mileages		£ 61	£ -	£ 120	
Other Expenses		£ -			
<b>Staff Costs Total</b>	<b>£ 6,850</b>	<b>£ 3,176</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 6,755</b>	
Village Hall Broadband	£ 240	£ 123	£ -	£ 246	
Donations	£ 1,300	£ 1,400	£ -	£ 1,900	
Subs	£ 210	£ 281	£ -	£ 281	
Playing Field	£ 1,000	£ 177	£ -	£ 1,000	
Insurance	£ 550	£ 827	£ -	£ 827	
Training Courses	£ 250	£ -	£ -	£ 250	
Cllr & Clerk Expenses	£ 20	£ -	£ -	£ 20	
Stationery & Postage	£ 100	£ 22	£ -	£ 100	
Rents	£ 150	£ -	£ -	£ 150	
Website & Email Hosting	£ 250	£ 216	£ -	£ 300	
Grounds Maintenance	£ 3,500	£ 3,153	£ -	£ 3,700	
Audit	£ 85	£ 70	£ -	£ 70	
Defib	£ 95	£ -	£ -	£ 80	
Software Subs	£ 10	£ 7	£ -	£ 7	
Elections	£ 300	£ -		£ 300	
<b>Non-staff Costs Total</b>	<b>£ 8,060</b>	<b>£ 6,275</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 9,231</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 14,910</b>	<b>£ 9,451</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 15,986</b>	

Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend this meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)  
(2). There are no items of a confidential & contractual nature for discussion under Part B (exclusion of press and public) at this meeting.

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Finance for 2024-25 to date

**9.4 Payments** To consider the following payments:

<b>9.4.1 Gordon Ellis &amp; Co. Ltd</b> New noticeboards		<b>£ 1,545.91</b>
<b>9.4.2 J P Roberts</b> - clerk pay for October	£ 284.43	
Reimbrsmnt for VH Internet Jurassic Fibre (Oct)	£ 17.50	
Reimbrsmnt for pension payment (Oct)	£ 91.47	<b>£ 393.40</b>
<b>9.4.2 HMRC</b> (clerk's PAYE for October)		<b>£ 68.20</b>

**10 Next Meeting** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024