

AYLBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2024, 7.00pm at Aylburton Methodist Community Rooms

PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Newman (Chair)
 Cllr Claire Shirley
 Cllr Ray Woodward
 Cllr David Bayliss
 Cllr Mark Harvey
 Cllr Mark Topping

ATTENDING:

Rachel Hales (Clerk)
 4 Residents

No/ Ref	Item/Notes	Action
1. 141. 23/24	<p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Evans. Accepted. 	
2. 142. 23/24	<p>To note declarations of interest relating to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
3. 143. 23/24	<p>To approve the draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12/12/2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved. Signed by Cllr Newman. 	
4. 144. 23/24	<p>Public Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 residents in attendance, 3 items of correspondences received prior to the meetings, all related and opposed to item 7. Residents invited to speak when we get to item 7. 	
5. 145. 23/24	<p>Planning: to note any updates on planning matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
6. 146. 23/24	<p>To receive any updates from district and county councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from district councillor Mark Topping circulated earlier that day. 	
7. 147. 23/24	<p>Village weed control: to consider a proposal to return to spraying weeds in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Newman outlined the reasons for the proposal, primarily to reduce costs by councillors volunteering their time. • Residents were invited to speak, and correspondence received prior to the meeting read out. All responses were against the proposal on the grounds of biodiversity and potential harmful effects of the chemicals used: link to responses. • Cllr Newman proposed that we return to spraying to control the weed in the village. Cllr Woodward seconded this proposal. • It was clarified the cost of the herbicide would be paid for by the council, and it would be sprayed by volunteers Cllrs RW and CN as required, likely 3 times yearly. The council would budget £200 yearly for costs and to build a reserve, should a contractor be required in the future. • Cllr MT asked for several clarifications, clarified by Cllr RW; The cost of herbicide would be £50 and last a season, Cllr RW would donate the use of his equipment, and store both at his property, he clarified that he had carried out this work previously 3 times a year, and this worked successfully, usually March, June, September • Cllr MT highlighted that the PC did not have to pay the PG quote and could insist on the lower hours of previous years, Cllr CS raised that PG quote was the time he needed to do the job adequately. • Cllr MT raised several regulatory measures that parish council would have to adhere to, and Cllr RW conceded that he would not be able to satisfy these criteria. • Cllr CN withdrew the proposal. 	

8. 148. 23/24	Parish: To consider a suitable location for Brian Thornes memorial bench. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested the playing fields might be a suitable location. Clerk to contact memorial hall. 	RH
9. 148. 23/24	Highways: to note updates on <u>'live issues'</u> reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates to list. Cllr DB highlighted the blocked drains on Church Road, clerk to report. Clerk to add ANPR pole request to list. 	RH
10. 149. 23/24	Budget 2024/25: to formally approve the budget for 2024/25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to increase the weeding budget to £684 and the Upper Common mowing budget to £1900 based on current quotes received. The budget was finalised and agreed with precept required of £20349.54. Cllr Newman proposed an increase of 5% (£18996), compared to 2023-34 (£18092) with the remaining funds coming from reserves. Seconded CS. Unanimous vote in favour. Clerk to submit the precept request. 	RH
11. 150. 23/24	Finance a) To review the month's <u>payments against the budget.</u> Noted. b) To approve this month's payments, as shown on the <u>payment schedule.</u> Approved. c) Income. To note any income received Noted.	
12. 151. 23/24	Communications - To consider appropriate actions arising from this meeting, e.g. website, Facebook, Ducktown Echo, News Release, Notices, Leaflets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting dates. Cllr MT to publish bio-diversity article. Deadline is 15 Feb. 	MT
13. 152. 23/24	Exempt Business: to resolve that under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public can be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of schedule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved. 	
14. 153. 23/24	Aylburton Parish Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **REDACTED** 	
15. 154. 23/24	Council a. To consider appointing <u>GAPTC to carry out the internal audit for 2023-24 at a cost of £180.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved – clerk to action. b. To review and re-adopt the following policies and procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ANPR Principles</u> <u>ANPR Camera System Privacy Impact Assessment</u> <u>ANPR Camera System Data Reporting & Sharing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk highlighted these had been re-adopted in May 2023 and will be looked at again in May 2024. c. Council: To note the date of the next meeting: March Full Council meeting Tuesday 12 March at 7pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. Cllr Woodward stated his intention to resign as councillor. 	RH

Meeting ended 8.15 pm

Signed:..... (Chair)

Date:.....