

**MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MAY 2021**

Meeting commenced: 7.30p.m.

Meeting concluded: 8.32 pm.

Present: Councillors Duggan-Rees (Chair), Torrens-Spence, Blakemore, and Wallach.

Also in attendance: Miss Caroline Harris, Parish Clerk , no members of the public.

10.21 Apologies for Absence:
County Councillor Filmer and Cllr Wallach

11.21 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th March 2021
RESOLVED: unanimously that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th March 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman as soon as it is safe to do so.

Updates and actions since last meeting – for reference only
None

12.21 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations
None

13.21 Reports

ORGANISATIONS	REPORTS
Police	No update provided
Outside Bodies	-
County Councillor Filmer	<p>Future Parish, Town and City Council meetings: The government announced on the 25th March that the Coronavirus regulations allowing for remote Parish, Town and City Council meetings would not be extended beyond 6th May 2021, and so this effectively means that all Council meetings scheduled for the 7th May or later will now have to be held in public, face-to-face.</p> <p>Road map out of lockdown: From 17th May most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply. Most businesses but those in the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen including indoor hospitality. Venues will not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; nor will there be a curfew. Customers will,</p>

however, have to order, eat and drink while seated. Other locations to open include indoor entertainment such as cinemas and children's play areas; hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes. Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. The final step of the road map is scheduled for June 21st

Coronavirus infection rates: As at 30th April the number of confirmed Covid cases in Somerset was 20,272 (up from 19,982 on 1st April) and the number of Covid-attributed deaths 796 (787). The rate per 100,000 stands at 13.7 for Somerset with Mendip at 17.3, Sedgemoor at 17.0, South Somerset 10.7 and SW&T at 11.6. The number of total deaths across the County is currently 20% below the 5-year average and the latest R-value for Somerset is between 0.7 and 1.1.

Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline: **0300 790 6275**, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

Vaccination programme roll-out: Somerset has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country with the latest figures showing 324,147 having received at least their first vaccination or 70% of the 16+ population. In addition 151,528 have received their second dose. Take up rates across the County of the first dose remains very high.

Motorcycle Road Safety: Somerset County Council's road safety team, have launched Raise your Ride, an exciting new initiative for motorcyclists who make up only c.1-2% of traffic, but represent c.21-23% of all road casualties in the UK. The next Raise your Ride events are in Wellington on Sunday 23 May, Frome on Sunday 20 June and Yeovil on Sunday 5 September. The cost for the day is £45 per person. For more information visit www.somersetroadsafety.org/page/raise-your-ride/124/

Primary School places: This year more than 98 per cent of Somerset children were offered a primary school place at one of their top three choices.

Care provider support: Somerset County Council have agreed an additional £8.6 million package for 2021/22 for Care providers to help them mitigate against the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The total includes a £4.5 million substantive fee increase, and a £4.1m

additional one-off 3% Covid supplement paid as a lump sum at the beginning of the financial year to help providers with cash flow.

Kickstart work placements: Somerset County Council has partnered with local employers to offer 50 six-month work placements through the Kickstart Programme, and the vacancies are now live. There are a variety of placements available that could lead to permanent jobs including laboratory stewards, engineering assistants, teaching assistants, business administration roles, grounds assistants, Young People's Champions and more. The Kickstart Programme offers young people aged 16-24 who are claiming Universal Credit the chance to land a six-month work placement, paid at national minimum wage for 25 hours per week. Details are available through the Young Persons work coach at their local job centre.

Coastal Story Walks: Somerset's seafaring heritage and lost legends are brought to life in a new set of 'story walks' being launched by the County Council. Created by local poet Chris Jelley, and brought to you by the Rights of Way Team, the set of 12 Storywalks can be accessed by phone or tablet connecting walkers to the local landscape and history. The walks are between one and five km long and are set from Brean Down in the north to Minehead in the west. Simply go to the England Coast Path Story walks page <https://englandcoastpath.storywalks.info/>

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme: Young people inspired by the recent media attention about the D of E charity are encouraged to get in touch to learn new skills, take part in physical activities and gain an award at the end. In addition those who started an award at school, college or in a group such as Guides or Scouts, but didn't finish are also encouraged to get in touch. A Somerset Bursary Fund offers grants to enable disadvantaged young people in Somerset to complete a D of E program. Those aged between 14-24 living in Somerset who would like to know more are encouraged to get in touch by emailing DofE@somerset.gov.uk

District Godwin-Pearson	Councillor	-
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14.21 Planning

a) Planning List

Members received the list up 29/04/1 showing recent applications

b) To consider the following applications:

15/21/00009

Location: Barn at, Ashton Drove, Ashton, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is needed for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling and associated works.

RESOLVED: To submit comments highlighting that the proposals do not comply with class Q full planning permission exemptions.

c) 15/21/00008

Location: North Cottage, Back Lane, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2PG

Proposal: Erection of a two storey and a single storey rear (South-East) extension and internal alterations.

RESOLVED: To support this application with no comments to submit.

c) It was agreed to have a planning meeting at 6.30pm at the Old School Room on Monday the 10th May 2021 to discuss the two applications that came in after the agenda was posted.

15.21 Administration & Finance

Clerk's wages at the standard hours of 16 per month, payment to be made by Sedgemoor District Council Payroll.

Insurance renewal by Came & Co	£367.51
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Clerk's expenses including 6 month's office costs, Zoom fees and phone top up.	65.39
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Village maintenance – Dale Plowman	-
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RESOLVED: To pay these as soon as practical and safe to do so

16.21 Footpaths & highways

i) Footpaths

- a) The Chair reported that he has been repairing some styles in the last week and checking and reporting any damage once I do this through 'Explore Somerset' website as they will come and repair them which saves me a lot of time and effort.
- b) A Bristol gate has been sourced for the top right hand corner of the field opposite the church from Chris East, and he also said that he was going to get Hooksmead Lane cut for us by the Ramblers Association.
- c) "Broadness bow bridge" - Rachel Pearson is dealing with this and they are checking this on a regular basis they are also contacting the environmental agency to try and get a concrete culvert put in. They have also advised the Chair that they are going to put up proper barriers to stop it being used.

ii) Highways

- a) The 30 mile an hour speed limit restrictions are in the last stages of consultation and acceptance the notice of order from Somerset County Council was put in the local

papers on Thursday, the 29th of May and providing this goes through it will not be very long before this is up in operation, the Chair still intends to have a meeting with Aileen Fletcher with regards to position of the signs which will be reported during a later item.

17.21 Chair's report

i) Bonfires

This is now in the hands of the environmental agency who have written to James Wigginton to get this stopped, and Sedgemoor environmental services are also back on the case, so I feel that we should leave it up to them to sort out although I have not heard from any Parishioners recently.

What I would say is that it has been a real struggle to get any authority to accept responsibility for dealing with this.

ii) Fly tipping

The Chair reported that there has been some fly tipping and that he was going to report this to Clean Surroundings and contact District Councillor Godwin-Pearson about this to see if he has any further suggestions to resolve it.

iii) Drainage

Sharon Howlett at enforcement has been spoken to about unlawful blocking of culverts and her advice was to report this matter to the drainage department which Cllr Duggan-Rees undertook to do as the clerk is working light duties due to a fractured arm.

18.21 Clerk's report

a) Cash book for the end of year accounts has been circulated and members were asked to approve these ahead of the internal audit with Richard Young.

RESOLVED: To approve these for internal audit by Richard Young.

b) Agreeing the meeting dates for the rest of 2021:

RESOLVED: To approve the meeting dates of 1st June, 12th July, 16th August, 20th September, 1st November and 13th December

19.21 Future agenda items

- i) One Somerset
- ii) Litter at the Windmill
- iii) Disposal of the old laptop

Chairman

Date

The next Parish Meeting will be at the Old School Room on the 1st June at 7.30pm
Caroline Harris, Clerk to Chapel Allerton Parish Council