

EAST ALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th July 2023.

The meeting was preceded by the Forum attended by 11 Parishioners. The Orchard was overgrown and Andrew Northrop explained that there was work planting a hedge and rewilding seeding with wild flowers and a track to be mown for walking through. There were offers of help and a strimming course was being undertaken.

There was no news yet on the Planning Application from Placelands.

The continuing problems with anti social behaviour despite Police and SHDC issuing ASBO's, in fact they had worsened.

Chairman thanked all for their attendance. The meeting was then opened and the Chairman wished to make a statement.

'I have been a Parish Councillor for close to 40 years, I started at the bottom and listened to my elders. Over the years we became a family all working together for East Allington Parish, having a laid back attitude to get things done all with different ideas and opinions.

Never in all that time have I heard that so many Parish Councillors are thinking of handing in their resignations over the constant aggressive attitude and demanding e-mails being sent.

Things will have to change or we will not be able to function as a Council. If you wish for this statement to be minuted I will provide the Clerk with a copy.'

I was proposed by Cllr. Flack seconded by Cllr Northrop that this be minuted and carried with Cllr. Toorneini abstaining.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Soper, Cllr. Hannaford, Cllr. Flack, Cllr. Northrop, Cllr. Toorneini, Cllr. Ms McCoy. Also in attendance D.C. Cllr Brazil.

30/7 23 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Wotton and D.Cllr. Ms Lawford.

31/7 23 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Agreed.

32/7 23 MATTERS ARISING: John Ward of SHDC re anti social behaviour. His contact number has been in the magazine but will be put in again. He had been asked to help write a leaflet outlining his position and responsibilities had been requested by the Clerk twice but he had not responded. Cllr. Toorneini had she says asked for the full transcript of his letter in April to be P7 23/24

made public

33/7 23 CORRESPONDENCE; Circulated. Coleridge Bus AGM invite. Cllr. Toorneini was interested in this matter and its service in the village.

34/7 23 2290/23/PDM Michael Turner Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling house (class C3) & for associated development (Class Q (a plus b)) Cross Farm. Cllr. Hannaford declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. Council considered the plans and were concerned as the footprint of the original building and the proposed differed significantly, and did not support.

Mr & Mrs Bulbulian 1333/23/FUL Application for erection of permanent chalet style dwelling to be used as full and holiday use occupation, Barnston Farm, Cllrs. Flack and Cllr. Ms McCoy had both declared interest and therefore the Council was inquorate so no comment.

Mr. & Mrs. T. Gilbert 2069/23/FUL Erection of Agricultural building, Coles Cross. Cllr. McCoy dec. interest and left the room. No objection unanimous.

1856/23/FUL Matthew Clayden replacement of approved Class Q dwelling with new dwelling and associated landscaping. Due to the increased size and straying from the footprint of the existing building recommend refusal.

35/7 23 REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR. BRAZIL: County finance problems with £150 million shortfall. Childrens services improved. Peer review of Adult Services pre-cursor to health check. Slapton Line discussions re armour along line, change of designation. No information yet on the moving of the Monument.

At this point D.C. Cllr Brazil left for another meeting.

36/7 23 REPORT FROM PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The annual show entry forms were out and all preparations were in hand. It is hoped that there would be a good entry for the 12th August. Further investigation on a new lock for the hall was being done so that the Hall could be used as a Police Hub.

37/7 23 REPORT FROM RECREATION AREA; Major changes to the area and upgrading will be considered and we have £5000 106 contribution for the recreation area but we await the outcome of the present planning application which may alter any plans. P8 23/24

38/7 23 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP: The Shop Manager has left and it has been necessary to overhaul much with the help and assistance of a voluntary temporary Manager Hilary Bloomfield, overhaul of stock, restocking, accounts put in order, debtors list compiled, write-offs of debts have all been necessary. The accounts will be submitted to an Auditor and when the loss of stock (out of date) and all other matters are sorted they will be presented to a public meeting. There was no material change to the report except that income was up.

38/7 23 REPORT RE SSH AND TREE WARDENS: Cllr. Northrop and David Hogarth have done the strimming course. There are an expanding number of S.S.H Groups.

39/7 23 ACCOUNTS: Current £12265. Deposit re Allotments £14765. (£15000.paid from monies from Broadway less £300 paid to allotment Ass. For skip hire for clearance, plus interest paid monthly from bank.

41/7 23 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022/2023 Had been in-house audited by Morgan Accountants, Kingsbridge and found to be in order. Cllr. Toorneini had questions together with Cllr. Hannaford and queried in particular the Clerks expenses and wished for them to be itemised. Cllr. Toorneini It was explained that the £78 per month covered wi-fi, paper and consumables and use of home as office. This was not satisfactory for Cllr.Toorneini and Cllr. Hannaford, and Clerk referred them to the Auditor Caroline Porter for explanation of the way items were broken down in particular the £1600 miscellaneous. There was some other items that were clearly shown as debts incurred because of problems with the Hall banking facility and loans made to the shop which will be repaid but are clearly shown. Cllr. McCoy was distressed by the way in which some questions were put and left the meeting. The Council then deferred the signing off of the accounts. The Clerk had explained that she had requested and been granted until the 31st July to submit the accounts but she had not sent out the copies before the meeting and this will be done in future.

40/7 23 PAYMENTS: j. Turrell, sal. & Exp. July/Aug. £600; N. Culhane, Highway Consultant £1500; BT £52.46; Zurich Insurance £309.12; (£824.12. Temp Loan Hall Ins.)

The meeting then broke up.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. P9 2023/24