

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL of
Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm, held in "virtual" session (remotely) as
per legislation contained within Clause 78, Coronavirus Regulations 2020.**

Present:

Cllrs Forbes (Chair) Speed (Vice Chair), Hubbard and Lightfoot. (Quorate)
Clerk, Paul Hayward. (also representing Yarty ward, EDDC)
Two members of the public present online:
Tim Pedder (Hon. Footpath Warden)
Kevin Feeney (Hon. Broadband Representative)
Meeting started at 8.00pm due to technical difficulties with Zoom access.

Public Forum:

- a) Chair outlined regulations and guidance pertaining to meetings held in virtual session.
- b) i) No Police Report available for review
- ii) Mr. Feeney (Hon. Broadband Representative) provided an update on possible routes to providing faster broadband speeds in the parish. Clerk and Mr. Feeney agreed to liaise with other interested parties to promote the most viable options but to maintain pressure on all providers to provide improvements *Chair thanked Mr. Feeney for his time and efforts to date and wished him every success in this matter.*
- c) Cllr. Hall was unable to attend and had not provided a report.
- d) Cllr. Hayward (EDDC) provided a short verbal report to Councillors.
Following on from the discussion earlier regarding faster broadband provision, Council asked the EDDC Ward member to apply whatever pressure was necessary to seek greater assistance and cooperation with the relevant parties (DCC/BT OpenReach/Airband/Neil Parish MP/EDDC) to bring the project to bear. Cllr. Hayward thanked Councillors for their direction and promised to take this forward as requested.
- e) No representations from members of the public.
Chair closed public forum at 8.15pm. Mr. Feeney left the meeting at this point.

20/76 Apologies Received:

None. All members are present.

20/77 Declarations of Notifiable Interests:

No declarations made at this point.

20/78 To consider minutes of previous meetings:

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Friday 15th January 2021 were considered.
Approval of minutes proposed by Cllr Lightfoot, seconded by Cllr. Speed. Resolved unanimously.
Minutes could not be signed by Chair as a true record of proceedings due to remote nature of meeting.
Clerk to liaise with Chair to arrange signing of minutes at the earliest opportunity.
Matters arising raised: *None that would not be covered elsewhere on the agenda.*

Chair proposed that agenda item 20/83 be brought forward for consideration. Resolved unanimously.

20/83 To consider matters pertaining to the current Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council:

Clerk outlined current position with vacancy. The notice period for the calling of an election to fill the vacancy had passed without a petition and so Council was free to co-opt a member onto the Council. It was agreed that Clerk would contact all those who had expressed an interest previously and would also display a poster inviting applicants for the role, with a deadline of 17th February. The matter would be re-considered at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 2nd March whereupon Council could decide upon their preferred candidate by way of a democratic vote as per the Local Government Act 1972 - sch. 12, pg 39.
Clerk: Please action accordingly and add to March agenda as an urgent item for consideration

20/79 Chair's Announcements / Matters of urgency for report only:

No announcements made. No matters of urgency to be discussed.

20/80 To consider any matters listed on this agenda that Councillors consider should be dealt with as confidential business as per the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960:

No matters considered as confidential.

20/81 To consider matters pertaining to the Coronavirus situation in All Saints parish:

Chair had nothing further to add on this matter that had not been covered in previous representations.

20/82 Highways / CRWS / Footpath Matters:

i) Footpaths / P3. Mr. Pedder updated Council in relation to ongoing works, recent repairs undertaken by lengthsman and outlined some works where landowner intervention/action would be necessary.

Mr. Pedder highlighted that the footpaths were being used a great deal more during the pandemic crisis and that feedback from users was almost entirely positive in respect of the condition of the P3 network.

Chair thanked Mr. Pedder for his invaluable assistance and tireless efforts to maintain our footpaths.

ii) DCC/DWM programme. Clerk advised that he was seeking information about additional Chapter 8 training from DCC and what costs of this might be. There were grants previously available to meet all costs.

iii) To receive update on highway issues in Knights Lane.

Cllr. Lightfoot declared a personal interest in this agenda item as a resident of Knights Lane.

Cllr. Lightfoot highlighted the serious issues with the overall road surface and underlying structural issues and challenged the response received from DCC Highways Officer which stated that, as a Cul-de-Sac, the road was a low priority and unlikely to receive funding for repairs. He went onto to say that a recent HGV incident had resulted in the land being closed (thus adversely affecting residents) and that the recovery of the HGV had subsequently caused a burst water main which both prevented residents leaving their homes and also damaged the road surface still further!

Clerk was subsequently directed to correspond in the strongest terms with the ward member, Cllr. Hayward, DCCllr. Ian Hall, DCC Cabinet Member for Highways, Stuart Hughes, Neil Parish MP, and - if necessary - the Secretary of State for Roads, to raise the issue of not just Knights Lane, but rural roads in general

Proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr. Hubbard. Resolved 3 votes for, 1 abstention (AL).

Clerk: please note and liaise with all parties accordingly as directed. Report back to Council asap.

20/84 Planning Matters:

a) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication:

20/2677/FUL - Land adjacent to Poppins, Goldsmith Lane, All Saints

Retrospective application for erection of artists studio and shed.

After a lengthy debate, Cllr. Lightfoot proposed (seconded by Cllr. Hubbard) that Council did NOT support this application on the grounds of:

Over-development of an agricultural site in the open countryside.

Perceived domestication of the same agricultural site which was previously described as an "orchard"

Concerns over retrospective nature of the application and additional works since structure was erected.

Concerns over unlawful residential overnight occupation in the studio/shed (subject to enforcement)

Concerns over other works recently undertaken on site incl. creation of hardstanding track from gate to rear.

Concerns over potential nuisance and loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.

Council also wished to draw attention to recent planning/appeal refusals on the same site for domestic builds.

Resolved unanimously. Clerk was asked to copy in ward member to objection and seek their support

to oppose this application on the grounds listed above.

Clerk: please note and submit comments to EDDC as a matter of urgency. Liaise with ward member as directed.

b) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication:

20/2373/LBC - Laburnum Cottage, Smalridge, EX13 7LY

Replace front door and frame(SW elevation).

Cllr. Speed proposed (seconded by Cllr. Hubbard) that Council supported this application. Resolved unan.

Clerk: please note and submit comments to EDDC accordingly.

c) To consider tree matters (planning related):

None received.

d) LPA Decisions as advised (determinations):

None received.

e) Enforcement and Appeal matters:

PP-07533972 - Lily Cottage, Goldsmiths Lane, All Saints. Appeal awaiting decision.

f) To consider planning correspondence received / planning matters in adjoining wards:

None received.

g) To consider planning applications which are to be heard at forthcoming EDDC

Planning Committee meetings:

None scheduled at present.

20/85 Financial matters:

a) To consider and, if thought fit, approve Council's 2021 Internal Financial Control Review:

This report had been previously circulated to members.

Approval proposed by Cllr. Hubbard, seconded by Cllr. Speed. Resolved unanimously.

b) To consider financial implications from May 2021 of cost relating to hybrid meetings at the village hall:

It was proposed by Chair that this matter be deferred until March for further consideration. Resolved.

Clerk: Please add to March ORD agenda.

c) To receive and note the annual reminder of Councillor's obligations and duties in respect of NALC Legal Topic Note 30 (Defamation).

Received and noted.

20/86 Business to be conducted:**a) To consider review of Council's policies (partial review) as per previous resolution:**

- i) Health and Safety Policy (last reviewed 2019)
- ii) Publication Scheme Policy (last reviewed 2019)
- iii) Statement of Intent for Community Engagement (last reviewed 2019)

Cllr. Hubbard proposed adoption of all three revised and updated policies.

Seconded Cllr. Lightfoot. Resolved unanimously.

b) To consider matters pertaining to Council's Social Media activity/usage:

Chair proposed that this matter be deferred until March. Agreed by all.

Clerk: Please note. Add to March ORD agenda as directed.

20/87 Correspondence received:

None that has not already been circulated to members of Council.

20/88 Chair to propose suspension of standing orders to permit public representations at this point of the meeting.

No members of the public wished to speak so this agenda item was not considered.

20/89 Chair to propose resumption of standing orders to preclude public representations thereafter at this meeting.

No members of the public wished to speak so this agenda item was not considered.

20/90 Date and time of next Ordinary meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for Tuesday 2nd March 2021 - Earlier time of 6.30pm Venue as yet undetermined but likely to held in "virtual session" in light of ongoing Coronavirus restrictions and legislation.

Clerk: Please note and publish agenda accordingly on parish website, local social media and noticeboards.

20/91 Proposal to move into closed committee session.

This agenda item was not considered as there was no business to be attended to in confidential session.

20/92 Date and time of next Ordinary meeting:

This agenda item was not considered as there was no business to be attended to in confidential session.

With no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ (Chair)

Date: _____

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Actions to be carried out as a result of this evening's meeting:

Action Required	By	When	Spend	Notes
<i>Add Casual Vacancy to March agenda</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Mar-21</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Advertise vacancy on all available media</i>
<i>Knights Lane</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Liaise with parties named in 20/82</i>
<i>Submit Planning Comments</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Liaise with Yarty ward member re: support for objection</i>
<i>To consider hybrid meetings from May 21</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Mar-21</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Deferred to next meeting</i>
<i>Publish adopted policies</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>From January and February - Add more to March agenda</i>
<i>To consider Social Media activity and usage</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Mar-21</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Deferred to next meeting</i>
<i>Publicise and promote rural broadband</i>	<i>WARD</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>In co-operation with Kevin Fenney / Michael Shaw</i>
<i>Ditto</i>	<i>WARD</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Correspond with parties named under Public Forum minutes</i>