

Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th November 2024 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr. Soper (Chairman); Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Weeks; Cllr. Toorneini; Cllr. McCoy; Cllr. Wotton; Cllr. Hannaford; 6 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk). County Cllr. Brazil.

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 regarding the anti-social behaviour disrupting his home life, newly moved into East Allington. Noise and this type of behaviour should be reported locally. Cllr. Toorneini has been in touch with the local police beat manager and these actions have been reported. A dirt track has been built in a local field and this is now causing a noise nuisance. Noise nuisance can be reported to the District Council.

2) Apologies For Absence: 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) None raised.

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

County Cllr. Brazil reported on items affecting the South Hams. Car park pricing split between visitors and locals will be out for consultation soon. Stressed the considerable financial pressure that the district council is under. The South Hams Festival is delayed until 2026. Mentioned that the Household Support Fund has been extended into 2025.

County reports - financially under a lot of pressure on all fronts. Devolution between Devon and Torbay appears to be going ahead, possibly as a combined authority. Second home council tax; from April double council tax will be charged for second homes which South Hams would like ring-fenced for housing, specifically to address housing need. County are unlikely to agree this. There is likely to be a requirement from Government to build 800 new homes a year for the next 15 years within the South Hams.

6) Minutes –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) 'Slow' road signage – to be discussed. Cllr. Toorneini has a quote for A1 aluminium core board £77 each. Plan to ask the school to involve the children in a design. Cllr. Soper considers signs do not work well. Signs designed by children do have an effect. New quote to be received in the new year. January agenda for further updates.

8) Play Park area – to receive updates from the meeting with the playground inspector. To consider next steps for upgrading this area. To agree actions and associated expenditure.

Cllr. Hogarth met with the inspector who pointed out that the mat type flooring definitely needs to be looked at. There is nothing to say the playground cannot be used, the equipment is safe. Cllr. Toorneini

met with Phil Chisolm who has sent reports on different aspects of the play park. The report was shown to Council on screen. Total costings from the report come to £1107 with labour being given for free – this would just be for materials. Resolved to agree this expenditure, proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all in favour by show of hands.

Hedging of the play park area also discussed and the report shown to Council. Two quotes have been received to lay the hedge and remove the rubbish. Cllr. Weeks brought up the other hedge on the far side of the play area which is very low growing and affects the contractor when he is attempting to mow the grass. Cllr. Soper considers that this hedge needs drastic pruning perhaps with a chain saw.

Standing orders suspended to ask advice from a member of the public as to whether flailing would do the far hedge of the play area.

Standing orders resumed.

Arrange a meeting in December to make the hedge decision.

To replace the flooring within the actual play area. The two quotes received so far are high. Clerk to ascertain if the S106 monies can be available to go towards flooring. Clerk to get a third quote from Somerset Landscapes.

9) Car Park area – to agree future plans for the area where the shop was, such as painting the walls white. To receive any other information pertinent to re-instating the shop area and possible costs. Cllr. Wotton is awaiting a quote to remove the last of the debris/columns/foundation and reinstate the tarmac. December agenda. There are some refrigerator items that require collection. December agenda.

10) PLANNING

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

- i. 3377/24/FUL Provision of principal agricultural dwelling to serve farming business, Mounts View, Broadmoor Farm, East Allington.
Supported – Council support a local farming enterprise.

For information only

3466/24/PDM application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 7 dwellinghouses (class C3) and associated development (class Q), Kellaton Dairy Buildings, Dartmouth Road, East Allington.

Planning Decisions

- a) 0217/24/FUL Barn at SX771 486 Dartmouth Road, East Allington. Conversion to dwelling house.
Conditional Approval

11) FINANCE

Expenditure	L. McCarthy – shop removal	£1,050.00	BACs 20/10
	Lally Landscapes – clearing the orchard	£1,150.00	BACs
	Parish Magazine Printing	£221.35	BACs
	Clerk – purchase of poppy wreath	£24.49	BACs
	Employment November	£323.20	BACs
	South West Crane Hire	£2310.00	BACs

Income

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information circulated prior to this meeting.

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

12) Information Commissioners Office – to resolve to agree to sign the direct debit for £35 for the ICO thus saving the Council £5 per year at present. Resolved; clerk to action.

13) National Pay Award – the national pay award for public servants has been agreed; this is pertinent to your Clerk. To agree the backdated increase to July of 78p per hour (SCP 31). Resolved, proposed by Cllr. Soper, all agreed by show of hands.

14) SLCC Membership – Clerk’s annual subscription to be a Principal member of the Society of Local Council Clerks having achieved the necessary 18 CPD points in the year; cost £102.50. (Balance payable by Colebrooke Parish Council). Resolved to pay this subscription.

15) Budget proposals – initial discussions held and first draft of budget presented for discussion. Cllr. Weeks has discussed this with Martin Weeks as to trimming in the Orchard. Present final draft in January.

16) Christmas Tree – to consider the spend of £170 for a tree to be sited outside the Parish Hall. To discuss who is to erect the tree and how it is to be decorated. Cllr. Hogarth informed Council that Martin Weeks has a tree available and he will erect this and decorate it.

17) Corporate multipay card – to consider having a corporate card through the Unity Trust Bank for those purchases that can only be made online. To resolve actions. Proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all agreed by show of hands.

18) Clerk's report

- i. Connect Event, understanding road maintenance, recording and slides emailed to all councillors prior to this meeting for their information.

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

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a meeting on Monday 9th December at 7pm in the Committee Rooms.

Email Circulation

DALC Newsletter 50 (sent 29/10)

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