

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2022, AT THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM

Meeting commenced: 19:30 Meeting concluded: 21:30

Present: Cllr. M. Wallach, Cllr. F. Torrens-Spence, Cllr. J. Blakemore, and
Cllr. R. Williams

Also in attendance: County Councillor B. Filmer, District Councillor T. Grimes, Five
members of the public and the clerk.

- 14.2.22 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from District Councillor G. Godwin-
Pearson and Cllr. P. Duggan-Rees.
- 15.2.22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th of January
2022. Minutes were proposed by Cllr. J. Blakemore and Seconded by Cllr. F.
Torrens-Spence. Agreed unanimously.
- 16.2.22 Update and actions since last meeting – None
- 17.2.22 Declarations of interest and to consider any applications for dispensations – None
Declared.

Chairman decided to bring forward Planning due to County Councillor and District Councillor
arriving later in the evening.

- 23.2.22 Planning
(i) Updates on existing applications

Application No: 15/21/00028

Location: May Tree Farm, Front Street, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, BS26 2PH

Proposal: Conversion of existing attached barns to living accommodation,
installation of rooflights, installation of two dormers on northwest roof
elevation, construction of one dormer and reinstatement of a window on
northeast elevation and the erection of a porch and installation of first floor
window on southeast elevation of the property.

Withdrawn after investigation

Application No: 15/21/00032

Location: Ferndale, ham Lane, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, BS26 2PJ

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear (SE) extension on site of existing
conservatory (to be demolished), with erection of front (NW) porch.

Permission Granted

Application No: 15/21/00033

Location: The Old Dairy, Copsewood Lane, Stone Allerton, Axbridge,
Somerset, BS26 2NR

Proposal: Conversion of existing detached garage to form two storey ancillary
accommodation and erection of two storey extension to the rear (South)
elevation, including installation of side (West) dormer and Juliet balcony.

Committee

Application No: 49/21/00020 as amended

Location: Orchardleigh Farm, Notting Hill Way, Stone Allerton, Axbridge,
Somerset, BS26 2NG

Proposal: Change of use of land and part of agricultural building to a mixed use as a cider brewery tap room (Sui Generis) , retail sale of juice, cider and locally produced ale, cheese and snacks (Class E(a)) , creation of small outside area for sitting and drinking, use of premises for occasional private functions (Sui Generis) and erection of lean-to extension to the side (SW) elevation (Revised Description)

Application is under consideration

One parishioner left the meeting at this point.

(ii) To consider the following planning applications:

Application 15/21/00002

Location: Manor Farm, New Road, Chapel Allerton

Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural building to form a single dwelling.

Members agreed to support this application with conditions attached.

Application No: 15/21/00034

Location: Land at Scotland Lane, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge BS26

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building and the formation new access.

Members agreed to support this application with an additional comment.

County Councillor B. Filmer and District Councillor T. Grimes joined the meeting.

18.2.22 Reports: to include Police, County Councillor, District Councillor, outside bodies reports, reports from Councillors representatives on external groups (not detailed elsewhere on the agenda)

Cllr. B. Filmer reported:

Coronavirus infection rates: The Government published its Living with Covid-19 report on 21st January 2022. Under the plan

- people with Covid are not legally required to self-isolate
- however, guidance recommends that those who test positive stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least five full days
- self-isolation support payments of £500 for those on low incomes have stopped
- routine contact tracing has ended - people in contact with someone with Covid will no longer be advised to self-isolate or take daily tests
- workers are not required to tell their employer if they need to self-isolate
- face coverings are not mandatory but they are still "strongly encouraged"

From 1 April:

- PCR and lateral flow Covid tests will no longer be free for most people
- Covid passports will no longer be recommended, except for international travel
- employers will no longer have to consider Covid as a separate risk when working out how to keep employees safe

Over-75s and people with a weakened immune system are also being offered an extra Covid booster jab this spring, six months after their previous dose.

Locally numbers of cases are falling to around 600/100,000.

Local Government Reorganisation: Structural Changes Order were approved by the House of Commons Committee on 23rd January and will now go before the Lords on or before 14th March. The first elections to the new authority together with Somerset Town and Parish elections will be held on 5th May 2022.

County Council Revenue Budget: Highlights of the 2022/23 Somerset budget include: An extra £18 million investment in Adults Social Care (13% increase), an extra £12 million invested in Children's Services (13% increase), an additional £8.4 million identified to invest in schools and £48 million in capital projects, including roads.

The County Council's share of Council Tax is proposed to rise by a two per cent with a further one per cent rise under the social care precept. For a home rated Band D for Council Tax this is equivalent to a rise of 78p a week.

Half Term and Easter food support: Somerset County Council is again working with schools to provide food vouchers to families eligible for Free School Meals to combat holiday hunger over the February half-term and Easter holidays. The Council has helped provide food vouchers to those children in need of support during the school holidays since October 2020, providing a much-needed boost to families who have felt the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. The allocation for February half-term and Easter provides vouchers worth £15 per pupil for the week and includes additional funding so that schools can also allocate vouchers to families who are in need of support but do not qualify for Free School Meals.

Ukraine: In addition to flying the Ukrainian flag and lighting County Hall in Yellow and Blue the County Council are offering extra support to Ukrainian members of staff and residents in Somerset. The Council stands by, ready to support the national humanitarian aid effort to relocate refugees displaced by Russian aggression.

19.2.22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Two parishioners gave the Parish Council an update on the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations being held at the Cricket Ground. They provided Members with a list of events taking place and that there will be a marquee erected in case of inclement weather. There were some concerns over a temporary event licence, risk assessments, First Aid cover, Public Liability Insurance and Rubbish Collection after the event.

Plans were going well and everyone is getting excited by the event. The two ladies asked the Parish Council if they would consider a donation or grant towards help with costs. Members agreed that we would add this to the next agenda to be discussed.

20.2.22 The Old School Room Lease

Members agreed to form a committee to look into the renewal of the lease which is due in 2024. Cllr. M. Wallach and Cllr. F. Torrens-Spence volunteered to sit on the committee together with two members of the Old School Room Management Committee.

21.2.22 Payment from the Isle of Wedmore Good Neighbour Scheme

The Clerk updated the Parish Council that the Good Neighbour Scheme are now up and running but have accumulated too much capital and so have decided to offer back the £200 that was originally awarded. Members agreed that they would accept the payment and would it to good use in the village. The Clerk has confirmed that the funds are now in our account.

22.02.22 Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr. F. Torrens-Spence confirmed that we have secured The Police and Crime Commissioner Mark Shelford as our guest speaker and proposed that we hire the Church for our Annual Parish Meeting due to the number of parishioners expected to show. This was agreed unanimously.

Discussions were had regarding refreshments, but nothing was agreed at this meeting. Deferred until the April meeting.

23.02.22 Planning (cont.)

(ii) To consider the following planning applications:

Application 15/21/00020

Location: Rose Cottage, Front Street, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, BS26 2NN

Proposal: Erection of first – floor extension, erection of a single storey extension to the rear (East) elevation and refurbishment.

Members agreed not to support this planning application and made comments to be attached.

24.02.22 Finance & Accounts

Accounts payable-

Clerk wages (J Augustus) standard hours	£224.00
Clerks Expenses – Mobile Top Up	£ 11.89
To authorise these payments by Sedgemoor District Council Payroll	£235.89
To resolve: to pay these – Agreed unanimously	

25.02.22. To consider response to Wheatsheaf Inn closure for refurbishment
It was agreed that the Clerk write to the owner of the Wheatsheaf Inn and to understand what his future plans are.

26.02.22 Footpaths and Highways – Nothing to report

27.02.22 Chairs Report – Nothing to report

28.02.22 Clerk's report – Nothing to report

29.02.22 Matters of report and future agenda items

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 4th April at 7.30, at the Old school room, Stone Allerton.

John Augustus, Clerk to Chapel Allerton Parish Council