

## CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Chapel Allerton Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 in the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

Present: Cllrs Jasmine Blakemore, Fiona Torrens-Spence, Margaret Wallach and Val Wathen.

In attendance: Cllr Bob Filmer and approximately 11 members of the public.

Cllr Blakemore chaired the meeting.

**01.10.23 To receive apologies for absence:**

Cllr Rachel Williams

**02.10.23 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests**

None.

**03.10.23 To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was resolved to approve the minutes.

**04.10.23 Planning**

**15/23/0007** Outline application with all matters reserved, for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling (revised scheme). Katherine Farm, Stone Allerton Drove Stone Allerton Axbridge BS26 2NR.

**\*\*Meeting closed\*\***

The planning applicant explained how the original planning application was refused due to unsatisfactory phosphate mitigation and that the new application includes a detailed phosphate mitigation strategy.

Concerns were raised by members of the public in attendance surrounding additional traffic being created along with the safety of pedestrians and children.

Further concerns were raised regarding the archaeology of the site and the salt urn that had been mentioned in the report.

Cllr Filmer explained the process that the planning application had been through, and that the planning inspectorate had in fact approved a dwelling on the site and that decision cannot be overturned.

**\*\*Meeting re-opened\*\***

It was **resolved** to make no comment with the observation that it would be beneficial for a Watching brief to be conducted regarding the salt urn. It would like to note that a more detailed map would have been useful.

**15/23/0008** Erection of two storey side (SE) and single storey rear (NW) extensions, conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation with the formation of dormer windows to the front (SW) and rear (NW) elevations. Moor View Farm, Ashton Drove, Ashton, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28 4QD

It was **resolved** to make no comment.

## **Report on applications considered under delegated powers:**

### **Planning Decisions:**

**15/23/00004** Brook House Farm, New Road, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, BS26 2PA Conversion of Barn (Class Q) to Dwelling (Class C3). *Prior Approval refused.*

**15/23/00005** Erection of an agricultural building. Land to the North of Binham Moor Drove, Stone Allerton, Near, Mark Road, Chapel Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset. *Permission Granted.*

- 05.10.23** **Defib (R)** To consider a suitable location.  
The Clerk had spoken with some residents who were considering a suitable location for siting a defib and that there was an ongoing discussion around it possibly being sited on a residents wall in order to be able to access power for the defib cabinet.  
Residents suggested that the parish council needs two defibs, one in Stone Allerton and the other in Chapel Allerton.  
Councillors were mindful that this would be Cllr Williams' project and to defer this matter until the November meeting.
- 06.10.23** **Old School Room Lease (R)** Update and response.  
The Clerk was awaiting a response from councillors regarding whether or not to copy in the solicitor as Cllr Munt had raised a concern with being charged.  
It was **resolved** for the Clerk to send the agreed email and to include Chris Jones, Paul Wattam, Johnny Torrens-Spence, Margaret Wallach. and Peter Evans.  
It was raised that there had been no comms on the matter since the departure of the previous Clerk. Clerk (Sammie Millard-Jones) explained that an email had been sent in June and chased in July and confirmation had been received, but nothing further had been received.
- 07.10.23** **Footpaths Officer Report**  
No report
- 08.10.23** **Chair report**  
No report
- 09.10.23** **Reports:** To include Police, County Councillor, outside bodies, reports from Councillors representatives on external groups.  
**Somerset Council (SC)** Cllr Filmer's report is available on the Parish Council website. Highlights were.  
*Finance:* SC is heading towards a £25 million overspend. Efforts are being made to pull back costs with the shortfall in capital and revenue budget.  
*Planning:* Now running at 5 weeks delay for registration for planning applications due to staff shortage. An interim principal planner has been appointed on a short term contract. SC currently only have two part time enforcement officers causing a delay on enforcement matters.
- 10.10.23** **Enforcements**  
No report and to remove for subsequent meetings.
- 11.10.23** **Storage (R)** To consider the storage of Parish Council files.  
To defer to the November meeting.
- 12.10.23** **Ongoing village maintenance (R)** To consider the cost of a lengthsman.  
Cllr Torrens-Spence explained that she was having difficulty with the current lengthsman due to his already busy schedule and asked members if they would be in support of sourcing a new contractor. Members were in support of the proposal. It was noted that the existing noticeboards need to be refurbished and for Cllr Torrens-Spence to source quotes.
- 13.10.23** **LCN update (R)**

No update

**14.10.23 Road markings (R) Update.**

The Clerk to contact Highways regarding white lines requiring repainting.

**15.10.23 Recording of Meetings.**

Cllr Torrens-Spence raised a concern that potentially members in attendance of meetings may be recording them.

The Clerk had directed cllrs to the legislation Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and members were in agreement that the meeting must be accessible to all including the press. There are exceptions within the legislation which is when matters are to be discussed around contracts, legal and employment matters.

It was agreed that members of the public should be polite enough to inform those present.

**16.10.23 Finance**

**a) Approval of Payments & Receipts (R)**

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total
S Millard-Jones	Salary/expenses/HMRC Oct	£197.60		£197.60
SALC	Annual affiliation fee	£107.83		£107.83

It was **resolved** to pay the above by cheque/internet banking

**b) Approval of the bank reconciliation (R)**

As of the 30<sup>th</sup> September: £14,046.42

**17.10.23 Admin/website:**

Crime Statistics and Allerton News on the website.

Attending Clerks Budget training 4<sup>th</sup> October 6pm.

Attended Immersion Workshop 14<sup>th</sup> September Exploring healthcare in the community.

**18.10.23 Somerset Bus Partnership Consultation on Planning (R) To consider a response**

No response

**19.10.23 Dates for future meetings**

To defer to November meeting

**20.10.23 Correspondence:**

Grit Bin - SC will this year be reviewing the grit bins and informing the PC of the status.

Jetting of drains - the road drains in Stone Allerton and Chapel Allerton are emptied on a routine basis once every two years. This was done last year in 2022 and is due to be done again next year in 2024. This is in line with current Council policy. However, Traffic Management (TM) will arrange for them to be inspected to determine if additional reactive works are required at this time. The drainage grill at Nut Tree Cottage is maintained by SC and arrangements are now being made to have this reinstated. The clearance of any debris build-up will also be done at that time.

**21.10.23 Items for next agenda:**

- Parish Council filing and storage.
- Dates for 2024 meetings.

- Defib
- Ongoing village maintenance

**22.10.23**      **Meetings:** Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. In the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm.

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Signature and date