

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 19th June at 7.30pm with 9 members of the public present.

General chat with no particular items isolated for further discussion by Council at a later date. Reports received from the Village Fete Committee, the Parish Hall Committee, the Football Club.

Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th June 2024, 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr. Soper (Chairman); Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Toorneini; Cllr. Hogarth; 9 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Locum Clerk).

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes. (Standing Orders 3e and 3f).

Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. McCoy. Cllr. Wotton. Apologies accepted. County Cllr. Brazil & District Cllr. Lawford.

3) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at South Hams District Council within 28 days of the change. None declared.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information only) no report.

5) District and County Councillor Reports (for information only) None received due to forthcoming election.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Footpaths – parish lane footbridge; Cllr. Hannaford to report. Parish Lane crossing the stream is a ford and a footbridge. The bridge is now unusable as the timbers are rotten – it has been taped off. This is the responsibility of Highways and P3. Clerk to action. July agenda.

8) Playground – the recent report on the safety of play equipment has been circulated prior to this meeting. To consider actions and associated expenditure. Standing orders suspended.

Phil Chisolm reported that the fencing has been done. See saw is fixed but still vulnerable to being broken again. The basketball hoop has been damaged again and is now bent. Vandalism is a difficult situation to fix. Fittings for the cargo nets have arrived – the fort is coming down on its own and should be removed. Standing orders resumed.

Cllr. Toorneini suggested that the items requiring repairs can be worked through – to get a group of people together to help. Council resolved to have the fort removed. All agreed by show of hands. Phil Chisholm will action this.

9) Container (formerly the shop) – to receive an update on the removal of the container. No update received.

10) Budgets – Council to note that no budget was created for Parish Hall Hire in the 2024/2025 workings. There is hall hire to be paid so these monies will need to come out of the miscellaneous budget. As will the back invoices relating to hall hire for April 2022 to March 2024. There is also the matter of the monthly charge to provide internet access to the parish hall paid by Council. To discuss and agree actions. The budget for hall hire will be created in the autumn for 2025/2026. Cllr. Toorneini considers that the wifi in the hall should be used by all who attend the hall.

11) PLANNING

Planning Applications - South Hams District Council has asked for observations from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- i. 0002/24/FUL change of use to a holiday static caravan park, ancillary infrastructure & landscaping, Mounts Farm Touring Park, The Mounts, East Allington.
In principle Council support this application but express concerns about light pollution from this geographically elevated site. Light spill should be closely controlled.
- ii. 1200/24/VAR Retrospective permission for implementation in part of development permitted under application 19/1931/06/F (conversion of barns to 5 dwellings) without compliance with conditions 2, 9 and 10 of that permission, including works to roof and insertion of roof lights over units 2, 3 and 4.
No comment

Planning Decisions

- i. 0943/24/HHO Replacement of render cladding to first floor with natural timber weatherboarding cladding, Primrose Cottage, East Allington
APPROVED

12) FINANCE

Expenditure	Outstanding hall hire invoices	£550.00	BACs
	Parish Hall – room hire April & May	£50.00	BACs
	Locum Clerk expenses May	£364.50	BACs

Income	Sale of shop freezer	£100.00	BACs
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Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information – not yet available for 31st May.

Council resolved to accept the payments list as above. Proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all in favour by show of hands.

13) Code of Conduct – Council resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct circulated prior to this meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Soper, all in favour by show of hands.

14) Financial Regulations – Council resolved to adopt the new financial regulations without any amendments. Proposed by Cllr. Soper, all agreed by show of hands.

15) Defibrillator training – to consider setting up some first aid training for the parish. Cllr. Toorneini has suggested a trainer who can run defib and emergency training, possibly Thursday evening. Cllr. Toorneini proposed the trainer's expenses be paid and to offer the training for free to parishioners. All agreed by show of hands.

16) Clerk's report

- a) VAT claim submitted to HMRC covering the year's 2022 to 2024 for £3,289.07.

- b) The external auditor has accepted the Exemption Certificate and no further actions will be taken from them in this financial year.
- c) Electoral register – requested an up to date copy but no response to date.
- d) July meeting – insurance £10K – asset register £39K.

PART II

Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960.
Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.

17) Employment of a Clerk/RFO – to consider the offer extended to and accepted by Penny Clapham for the position of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to East Allington Parish Council.

Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on 17th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Meeting closed at 9.22pm

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Date.....

Email Circulation

DALC Bulletin (sent 22/05)

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