

Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr.. Soper (Chairman); Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Toorneini; Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Wotton; County Cllr. Brazil; District Cllr. Lawford; 12 members of the public; Penny Clapham (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.

Parishioner about the major water leak at Addlehole, East Allington which has been going on for 6 years now. Clerk will be supplied with the complaint number and some photographs in order to take this forward.

2) Apologies For Absence: None received.

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)

Cllr. Soper mentioned that council are a councillor short and it would be good to fill the space.

5) District and County Councillor Reports (for information only)

District Cllr. Lawford mentioned the household support fund now available until 30th September. Can go through the website or contact herself or Cllr. Brazil. Cllr. Lawford would like to donate £500 to the football club as a grant from her locality fund. There is free decarbonisation support for local businesses. County Cllr. Brazil - South Hams Festival is going to happen 12-22 June 2025 – to involve parishes as well as the towns. Particularly interested in getting parishes involved so that the festival can be as wide and inclusive as possible. This will be a real opportunity to support the tourism industry and arts/crafts. Cllr. Brazil considers that the devolution deal for Devon should include Plymouth. Mentioned that the Slapton Ley partnership requires some working on at present.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Audit reports and Action Plan – action plan on the Internal Audit Report attached to this agenda. Council resolved that these actions are sufficient to address the issues raised in both the Internal Audit report and the Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2024. Proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all agreed by show of hands.

8) Open Spaces –

- i. Clearance of the orchard – Cllr. Hannaford to report. Confirmed to Martin Weeks to continue working his areas. However, the Orchard requires brush cutting to clear exceptionally long grass and brambles removed from the suds area. Suggest approaching contractors/landscape gardeners for some quotes in order to do the work beginning of September.

- ii. Repairs to play equipment as identified in the recent checks – circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting. Cllr. Hogarth reported that the fort has been removed for safety reasons, the seesaw is back in action, the climbing nets repaired. Still working through the list with Phil Chisolm. Both were thanked for their work by the Chairman.

9) Bus stop – to consider a new bus stop for the TallyHo 164 route.

Standing orders suspended for Cllr. Brazil –

There have been requests/considerations for a new bus stop on the main road.

Cllr. Hannaford considers this to be a great idea for the bus stop so long as this does not affect those that currently come through the village.

Standing orders resumed.

10) Grant application – an application has been received from East Allington UTD FC for £1000 to assist with replacement changing rooms. Circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting for information.

Cllr. Wotton proposed £350 as a grant, thus leaving some in the current budget. All in favour by show of hands.

County & District Councillors' both left at 7.55pm.

11) PLANNING

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

- i. 1889/24/FUL Roofing over concrete cattle feeding area, Rimpstone Farm, East Allington.
NO OBJECTION
- ii. 1912/24/FUL Permanent occupational/rural worker's dwelling, package treatment plant and soakaway. Land at Sx780 469 East Allington
Standing orders suspended for the agent to speak.
Standing orders resumed.
SUPPORTED. Council support this application as a growing countryside business.
- iii. 2044/24/TEC Technical details approval for 2 new dwellings, associated landscaping, following approval of PIP (0005/22/PIP), land at Sx769 482, East Allington.
Standing orders suspended for applicants to comment.
Standing orders resumed.
NO OBJECTION

Planning Decisions None

12) FINANCE

Expenditure	R. Soper & Sons – play area repairs	£612.66	BACs
	Locum Clerk – expenses June	£503.25	BACs
	S. Hams – payroll service April-June 24	£30.00	BACs
	Parish Magazine Printing	£228.01	BACs
	P. Chisholm – play repairs	£90.00	BACs
	Employment July	£323.20	BACs
	Parish Hall – room hire June & July	£50.00	BACs
	Weeks – April to 30 th June 2024	£568.50	BACs

Income VAT refund 22/23 & 23/24 £3289.07

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information

Council resolved to accept the accounts as listed above. Proposed by Cllr. Soper, all in favour by show of hands.

13) Credit/debit cards – Should items be bought by councillors for the Council by personal debit/credit cards they can be reimbursed. However VAT cannot be reclaimed by the Council. Therefore it is best if all purchase requests come through the Clerk. Noted.

14) Policies – to resolve to accept the policies listed below. Resolved to accept as listed.

- i. Scheme of Delegation Policy
- ii. Inventory of Data Schedule
- iii. Planning Policy (to publish planning applications on the website.)

15) Council Archive Storage – to consider where best to create archive storage for the Parish Council. To consider requesting space for a locked cabinet within the Parish Hall. Cllr. Hogarth will look into this and report back to Council.

16) Clerk's report

- i. Attended the Cornwall/Devon branch training meeting of the SLCC 26th June. Items discussed included insurance, procurement, elections and audits.
- ii. Highways forum being attended 18th July.

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

Cllr. Wotton reported the dismantling of village shop 2nd August by the builder

Cllr Hannaford reported on a village walkabout which identified the bins/tyres/other items could go in the same skip as the village shop bits.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Future meetings are 16th October & 13th November. No meeting in December.

Email Circulation

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