

**ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 2024 – 7pm; meeting held in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr G Hall, (Chair) Cllr J Verplancke, Cllr G Fletcher  
 Cllr. S Holt, Cllr. D Jenner

In Attendance: Linda Ledingham (Clerk)  
 Ian Hall (DCC)  
 Duncan McKinder (EDDC)  
 Tim Pedder (P3)  
 9 members of the public were also present.

<p>First order of business</p> <p>Meeting commenced at 7.00pm</p>	<p><b>Appointment of a new Chair following the resignation of Mr Alistair Forbes:</b>          Cllr Gary Hall (Deputy Chair) was appointed as Chair for All Saints Parish Council, under the terms of the Standing Orders.  <b>The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.</b></p>
<p>OM24/089</p>	<p><b>To consider matters pertaining to the two Casual Vacancies that exist on the Parish Council:</b>          Three candidates were considered for the vacancies. After deliberation, Mr Steve Holt and Mrs Diana Jenner were co-opted on to the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
<p>OM24/090</p>	<p><b>To note members of the Parish Council in attendance:</b>          Cllr Hall, Cllr Verplancke, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Holt, Cllr Jenner</p>
<p>OM24/091</p>	<p><b>To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence:</b>          Apologies received from Kevin Feeney, Broadband Member</p>
<p>OM24/092</p>	<p><b>Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct:</b>          None</p>
<p>OM24/093</p>	<p><b>To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of All Saints Parish Council, held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and circulated to members of the Council:</b></p> <p>The Minutes for the above meeting were approved.          Proposed Cllr Hall, Seconded Cllr Verplancke</p> <p><b>Matters arising from these minutes:</b>          Dealt with in Business to be considered. <span style="float: right;">RESOLVED</span></p>

OM24/094	<p><b>Chairman’s announcements/Matters of Urgency.</b> Chairman wished everyone a Happy 2024</p>
	<p><b>Public Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Police Report: None received. Cllr Hall stated that he would be happy to follow up and arrange for a police representative to attend the next meeting if any residents have questions for them. He also reported that since our last meeting there have been five burglaries of agricultural property, in the Sector Lane/Black area. Michael Shaw reported that he had been informed by Neighbour Watch that there had been less cases of criminal behaviour reported in the last three years.</li> <li>ii) P3 Report: Tim Pedder reported that all the Footpaths are very muddy now, but still in use. The gate to the footpath at Porches Farm has been replaced and the hedges in Pub Lane have been cut back. He thanked Kevin Baulch for his assistance in clearing the drain at the bottom of the lane. He also thanked members of the Parish for informing him of any problems and in particular Rita Holt for helping to uncover and clear a closed off footpath. The footpath linking Goldsmiths Lane with South Common is extremely muddy, the rail fence was down, and this has been removed and needs to be dismantled. Tim also reported that the DCC Infrastructure had gone quiet and his only contact was via a Team Email address. Cllr Hall recommended that he contact Emma Hellier who now deals with Footpath correspondence.</li> <li>iii) DCC Report: Cllr Hall presented the Axminster District Report, reporting that in 2024/2025 there will be considerable focus on Adult Social Care and Children’s Services. Cllr Hall’s report is available in full on the All-Saints Official Website on the Financials Tab in District and County Council Reports and on the Noticeboard. Also reported was the DCC initiative “Doing What Matters” which involves funding for resurfacing up to three roads in Parishes/Towns in Devon. This will be urgently followed up by the Parish Council.</li> <li>iv) EDDC Report: Cllr McKinder reported on the emergence of new Emergency Plans and cooperation between local Parishes and offered his help with pushing this forward. He also mentioned that he can help with a Neighbourhood Plan Strategy which would help the Council in raising objections to contentious planning applications. Cllr Holt has previous experience of the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and said he would look into this for ASPC.</li> </ul>

	<p>Questions and representations from residents relating to reports or business on this agenda or regarding other matters which they wish to bring to the Council's attention.</p> <p>Other matters brought to Parish Councils attention were: - Neighbourhood Plan; Noticeboards; The Ridgeway Planning Application; Road deterioration partially due to heavy agricultural traffic and additional traffic through the village when there is flooding at Weycroft Bridge; Ditch along A358 between Weycroft bridge and the Railway bridge; Lines sprayed around potholes, which then disappeared but pothole remained; Residents being responsible for clearing gullies in front of their properties; Footpath Goldsmith's Lane/South Common drainage; Security lights needed adjustment on the Pavilion; A non-resident has purchased the field next to the cricket field and plans to design and build a woodland as a living memorial to his parents.</p> <p>Cllr Holt requested that a formal "Thank You" to Alistair Forbes, Chairman of All Saints Parish for the previous decade, be minuted. This was unanimously agreed by all those present.</p>
OM24/095	<p><b>Planning Matters to be considered:</b></p> <p><b>23/2440/CPE – Certificate of Lawfulness – Frogwell Farm</b> All Saints Parish Council has no evidence to support this application. The Parish Council has no further proof of when changes happened as none were applied for.</p> <p><b>23/2663/FUL – Lily Cottage – Goldsmiths Lane</b> On the same grounds outlined by previous applications, this planning application was rejected. <span style="float: right;">UNAPPROVED</span></p> <p><b>23/2486/FUL – Romany Cottage – Churchill</b> There were no objections to this application. <span style="float: right;">APPROVED</span></p>
OM24/096	<p><b>Planning Correspondence to be considered:</b> None.</p>
OM24/097	<p><b>Financial Matters to be considered:</b></p> <p>a) To consider, and if thought fit, approve the Q3 Accounts for All Saints Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Fletcher, Seconded Cllr Hall. <span style="float: right;">APPROVED</span></p> <p>b) To consider and decide upon Budget and Precept figures for FY24/25. Proposed Cllr Fletcher, Seconded Cllr Hall. <span style="float: right;">APPROVED</span></p> <p>c) To consider and approve donation to the All Saints Parish Church Newsletter. A donation of £200 was suggested by Cllr Holt. Proposed Cllr Holt, Seconded Cllr Hall. <span style="float: right;">APPROVED</span></p>

	<p><b>All Saints Parish Council Business to be considered:</b>  “Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair”</p>
<p>OM24/098</p>	<p><b>a) To consider the forming of a Pavilion Sub Committee and the involvement of Parishioners:</b>  There was discussion regarding the need to have a strategy for the Pavilion. Terms of Reference for a Working Group to deliver against this strategy, comprising Councillors and members of the public, will be drawn up.</p> <p><b>b) To consider submission of content for the 2024 Parish Newsletter:</b>  Items considered for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter were:  Co-option of two Councillors, Memorial Wood and volunteers for Working Group Pavilion/Field.</p> <p><b>c) To consider ongoing improvements to the two All Saints Parish websites:</b>  A sub-committee will be formed to discuss and implement future improvements and content.</p> <p><b>d) To consider progress regarding the felling of two trees with Ash Dieback in the Cricket Field.</b>  The clerk reported that Salisbury Diocese had agreed to pay for the cost of removing these trees. The contractor is to be given the go ahead as soon as possible. Residents of All Saints Parish would then be offered the opportunity to collect logs by pre-arrangement with the Clerk.</p> <p><b>e) To consider matters relating to roadworks.</b></p> <p><b>i) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS).</b>  The clerk reported that Chardstock still did not have their VAS pole installed. All Saints will proceed as quickly as possible to have ASP’s VAS pole installed in Goldsmith’s Lane and will make enquiries about having a second VAS pole near the school.</p> <p><b>ii) Roadworks in Pub Lane.</b> Cllr Hall reported that work had been carried out by West Power and that the area of concern had been rectified.</p> <p><b>iii) Potholes – Chapter 8 Training.</b>  The clerk reported funding was available for 3 residents to do the training. The council agreed to ask for volunteers and proceed with the training.</p> <p><b>f) To consider matters relating to ecology and climate action in the parish.</b>  The clerk felt that the Council should be getting more involved in these issues judging by the number of emails received on a daily basis from governmental bodies. Clerk to follow up with a more detailed report.</p> <p><b>g) To consider matters relating to an Emergency Plan for the parish.</b>  The clerk is in discussions with David Whelan, Emergency Planning &amp; Business Continuity Officer to produce an updated Emergency Plan.</p>

	Tim Pedder will try and find the one produced in 2016 and forward to the clerk.
OM24/099	<b>Date and Time of Council's next Ordinary Meeting:</b> The next Ordinary Meeting of All Saints Parish Council is 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall
OM24/100	<b>To be proposed that, under the provisions of Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting), Act 1960 as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</b>
OM24/101	<b>Matters to be considered in confidential discussion:</b> None

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Signed: Mr Gary Hall Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(Chair)