

CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Room,
Stone Allerton on Monday 21st October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs F Torrens-Spence (in the Chair), Cllr R. Williams, Cllr J. Blakemore, Cllr P. Duggan-Rees and the Clerk Miss C Harris. (District Cllr Godwin-Pearson joined the meeting at 8.05pm)

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr M. Wallach

There were 5 parishioners in attendance.

40/19 None.

41/19 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th September 2019

41/19.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2019 were declared correct with a correction.
These were then signed by the Cllr Torrens-Spence.

Minutes of the planning meeting held on the 28th September

41/19.2 The minutes of the planning meeting held on 28th September 2019 were declared correct with no corrections.
These were then signed by the Cllr Torrens-Spence.

42/19 Planning

Wedmore RLT3 application.

The definition of what RLT3 money can be spent on was read out and discussed. Wedmore have requested that Chapel Allerton accepts the allocation of the £700 RLT3 money held is donated to Wedmore as Chapel Allerton villages have no play area to fund.

RESOLVED: **Not** to allocate the money to Wedmore. The information the clerk had about eligibility was passed to the Cricket Club representative David who was present at the meeting, in order that he can look into being eligible for funding.

43/19 Village Design Statement

Cllr Torrens-Spence reported that the monthly meetings are going well. The Survey Monkey has been set up and this will be a free resource if less than 100 replies, otherwise a small fee will be charged. There will be a link to the Survey Monkey added to the Parish Council website.

It is proposed that there will be an open evening/morning event in February for community participation.

44/19 Footpaths and Highways- Cllr Duggan- Rees reported:
Footpaths- Nothing to report this meeting

Highways-

44/19.1 Washbrook Bridge – the parapet is due to be repaired imminently.

44/19.2 There is a site meeting scheduled for the 24th October 2019 with Katherine Tyson the traffic officer from Sedgemoor highways department. This will be to discuss the traffic flow and speed on the bridge as well as flooding by the Windmill on the Weare side of the road.

45/19 Windmill Committee – Cllr Blakemore reported:

45/19.1 The compound on the left hand side of the car park needs clearing, Cllr Duggan-Rees agreed to take a look.

45/19.2 The committee agreed that a new bench is needed at the Windmill and Cllr Torrens-Spence suggested that one might be re-located there from the Memorial Cross.

45/19.3 More custodians were urgently needed.

46/19 Clerk's report –

The clerk requested that she could attend a SALC budget setting training day which will be on the 4th November at a cost of £75 plus £21.15 mileage and £55.27 in paid hours for the clerk.

RESOLVED: To approve this.

47/19 Finance and Accounts
Accounts payable

i) Clerk's wages: 33 hours =£364.78

ii) Dale Plowman = £9.00

Resolved – To pay these. Cllr Torrens-Spence proposed and Cllr Williams seconded.

iii) The clerk reported that Parish Online was being trialed, but that not enough time had been spent so far to fully assess whether it was good value for the parish Council to subscribe to. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

District Cllr Godwin-Pearson joined the meeting at this point and asked that the clerk shared any experiences of Parish Online with the Badgeworth clerk.

iv) The refurbishment of the historic finger post was briefly discussed and confirmation

of the council's resolution to fund this from the CIL S106 money held and make up any short fall from the Council's reserves.

RESOLVED: Agreed.

48/19 Matters of Report

48/19.1 Cllr Duggan-Rees update Councillors on the Power to Your Parish event that he attended. Sedgemoor has signed up to the Climate Emergency initiative. There were tree planting ideas discussed and small trees can be bought from the Woodland Trust for £3 each, and the precept can be spent on these if parish councils wish and S106 money may also be used.

48/19.2 District Cllr Godwin-Pearson reported:

i) that the new recycling regime will be starting in 2021 as a new fleet of vehicles are being purchased by Somerset Waste Partnership.

ii) ii) District Cllr Bob Filmer has a pot of money which can be applied for to fund schemes supporting initiatives to reduce isolation and loneliness.

iii) Sedgemoor District Council has resolved to be a 'Frack Free' area. The Councillors were asked to write to support the proposal that the existing licenses be withdrawn. As this was not on the agenda it was decided to agree to act on this before the deadline in November and to ratify it at the next meeting.

All Cllrs present agreed.

48.19.3 Cllr Torrens-Spence reported that there was a static caravan on land in Copsewood Lane and that Adrian Noon at Sedgemoor District Council should be updated about parishioners concerns. In particular about the extensive damage to the hedge to gain access for the structure and about provision of sewerage and waste water facilities, and asked for a site visit.

Meeting was declared closed at 8.59pm

Next meeting : Monday 2nd December 2019 at The Old School Room, 7.30pm.

Agreed:

Date: