

Minutes of the meeting of ~East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Weeks; Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Wotton; Cllr. Toorneini; District Cllr. Lawford; 1 member of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

0) To elect a Chairman for this meeting in the absence of the Chairman Cllr. Soper, there being no vice-chair currently at East Allington. Cllr. Hannaford agreed to be acting Chairman.

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.

Item 5 moved up

District Cllr. Lawford – the Slapton Ley Partnership has recently had a meeting and there is now monies from the Environment Agency to fund an Adaptation Manager. Meeting with South West Water on Thursday and raising questions about Addlehole. Note that the Environment Agency has stopped testing bathing water because it is out of season. Friends of the Dart are committed to all round testing and are funding this themselves. Half term activities in Totnes at the sports centre.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Soper. Cllr. McCoy. County Cllr. Brazil. 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. Hannaford for agenda items 8 & 9i. Cllr. Hogarth for agenda item 8, Cllr. Weeks for agenda item 9i.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information only) Cllr. Hannaford raised the matter of the strimming that has been carried out in the Orchard and SUDS by minors. Concerns were raised that Council had not given permission for this to take place. It was noted that no protective clothing had been worn, no supervision noted with the use of power tools or permissions given. Council have agreements in place to clear and maintain these parcels of land. There is also public liability to be considered. Cllr. Wotton suggested a letter appreciating what these minors have done, also noting that there are some things they cannot do such as strimming.
Standing orders suspended for parishioner to comment.
Standing orders resumed.
Clerk will write to the parents of the minors concerned.

5) District and County Councillor Reports (for information only) Moved to earlier in the meeting.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Open spaces updates –

- i. Mower service: likely to be between £200 and £350 dependent on requirements. To agree expenditure. Resolved this expenditure, proposed by Cllr. Hogarth, all agreed.
- ii. Purchase of a petrol driven mower – approximate cost £350. To agree expenditure. Resolved and proposed by Cllr. Hogarth. All agreed.
- iii. To receive an update on the repairs to the play equipment. Monthly report circulated by email 8th October. Cllr. Hogarth considers it possible to fix the tiles. Various items discussed including the hole under the shelter. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the inspector for guidance.
- iv. To consider the S106 monies that can be utilised for “improvement of the play area and/or skate park”. A total of £6121 is available. Quotes would have to be obtained prior to completion of the application form for these monies. For discussion and action. Ongoing – next agenda.
- v. Parish Lane footbridge – Cllr. Hannaford to update Council. The footbridge has been inspected and needs replacing with a new one hopefully this autumn.
- vi. The Orchards will be cleared very soon.

8) Grant application - An application for a grant for £500 has been received from the PCC of East Allington. For discussion and action. Resolved; proposed by Cllr. Wotton, councillors present agreed by show of hands. To write and thank Martyn For his activities in looking after the churchyard.

9) PLANNING

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

- i) 1342/24/FUL Erection of a dwelling to be used as a full and holiday use occupation with the ceasing of use of existing caravan known as ‘Bumblegrove’. Barnston Farm, East Allington
Supported – a local business.
- ii) 0217/24/FUL Barn conversion to dwelling house (resubmission of 2986/23/FUL), Barn at SX771 486 Dartmouth Road, East Allington.
No objection

Planning Decisions

10) FINANCE

Expenditure	Employment October	£323.20	BACs
	Clerks Expenses – Q1	£132.00	BACs
	Sound & Visual Systems – annual maint.	£177.60	BACs
	Parish Hall hire Sept & Oct	£50.00	BACs
	DALC – attendance to conference	£30.00	BACs
	Grant to PCC for churchyard maintenance	£500.00	BACs

Income Second half precept £10,000

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information circulated prior to this meeting for end September. Council resolved to accept the accounts as listed above. Proposed by Cllr Hannaford, all agreed by show of hands.

11) Finance Estimates as at 30th September 2024 – Circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting. Noted.

12) Archive Storage – Cllr. Hogarth to report on any update regarding proposed storage for Council documents in the Parish Hall. A metal cupboard has been proposed.

13) Old shop container – to receive an update from Cllr. Wotton. To agree additional expenditure for removal of the container if required. There has been no increase in the quote to remove the container.

Possible removal w/c 28th October. The car park will need to be empty and the road junction cleared. Notices to be put onto cars. Once this has been removed, the area underneath the container will need to be made good. Fencing may need to be hired and placed in situ prior to this work being done.

14) Clerk's report –

- i. Attended the DALC AGM on behalf of the Council – subscriptions are likely to increase by 3%.
Attended a workshop on rural housing/planning; excellent networking undertaken.
- ii. Holiday booked 15th November to 25th November inclusive.
- iii. Initial budget workings completed – for forwarding to the Finance Committee.
- iv. Legal papers collected from Hassalls by Cllr. Hannaford. Clerk to collect and read through, reporting back at the November meeting.

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

Cllr. Toorneini attended the climate and nature symposium organised by South Hams Council. The point was to get councils to talk about issues about climate and nature, found it very inspiring. Many organisations represented.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

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Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on **27th November 2024** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Email circulation

DALC Newsletter 45 (sent 14/10)