

AYLBURTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 25th May 2021, 7.00 pm at
Aylburton Methodist Community Rooms

PARTICIPATING:

Cllr Frankie Evans (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr David Bayliss
 Cllr Andrew Blamey
 Cllr Claire Shirley

ATTENDING:

Meg Humphries (Clerk)
 Mr Ray Woodward
 Mr Simon Rutherford
 Mr Mark Sargeant
 Mrs Sandra Rickards

No/ Ref	Item/Notes	Action
1. AP01 21/22	<p>To receive any apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Topping, Cllr Lord and Cllr Harrison. Accepted. John Ridley also conveyed his apologies as a member of the public.</p>	
2. AP02 21/22	<p>Welcome. Cllr Evans welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for coming.</p>	
3. AP03 21/22	<p>To approve the accuracy of the 2019 Annual Parish Assembly Minutes (no meeting in 2020 due to the COVID-19 lockdown). It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting, and a copy was signed by Cllr Evans.</p>	
4. AP04 21/22	<p>Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report. None – Cllr Lord, the Chairman, had been taken ill at short notice so no report was available.</p>	
5. AP05 21/22	<p>5. Reports from local organisations (either in person or sent in).</p> <p><u>Aylburton WI – report given by Sue Rickards</u> The main objective through lockdown was keeping in touch with all members and up to date with everything. All members remained upbeat. Zoom meetings didn't work out, so some members set up a phone rota to keep in touch, and set up a newsletter, with recipes etc from members, plus a monthly magazine. The ladies were encouraged to write a book, had a generous donation 'High Teas and Rough Seas', £5 each, proceeds to local charities. They recently donated to Coleford Opportunity Centre to provide books for children with profound learning disabilities. 'Yarn bombings' – three in the last year – have kept everyone going. The group is hoping to get back to meeting in July and have kept all their members, and any new members are welcome.</p> <p><u>Carnival / Memorial Hall Committee – report given by Mark Sargeant</u> It was with sadness that the decision not to hold a 2021 carnival had been made. The field is being kept free on the Sunday of the August bank holiday in case some event can take place then.</p> <p><u>Aylburton Water – report given by Simon Rutherford</u> It has been a quiet year for AW, and there has been less assistance from FoDDC than is ideal. The Cross Inn is committed to going onto Severn Trent Water at the end of July, which will potentially make water supplies more reliable for remaining users of AW.</p>	

Aylburton Community Methodist Church – report sent in by Rev Michelle Ireland

We are so pleased that you are able to use the Community Room again and we pray that your evening will be a success.

May I offer you the following...

The Methodist Church is delighted to be opening for Sunday worship on Sunday 23rd May. The community room is now available for use. We hope to pick up the Coffee Morning and Messy Church events that were held previously, and we look forward to being an integral part of the Community of Aylburton. With the work that has been done on the tower and the beautiful cross, we stand as a sign of hope in what has been a very difficult time.

Aylburton and Lydney Scout Group – report sent in by Mark Westwood, Group Scout Leader

We have continued to deliver Scouting sessions online using zoom for our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.

When lockdown eased in Autumn, we managed to deliver a few sessions of socially distanced, covid safe, Scouting in accordance with government guidelines for youth groups. That stopped shortly after Christmas, but we have recently resumed safe face to face outdoors.

Numbers of young people fell by about 15% with some losing interest during lockdown, but we have also recruited quite a few during the same period.

We also lost a few leaders, who reprioritised their time and discovered new interests in lockdown.

As always, we'll welcome any enquiries from people who wish to give as much or as little support to working with young people or working in the background to support the group.

We have two international trips on the horizon, one in 2022, to mark the start of our centenary year of registering the joint group Aylburton and Lydney, and one in 2023 to celebrate the end of our centenary year.

Ducktown Echo – report sent in by Virginia Ridley, Editor

The Ducktown Echo is the community newsletter published by the Aylburton Parish Council. In 2009 the Aylburton Community Plan identified the need for a parish newsletter. Last year marked the 10 years since the first edition was published in autumn 2010. The present editorial team took over from Maurice Bloomfield with the winter 2013 edition. It is produced quarterly and distributed to every household in the parish. It includes all of the latest information about the council and its activities together with the contact details of the Chair and the Clerk. This is always the main item on the front page and is published as presented with only essential editing.

The newsletter, space permitting, also includes other items of news and information from the churches, the school, the Memorial Hall and the many community groups in the village. The Echo also acts as a notice board for advertising local events and items of interest in and about the village. Every effort is made to reproduce these articles as they are presented but they may be edited as necessary to achieve a professional publication. These items do not reflect the opinions of the Editor or the Parish Council. If space is available publicity for businesses based in the parish are included.

A series of supplements under the title 'Historic Aylburton' have been produced over recent years. These popular articles were written by Cllr John Harrison and describe some of the interesting buildings and former inhabitants of the village.

The four editions each year are:

	<p>Spring covering the Easter period onwards; Summer for the village carnival and the holiday period; Autumn for late September onwards; Winter covering Christmas and New Year.</p> <p>The Echo is produced and distributed entirely by volunteers. It is printed locally and this is the only cost to the council. The last four editions have only been available online on the PC website due to Covid restrictions. We hope to be able to return to distributing printed copies as normal starting with the forthcoming summer edition if restrictions are removed in June as expected. Recent editions of the Echo are available to download on the parish council website www.aylburton.net/ Copies of all the earlier editions are available on request from the editor.</p> <p>The editor would to thank all those who contribute to the success of the Echo by sending in their regular items of village news and also the distribution team Maurice and Clare Bloomfield, Alan and Margaret Edwards, Neville Slee, Elizabeth Day, Peter and Pam Emery, Terry O'Donnell and Brian Reeves.</p>	
6. AP06 21/22	Annual Financial Report. Given verbally by the Clerk. Noted.	
7. AP07 21/22	Open Forum. Ray Woodward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village mowing has been non-existent, which was unacceptable. The lack of mowing in the churchyard was particularly disrespectful. ACTION: Cllr Bayliss to inspect the churchyard and to liaise with the Clerk to resolve. Contractor to be asked to prioritise the churchyard mowing. • Speeding issues – asked what could be done. Cllr Shirley described what was already being done, plus what was planned. The ideal outcome would be a pedestrian crossing. Mark Sargeant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relayed the past crossing campaign when he was on the Parish Council, which ended up being a no-go, but Newnham was successful and Mr Sargeant suggested that this may have been due to direct action. • Drainage: When the village floods, traffic control is a real issue – the roadwash caused by traffic causes flooding, and motorists are unwilling to slow down. ACTION: Clerk to invite Brian Watkins to a public meeting. 	
8. AP08 21/22	Future Parish Assembly Date: To be confirmed. Noted.	

Meeting ended at 8.17 pm

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....