

CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Chapel Allerton Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th February 2024 in the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

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

In attendance: S Millard-Jones – Clerk and approximately two members of the public.

Cllr Blakemore chaired the meeting.

01.02.24 To receive apologies for absence: Mr John Crosby.

02.02.24 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.
Cllr Wallach declared an interest in planning application 15/24/00001.

03.02.24 To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd of January 2024.
The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council on the 22nd of January 2024 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

06.02.24 ***Item 6 moved on the agenda***

Old School Room Lease (R) Update and response.

Chair (Mr Torrens-Spence) of the Old School Room (OSR) was in attendance and gave an update to the progress of the lease. Mr Torrens-Spence had drafted a letter that had been approved by the legal advisory for the PC to sign and submit.

It was **resolved** that the Chair sign the letter for the Clerk to send via email and post.

04.02.24 **Planning Applications: (R)**

15/24/00001/SR Fell 1No. Conifer (T1), 1No. Hazel (T2) and 1No. Strawberry (T6). Crown reduce height/spread of 1No. Magnolia (T3), 1No. Crab Apple (T5), 1No. Plum (T7) and 1No. Apple (T8) by 1.5m all round. Reduce height of 1No. Beech (T4) by 1.5m. Fell 2No. Holly (T9) and reshape Pittosporum (as shown on photo 9). Crown reduce 1No. Silver Birch by 2m and remove deadwood (T10). Selworthy House, Copsewood Lane, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2NS
It was **resolved** to support the tree officers' recommendations.

Report on applications considered under delegated powers:

15/23/00013 Application to determine if prior approval is required for the erection of an agricultural building and the proposed formation of a hardcore agricultural track leading from the access to the north along the north eastern boundary of the land parcel.

It was **resolved** to support under delegated powers.

Planning Decisions:

15/23/00010 Installation of two new windows to the ground floor West elevation. Myrtle Cottage, Front Street, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2NN. Granted Permission

05.02.24 **Enforcement (R)** Consider planning contravention and concerns.

It was noted that Taverners Cottage property is not compliant with many of the planning conditions. It was **resolved** to write to the Highways, Enforcement and Planning teams to alert them to the resident concerns. The Clerk was asked to copy in Cllr Bob Filmer.

07.02.24 **Ashton Windmill (R)** Update and future sustainability plan.

Conversations have taken place with SW heritage Trust regarding ownership of the windmill which are ongoing. There are new members on the committee but a further two are still required to fill core roles. Next meeting will be 14th of March 2024.

It was **resolved** to support Cllr Wathen to approach additional bodies that may be able to aid the future of the windmill on behalf of the PC and Windmill committee.

08.02.24 **Footpaths Officer Report**

John Crosby provided the following report in his absence:

I have been away overseas for most of the time since the last PC meeting, hence have had little opportunity for practical work on footpaths. However, I've received more footpath signs from SCC as I requested. Also, I had a Teams video call with Ceri Rapsey (SCC Rights of Way (RoW) Volunteer & Trails Officer) and Chris East (SCC RoW Warden for, inter alia, Allerton Parish) on 15 February.

Relevant discussions included:

(1) as a consequence of the demise of District Council, Parish Councils will have important powers related to public rights of way (RoW). SCC are in the process of finalising those powers and will inform Parish Councils soon;

(2) due to SCC financial constraints, no additional vegetation clearance will be possible this coming year (note: Allerton Parish doesn't get any SCC vegetation clearance in any case). Notwithstanding, Chris East agreed to liaise directly with Sedgemoor Ramblers Association for them to clear vegetation along footpath AX 12/28 (Hookedmead Lane).

(3) The process of clearing issues on the RoW map was discussed (<https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>); this was in the context that John highlighted a number of issues included in the map were old/outdated and had been subsequently resolved satisfactorily. Chris explained only wardens can clear issues in the map. John could send an update for each relevant issue resolved, explaining how it had been set right and including a photo of the current situation, Chris would review and close the issue accordingly.

09.02.24 **Chair report**

The roof of the Wheatsheaf seems close to being finished and asks residents to support the shop as it has a great range of produce. Residents are encouraged to keep their drains clear.

10.02.24 **Reports:** To include Police, County Councillor, outside bodies, reports from Councillors representatives on external groups.

To note the SC report is placed on the website.

11.02.24 **SALC Garden Party nominations (R)** To consider a nomination.

The deadline had passed and therefore no nominations could be made.

12.02.24 **Annual Meeting – speakers** that can attend.

The Clerk had contacted various potential speakers and community groups to no avail. The chair asked the Clerk to follow up contact with Cllr Tessa Munt.

13.02.24 **Snow Wardens.**

Cllr Torrens-Spence was interested to know whether SC will fund grit next winter. It was agreed to raise the matter in the Autumn.

14.02.24 **LCN (R)** Update and review actions

Cllr Torrens-Spence had attended and had circulated an update following the meeting. Cllr Torrens-Spence expressed that the PC should continue to attend the LCNs.

15.02.24 **Finance**

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

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total
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S Millard-Jones	Salary/expenses/HMRC Feb	£ 423.71		£ 423.71
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It was **resolved** to pay the above by cheque/internet banking

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation (R)

As of the 31st January: £11,731.33

16.02.24 Admin/website:

Crime Statistics, road closures, LCN minutes on the website. Training courses arranged for Cllrs Torrens-Spence & Wathen.

17.02.24 Correspondence:

None

18.02.24 Road Closures.

All placed on the website.

19.02.24 Items for next agenda:

- Ashton Windmill

2024 Meetings: Monday March 25th - Annual Meeting of the Parish with speaker. Monday April 29th. Tues May 28th (Monday 27th is a bank holiday) - Annual Parish Council Meeting. Monday June 24th. Monday July 22nd. AUGUST - no meeting. Monday September 2nd. Monday October 7th. Monday November 4th. Monday December 2nd. In the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

Meeting closed at 8.51pm

Chair signature and date