

## CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held at the Old School Room, Stone Allerton, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr F Torrens-Spence (in the Chair) Cllr J. Blakemore, Cllr Wallach, Cllr Peter Duggan-Rees (by Zoom) and the Clerk Miss C Harris.

3 parishioners were in attendance.

**17/20 Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from: Councillor Williams, County Councillor Filmer and District Councillor Godwin-Pearson. Councillor Duggan-Rees was present via zoom.

**18/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June could not be accessed by all Councillors prior to the meeting so it was agreed to approve these at the next meeting.

**19/20 Declarations of interest and dispensations**  
None

**20/20 Planning**

**15/20/00014**

**Proposal:** Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building

**Location:** Os Field No. 4793, Stone Allerton Drove, Stone Allerton.

**RESOLVED:** To approve to this with conditions recommended relating to lighting, surface water drainage plan, foul water management plan, and that hedges be kept at current 6m height. Also only to be used for livestock and that no machinery to be stored there.

**21/20 Footpaths & Highways**

**21.20.1 Footpaths**

It was reported that:

- There are restrictions on some footpaths because of cattle and maize crops/
- The stiles on AX27/17 have been cleared, although there is one section behind Moor View Farm which will be left until the autumn. Also AX12/32 Copsewood Lane on a request from the horse riders.
- There are new gates on AX12/33 Binham Moor Drove thanks to help from The Isle of Wedmore Carriage Driving and Horse Riding Group.
- In response to Cllr Duggan Rees's piece in the Allerton News there are now some new volunteers to help clear and maintain footpaths.

### **21.20.2 Highways**

It was reported that:

- There is a lot of litter being dropped on the roads and a litter pick was suggested. Nottingham Way noted as particularly bad although not in our parish. The Chair undertook to contact the Wedmore Green Group about this.

### **22/20 Finance and Accounts**

#### **11/20i)Accounts payable:**

Clerk wages C. Harris) standard hours worked to be approved for payment direct by Sedgemoor DC Payroll

SLCC	£126.00
SALC	£107.28
Clerk's expenses (own stationary used)	£10.00

**RESOLVED: To pay these**

### **23/20 Asset Register**

**RESOLVED:** To approve this amended version with the projector and grit trolleys added.

### **24/20 To consider grant application from Sedgemoor Citizens Advice**

**RESOLVED:** Not to make a grant this financial year as there are too many other demands on the precept although members acknowledged the good work done by this organisation for the people of Sedgemoor.

### **25/20 Ornamental Cherry Tree at Memorial Cross**

Cllr Wallach will talk to the tree surgeon about a reduction, if volunteers remove the debris from the cherry tree. She will also get further information about what work will be done, and (if necessary) get a second quote.

### **26/20 Chair's report**

#### **26/20i) Windmill**

It was reported that there was a continuing problem with mess and litter. The notice board has been vandalized and is now unstable. A local person has volunteered to remove it and keep it safe.

Cllr Blakemore undertook to send a report to Steve Reading about the problems and to copy in the local PCSO, District Cllr Polly Costello.

The Chair undertook to send an email to the ground's man thanking him for doing such a good job keeping the windmill grounds in good order.

#### **26/20ii) Local Government Re-Organisation**

The Chair attended a zoom meeting about this subject. The reorganization involves creating a single local government body from the County Council and 5 existing District Councils which will achieve considerable economies of scale. Somerset County Council claims that the re-organization will save save £18 million per annum. The date set for this reorganization is 2020 but Town and Parish Councillors were concerned that changes were being rushed through at a

most difficult time for consultation. Several Cllrs mentioned “a democratic deficit.” There was no information on how planning would be organized under the new regime and how conservation areas would be managed. Parish Councils will be encouraged to take on extra responsibilities such as maintenance of verges but will not be obliged to do this.

**27/20 Clerk’s Report**

The clerk reported that the temporary powers given to her and voted in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March due to the Coronavirus pandemic could be rescinded now normal Council processes and meetings were resuming. The clerk asked members to resolve to return to the Standing Orders with immediate effect.

**RESOLVED:** To revoke the temporary powers given to the clerk on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, and return to the original Standing Orders.

**28/20 2020 Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

Now we are almost back to normal it was decided it would be appropriate to hold this meeting which was postponed from May. Each Councillor will be given an area of special responsibility in line with other Parish Councils (Weare and Wedmore)

**RESOLVED: To hold this on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 before the next full Council meeting at 7.30pm.**

**29/20 Matters of Report**

The clerk read an email report from Cllr Godwin-Pearson who reported that: Part of Axbridge bypass has been closed for the week for emergency repairs to the gas main.

The clerk read an email report from County Councillor Filmer who reported on corona virus and the County Council Management Plan. He also reported on SCC finances (very positive) and work on climate change. Councillors agreed that his email should be published in August edition of Allerton News. The Chair will ask Cllr Filmer’s permission for this.

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**

**Next meeting will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at the Old School Room, Stone Allerton.**