

CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held in the Old School Room, Stone Allerton on Monday 17th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs F Torrens-Spence (in the Chair), R. Williams and J. Blakemore, District Cllr Graham Godwin and the Clerk Miss C Harris.

Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr M. Wallach, Cllr P. Duggan-Rees, District Cllr Bob Filmer

There were 4 parishioners in attendance.

23/19 Declarations of interest – Cllr Williams declared a prejudicial interest in the planning item 4.1 and it was agreed that she will leave the meeting before this item is heard.

24/19 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th June 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2019 were declared correct with a correction to the apologies section as none were received from District Councillor Godwin-Pearson as he was present.

These were then signed by the Cllr Torrens-Spence.

25/19 a) **15/19/00007:** Certificate of lawfulness for the existing occupation of Tynings Farm without compliance with condition 3 on planning permission 15/04/00022 (agricultural occupancy condition) at Tynings Farm, New Road, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2NW, for Mr Taylor

Resolved: - Members resolved to object to the application on the grounds that it has been used for agricultural purposes within the last 10 years by the applicant's wife. The applicant presented a case to the Parish Council in January 2017 regarding a class 'Q' application 15/16/00025/LR at he stated to the PC that it had been used by his wife for agricultural purposes.

b) **15/19/00008:** Change of use of land to form domestic garden. Erection of a two-storey extension to rear (NE) elevation and replacement of existing softwood windows with double glazed UPVC windows, at Ley Cottage, New Road, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2NW for Mr & Mrs Woodard

The applicants attended.

It was discussed that the Parish Council was happy to make an exception to the rule that paddocks in Stone Allerton cannot be incorporated into domestic gardens in this case. This was because the existing garden is of a size that is too small for the size of the house and the paddock would be needed to be dug out as part of the extension because of the sloping nature of the site. This should not set a precedent to the other owners of paddocks that they would be allowed to do the

same.

Resolved: Members resolved to accept the application.

- c) **15/19/00005:** Erection of general purpose agricultural building - amended plans. Land to the East of Mark Road, Mark Road, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset for Mr Popham.

It was discussed at the meeting that as there is always standing water on the site in the Winter months the site should never be used for residential purposes.

Resolved: Members resolved to accept the application.

- d) The need to purchase a projector to view plans and planning documents when no paper copies available was discussed. Advice was heard from District Cllr Godwin-Pearson regarding the purchase and what was best to buy. A figure of £300 was agreed as reasonable to purchase a good enough projector for the council's needs.

Resolved: to go ahead and spend up to £300 on a projector for use by the parish council. Cllr Torrens-Spence proposed and Cllr Blakemore seconded.

- e) Updates on other current planning applications were discussed.

26/19 Listed finger post – to agree Parish Council funding.

Resolved: That Chapel Allerton Parish Council's would pay their contribution of £ and that the £129.51 SIL money will be used towards this. Cllr Torrens- Spence proposed and Cllr Blakemore seconded.

27/19 Village Design Statement - Cllr Torrens-Spence gave an update to the meeting that the VDS committee is meeting regularly and there will be an article in the next edition of Allerton News inviting more parishioners to join the committee.

28/19 **Standing Orders** – These are still under review by Cllr Wallach and she has reported that progress is being made.

29/19 **Footpaths and Highways**

Cllr Torrens-Spence read a report as Cllr Duggan-Rees is away.

i) It was discussed that there has been a report of sheep worrying connected with the footpath in Chapel Allerton. Cllr Torrens-Spence will put an article in Allerton News about dogs being on leads.

ii) Bridleways Group - no update.

iii) Puddle Lane flooding near Ashton Windmill – Cllr Torrens-Spence has said to Highways that Sedgemoor need to improve the drains. District Cllr Filmer has informed the Parish Council that he is working to resolve this and meet with FWAG soon.

iv) Highways have agreed to monitor speed on Top Road at Washbrook Bridge and by Badgeworth Farm subject to there being suitable street furniture to install monitoring strips to.

v) Ragwort – this has been a problem in the villages and there is a continued effort to keep on top of this.

30/19 Finance

i) To ratify expenditure since last meeting:

Clerk's expenses including 6 month's office costs from June 2019 to November 2019 inclusive.

Invoice from Sedgemoor District Council for uncontested election.

Resolved – To pay these. Cllr Blakemore proposed and Cllr Williams seconded.

ii) Accounts payable –

Clerk's wages 29 hours £320.56

SLCC annual membership £97.00

Invoice for Councillor Essentials Training £25.00

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

31/19 Matters of Report

- i) Cllr Williams reported from the Councillor training that grants for communities are available under section 137. Also that the Neighborhood plan is a useful tool to stop speculative planning
- ii) There is a training event regarding planning on 30/07/19, Cllrs Torrens-Spence and Blakemore will attend.
- iii) Concerns regarding enforcement of unlawful matters in the parish including human effluent regularly being spread in a paddock on Ashton Drove and the unlawful citing and occupation of a caravan nearby. Cllr Torrens- Spence will obtain grid references for the clerk to report these matters.
- iv) The clerk reported that more progress on the new website is expected soon.

32/19 Any Other Business

- i) Cllr Blakemore had seen a local press item regarding Winter salt provision. This states that more details will be available about how to obtain the salt soon,
- ii) Cllr Godwin-Pearson asked the Council about the plans to have an extra Councillor. It was explained that work to achieve this will be resumed in 2021 which will be midway through the electoral term. He asked the Council to put this in writing to him.

Meeting was declared closed at 8.55 p.m.

Next meeting : Date 9th September 2019 at The Old School Room, 7.30pm