

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL
of Tuesday 8th January 2019 at All Saints Village Hall, All Saints, held at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllrs. Forbes (Chair) Speed (Vice-Chair), Hubbard and Lightfoot.
Clerk, Paul Hayward. DCC Cllr. Ian Hall (Axminster division)
21 members of the public

Fire regulations and precautions:

Fire Regulations and emergency exits highlighted to those in attendance

Police Report:

No report provided by local team. Clerk reported online statistics from NOV18.

County Councillor Report:

Cllr. Hall reported that a Highways meeting for Axminster division had been arranged for 25/1/19 at Musbury, and a parish representative was invited to attend.
The DCC Highways Officer (HWO) was dealing with the ditches at Weycroft to prevent surface water flooding causing any road closures.
The EDDC Strategic Planning Committee would meet on 29/1/19 to consider the draft Axminster Masterplan.
DCC were currently reviewing budgets and a small increase in Council Tax was anticipated for 19/20.

District Councillor Report:

No report available as Cllr. Diviani was not in attendance.

Other Reports:

P3:

Libby kindly stood in for Tim Pedder, the new P3 warden, as he was unable to attend.
Nothing of note to report other than imminent completion of annual P3 survey.
Chair thanked Libby for her many years of service and Tim for taking on the role.

Tree Warden:

No report available.

Webmaster:

No report available other than updates regarding Operation London Bridge preparation.

Neighbourhood Watch:

No NHW report available.

School Representative:

Nothing to report as school had only just returned after the Christmas break.

Public Forum:

Further discussion re: potholes across the parish.
Cllr. Hall was challenged over the failure of DCC to attend to the Socks Hill RSD issue.
Clerk reported issues with the provision of training for CRWS. Cllr. Hall will investigate.
Cllr. Hall also confirmed that the entire Socks Hill section of road would be attended to in this financial year ie. by 31/3/19 with a permanent repair, not simply infilling as before.
No other questions from residents. Chair closed the public forum at this point to begin meeting.

18/74 (19/01)

Apologies Received:

Cllr. Nixon (Conflicting engagement). Noted and approved.
Cllr. Diviani was not in attendance as he is still on holiday.
Dave Wicken (Webmaster), Kevin Feeney (Tree Warden)

18/75 (19/02)

Declarations of Notifiable Interests:

None declared at this point.

Chair proposed that agenda item 18/80d. (19/07d.) be brought forward for discussion.

Approved unanimously.

18/80 (19/07)

Business to be conducted:

d) To consider arrangements for a Public Meeting to discuss Axminster Masterplan and the consequential impact on All Saints parish.

Chair invited member of the audience to participate in this discussion.

Issues Raised:

- 1) Traffic issues resulting from start of proposed relief road south of Weycroft Bridge
- 2) Approval of the Masterplan will provide justification for the bridge improvements (IH)
- 3) Concerns over need for 850 new homes (and perhaps more) on the site.
- 4) Clarification of funding for new road - £10m HIF grant / £7m EDDC loan to developers (IH)
 - > Questions as to why commercial developers are being provided with public subsidy to maximise their profit.
- 5) Concerns around proposed entrance / exit to new relief road off Chard & Lyme roads
 - > No answers available to how the A35 junction have been provided. Too late to consider after Masterplan approved.
- 6) Queries regarding sustainability and practicality of forcing HGV's out of the town centre
 - > Traffic calming measures employed throughout course of RR will discourage use by commercial vehicles.
- 7) Concerns over air quality and pollution with all vehicles routed via a new housing estate.
- 8) Masterplan unlocks Axminster's future potential and forward delivery of road is to be welcomed (IH)
- 9) Concerns over legal weight of s.106 agreements and provision of affordable housing. Bovis example cited.
- 10) Cllr. Hall outlined benefits of increased housing numbers to the town and surrounding areas;
 - > Retail footfall, restoration of 6th form, enhanced healthcare provision based on demand, improved employment.

Chair thanked Cllr. Hall for his attendance and willingness to debate the subject. Chair noted the failure of Cllr. Diviani as ward member to attend and proposed writing to the Cllr. Outlining Council's concerns and reservations and inviting Cllr. Diviani to a public meeting in the parish. A copy of the letter also to be sent to the MP for Tiverton and Honiton.

Chair asked those in attendance for their views on whether a public meeting on this subject was justified.

Unanimous vote for, amongst public and Councillors. It was therefore proposed by Chair that such a meeting be arranged as swiftly as possible. Resolved unanimously. Clerk: Please arrange venue and publicise as widely as poss.

Chair proposed that the meeting continued in the order of the published agenda. Resolved unanimously.

13 members of the public left the room at this point.

18/76 (19/03)

Minutes of previous meetings:

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting Friday 14th December 2018 at 5.00pm

Approval of minutes proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr. Hubbard. Resolved unanimously.

Signed by Chair as a true record of proceedings.

No matters arising from those minutes.

18/77 (19/04)

Chair's Announcements / Matters of urgency for report only:

None.

18/78 (19/05)**Planning Matters:****a) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication:**

None received to be considered.

b) To ratify planning applications made previously under delegation authority / policy:

None.

c) To consider applications received after agenda publication:

None.

d) To consider Tree Matters:

None.

e) Determinations / Decisions advised by EDDC (LPA) Local Planning Authority:

As per agenda published.

18/2580/FUL - Rusland Lodge, All Saints. Approved.

** denotes where decision was contrary to Council's views / recommendations.*

f) Enforcement Matters.

None advised.

g) Planning Correspondence received.

i) EDDC Draft Heritage Strategy Consultation.

ii) EDDC / BH AONB Landscape Character Assessment.

Noted. Council resolved not to make any formal comments to either consultation.

18/79 (19/06)**Financial Matters:****a) To consider budget and precept for 2019/20.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Speed, seconded by Cllr. Hubbard, that Council set an expenditure budget of £15250 for the next financial year, to be funded by a proposed precept demand of £12,000 which represents an increase of £68 from the previous year, but which simply compensates for the loss of the EDDC Council Tax Support Grant, the actual core precept remaining unaltered. However, due to the reduction in the parish taxbase from 258 to 253, this represents an increase of £1.18 per annum for a Band D equivalent property in the parish. The proposal was resolved unanimously.

Clerk: Please note and submit Precept Demand to EDDC as required by the scheduled deadline.

Please publish the financial calculations behind this precept demand & budget on the website.

b) To consider matters of expenditure authorised under Chairman's / Clerk's delegated powers.

As per schedule previously circulated to members. Noted and agreed.

18/80 (19/07)**Business to be conducted:****a) To consider current status of recreation field and amenity:**

i) Clerk updated Council as to status of DAAT Night Landing Site project

Due to be completed on 15/1/19 whereupon Pavilion would be fully operational once more.

ii) Clerk updated Council re: field and pavilion maintenance.

Arrangements for demolition of the old scoreboard structure were in place.

Chair gave delegated authority for two external LED lights to be installed at the Pavilion for security and to illuminate the entrance gateway in order to assist entrance for ambulance crews and to improve vehicle manoeuvring onsite during hours of darkness.

Clerk: please note and make arrangements for installation of these lights asap.

Clerk: please also liaise with DAAT / Contractors to finalise arrangements for the NLS installation.

b) To consider date for forthcoming Parish Meeting in March:

It was proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr. Lightfoot, that Council combine the Annual Parish Meeting with the scheduled Ordinary meeting of Council on 5th March 2019; the latter meeting to start at 8.00pm rather than the usual 7.30pm. Resolved unanimously.

Clerk: please note and make arrangements for the meeting with the hall booking secretary.

c) To consider arrangements for Council's Emergency Planning project:

The Clerk advised that he was, with Chair's authority, attending a conference at the end of January, organised by Devon Resilience Forum, to discuss the fast-tracking of Emergency Plan preparations.

The matter was therefore deferred with unanimous agreement of Council until March 2019.

Clerk: Please note and circulate report after conference. Add to March agenda for consideration.

18/81 (19/08) Highways / CRWS / Footpath Matters:

As previously mentioned in these minutes, a Highways meeting for Axminster Division has been arranged via Cllr. Hall for the 25th January in Musbury and Cllr. Nixon offered to attend for the Parish Council. Noted and agreed. Areas of concern to be raised: CRWS / Socks Hill repairs

18/82 (19/09) Correspondence received, not already circulated:

DALC Garden Party nominations 2019. Councillors were asked to forward nominations (advice from DALC was for previous Chairs to be nominated) to the Clerk and the view of the majority to be submitted for inclusion in the secondary draw for names.

Clerk: Please note and action accordingly. Deadline for nominations is 26/1/19.

18/83 (19/10) Date and time of next Ordinary meeting:

Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall
to be preceded by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

Acting Chair opened the meeting for the final Public Forum:

Query regarding litter at bus top lay-by on A358. Clerk confirmed that neither EDDC or DCC will fund a new litter bin.

Chair reminded all present about the village breakfast at the village hall on 12th January.

Chair thanked all members of the public, and Cllr. Hall, for attending.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____

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