

Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th September 2024, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr. Soper (Chairman); Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Hannaford; 6 members of the public; County /Cllr. Brazil; District Cllr. Lawford; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

A1) CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL – Application for co-option to Council has been received from Geraldine Weeks. Resolved to co-opt Mrs. Weeks to Council, proposed by Cllr. Soper, all in favour by show of hands. The appropriate forms were signed and Cllr. Weeks joined the meeting.

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 with regard to damage to a parked car by the bus shelter – is it possible to check the CCTV. Cllr. Wotton will be asked if this is possible.

Parishioner reported that a young person is riding an electric bike trials type through the recreation park and on the road. Cllr. Lawford can report this to S Hams for antisocial behaviour. There is a hedge that needs cutting back; a hand held trimmer is required as a tractor cannot get into this particular area. Could be the responsibility of Highways.

Parishioner about the now dry 'leak' in Addlehole, thanks to everyone involved in getting this sorted out.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Toorneini. Cllr. Wotton. Cllr. McCoy – apologies accepted for the reasons given.

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. Cllr. Hogarth and Cllr. Hannaford for agenda item 7.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information only) Recently visited and informed that a child cut himself on glass in the recreation ground – the glass was picked up. The hole underneath the shelter in the recreation ground has been dug out.

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

District Cllr. Lawford – reported very little with no updates.

County Cllr. Brazil reported on the updated planning policy framework. From building 350 homes a year to over 850 homes a year as an uplift from central Government. A 5 year land supply is also being requested by Government. A new planning policy framework will be published probably by the end of this year.

From April 2025 the district will be charging double council tax on second homes, these monies to be ring-fenced for housing in the local area; however Devon County have not yet agreed their side of this bargain. Slapton Ley mentioned. South Hams Festival for 2025 and hopefully to be continued every year thereafter. Left at 8.01pm

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Grant – An application for a grant for £500 has been received from the PCC of East Allington. For discussion and action. Postponed to October due to lack of quorum for voting purposes.

8) South Hams Festival – updated email circulated 22nd August. To discuss and to resolve actions and associated expenditure. Cllr. Hannaford reported on the suggestion to support the festival, parishes contribute £500 towards costs. The reasons for this requested financial support are not clear. More information on what value each parish will get for their contributed £500, apart from the opening ceremony, is to be requested. Cllr. Hannaford considers this to be poorly put together and Council would like a clearer idea of what is being offered in exchange for any financial contribution. Clerk to action.

9) Former Allotment Site – to consider whether to make an offer for the former allotment site with a view to purchase. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Councillors resolved to make an offer to purchase, proposed by Cllr. Hannaford. Cllr. Soper proposed that Council express an interest in purchasing the former allotment site (off Lister Way) to Rose Rentals. Cllr. Hannaford's motion withdrawn. Cllr. Soper's motions put forward, all in favour by show of hands.

10) Open Spaces –

- i. Clearance of the Orchard; to consider quotes received for these works (see below Part II) One quote received for £1150 – Resolved to proceed with this quote, proposed by Cllr Soper, all in favour by show of hands.
- ii. Update on the repairs required at the playground. To ask Phil Chisholm if he can help and Cllr. Hogarth will assist. Clerk to email list of repairs to Phil Chisolm and Cllr. Hogarth.
- iii. Hedge cutting both inside and outside the playground. The outside is done by the Luscombe family. The inside has not been touched for years. Cllr. Weeks will action.
- iv. Parish Lane footbridge – to receive an update. Cllr. Hannaford reported that Jon Boyd P3 has been informed; details sent to 'team' with the results by the 20th September.

11) PLANNING

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

- i. 2218/24/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing residential garden, Fallapit Barton, East Allington. Evidence requested. **Certified 23/08**
- ii. 2116/24/FUL Retrospective application for retention of agricultural worker's dwelling (previously approved under 2367/18/FUL), building at sx 762 499 East Allington.
SUPPORTED
- iii. 2117/24/FUL Change of use of agricultural shed to commercial use (B2 or B8) (retrospective), Barn at sx 761 499 East Allington.
NO COMMENT

Planning Decisions

- i. 2044/24/TEC Technical details approval for 2 new dwellings and associated landscaping, following approval of PIP (0005/22/PIP) land at SX 769 482, East Allington.
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Appeal Decision APP/K1128/W/23/3332491 Site off Lister Way, Dartmouth Road, East Allington.
DISMISSED

12) FINANCE

Expenditure	Employment August	£323.20	BACs
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Employment September	£323.20	BACs
HMRC Q2	£242.40	BACs
South Hams – insurance/fees for play areas	£282.00	BACs
Clerk – office projector	£339.99	BACs
Grant to Football Club not paid August	£350.00	BACs
Refund to Clerk for computer purchase	£339.96	BACs

Income

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information – Lloyds Bank has now been closed – there is a current discrepancy between the accounts and the bank statements of £51.16.

Council resolved to accept the accounts as listed above. Proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all agreed by show of hands.

13) Policies – Council to consider and resolve to adopt the following policies.

- i. Absence & Sickness Policy
- ii. Bullying & Harassment Policy
- iii. Grievance Policy
- iv. Health & Safety Policy
- v. Disciplinary Policy
- vi. Training Policy

Council resolved to adopt the policies listed above. Proposed by Cllr. Soper, all agreed by show of hands.

14) ASUS Computer – Council to consider what to do with the previous Council computer, a small ASUS.

Also to consider reimbursing the Clerk for the purchase of the HP laptop at a cost of £283.31 + VAT.

Resolved to purchase the HP laptop. Proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all agreed.

15) Archive Storage – Cllr. Hogarth to report on the feasibility of storage within the Parish Hall. Ongoing October agenda.

16) Sustainable South Hams – Cllr. Toorneini will be engaging with the questionnaire and is happy to take the lead on behalf of the Council to follow this up with sustainable South Hams and the District Council. A report will be made at the October meeting.

17) Parish Hall Management Committee – to resolve to agree the requested approvals from the Parish Hall Committee as outlined in the email forwarded on 12th September. This to bring the Parish Hall documentation up to date. Cllr. Hogarth reported that the governance documentation needs updating. Council resolved to approve these updates.

18) Clerk's report-

- i. The defibrillator at the Parish Hall has been registered on the national database, The Circuit.
- ii. Unity Trust Bank are now going to apply any charges monthly instead of quarterly.
- iii. Statutory review of polling places by the District Council. No changes proposed for East Allington.
- iv. BT phone for the Parish Hall – a contract has been renewed with BT at a lower charge of £30.95 + VAT, monthly direct debit, broadband only.
- v. To consider a finance meeting in order to start the budgeting process for 2025/2026.

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

Cllr. Soper apologised for the October meeting as he will be away.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

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.

18) Orchard Clearance – to discuss and agree quotes received. As item 10 (i)

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on 16th October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Due to the Clerk's absence the November meeting will now be held on Wednesday 27th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Signed.....

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Email Circulation

DALC Bulletin 32 (sent 24/07)

DALC Bulletin 36 (sent 22/08)

DALC Bulletin 38 (sent 29/08)

DALC Bulletin 39 (sent 05/09)