

CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Chapel Allerton Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th of April 2023 in the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

Present: Cllrs Blakemore, Wallach, Wathen & Torrens-Spence.

In attendance: S Millard-Jones – Clerk. Cllrs Godwin-Pearson & Filmer and approximately 3 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

01.04.23 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Williams and Mr J Crosby.

Cllr Blakemore welcomed the appointment of new Clerk Sammie Millard-Jones.

02.04.23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of March 2023.

The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on the 6th of March 2023 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

03.04.23 Updates and actions since last meeting

No report

04.04.23 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests

None

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

Cllr Filmer explained to members that from the 1st of April, The Unitary Council, Somerset Council is now live. Websites are in the process of transferring to a central system and committees are under review. Planning North will continue to use the Sedgemoor plan, for probably up to the next 5 years. Planning committee membership has reduced from 15 to 13 from the 1st of April.

Advice was given when submitting planning comments, to copy in Cllrs Filmer and Godwin-Pearson to ensure that further consideration is given if required.

Covid boosters are becoming available and residents should be contacted by their GP surgery to arrange.

The Disabled facilities grant is being replaced with the loaning of equipment that can be refurbished and passed onto additional users.

The Monitoring Officer is now Scott Wooldridge.

Enforcement – is not being expanded – the original enforcement team from Sedgemoor will continue. Cllr Ben Ferguson and Cllr Pauline Ham will be representing Axbridge and will be overseeing the windmill.

06.04.23 The Old School Room Lease - Update.

Cllr Wallach has been working on the lease and it is expected that there will be an agreed rental of £100 per year along with maintenance as a conditional provision. The Diocese solicitors are to create an extension of 35 years to the existing lease with some amendments.

07.04.23 Update from Cllrs. F. Torrens-Spence and M. Wallach on implementation of Article 4.

Cllrs Wallach and Torrens-Spence reported that the task of essentially completing the historical records for every building within the conservation area is enormous. There is great support for this work and the Clerk is to see if any neighbouring parishes have done something similar and see what can be done to lessen the workload.

08.04.23 Footpaths Officer Report

Mr J Crosby provided the following report in his absence.

The condemned bridge at Broadness Bow (path 12/13) - SCC still haven't decided the way ahead. Meanwhile, it has removed the wire barriers in that vicinity, as it recognised, they were being by-passed anyway. The bridge and path remain, nevertheless, closed to all traffic. Also noteworthy in that area, the fallen trees to the south of that bridge have been sawn by someone (not the SCC) so it's now possible to walk along the path without having to weave through & duck under the various branches & trunks. I managed to get a Bristol 2-in-1 galvanised gate for a landowner on Footpath 12/18 (just to the east of Chapel Allerton). This was supplied by SCC, free of charge to the landowner, who had asked me how to get such a gate.

09.04.23 **Chairman's Report**

The Windmill management company met on the 25th of March – with concerns regarding birds getting into the windmill. It has been agreed to purchase a picnic bench made of recycled plastic drinks bottles and a cashless payment system is being set up. Cllr Blakemore noted that the bins around the windmill have been overflowing. It is thought that this should continue to be done by Somerset Waste Partnership.

10.04.23 **To agree the Annual Accounts:**

1. Annual Governance Statement
It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement
2. Accounting Statement
It was **resolved** to approve the Accounting Statement
3. Certificate of Exemption
It was **resolved** to approve the Certificate of Exemption.

Cllr Torrens-Spence asked members if they were happy for her to continue with the instruction of the maintenance man who does a fantastic job around the parish. All were in agreement for this to continue.

11.04.23 **Pre-Renewal Insurance Questionnaire – To discuss and respond**

Cllrs hadn't managed to look at the document and requested that the Clerk re-send for comment.

12.04.23 **Planning – None**

Planning Considered

15/22/00023 Stone Allerton Farm, Stone Allerton Drive, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, BS26 2NR
Erection of a single storey extension to NW elevation, on site of existing (to be demolished) and replacement windows to all elevations. **Permission Granted**

15/22/00027 The Grange, Front Street, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2NN
Conversion and extensions to existing cowshed to create a self-build dwelling, formation of vehicular access, alterations to existing access and landscaping.
Under Consideration

13.04.23 **Enforcements – Nothing to Report**

14.04.23 **Finance & Accounts**

Accounts Receivable – None

Accounts Payable:

Sedgemoor DC Salary & NI Recharges for February - £239.84

It was **resolved** to pay the above by cheque/bank transfer.

15.04.23 **Matters of report and future agenda items**

Allerton Cricket Club – Grant for Defibrillator

The next Parish Council meeting will be The Annual Meeting of the Parish followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday the 22nd of May 2023 at 7.30pm, at the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm

2023 Dates: May 22nd/ July 3rd/ August 21st / October 2nd / November 13th/ December 18th.

Chair Signature.....Date.....

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