

ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 – 7.15pm
At The Village Hall

Present: Cllr Steve Holt (Chair), Cllr Glenn Fletcher (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Janet Verplancke, Cllr Diana Jenner, Cllr John Adams

In Attendance: Cllr Duncan Mackinder (EDDC)
 Richard Greaves (Footpaths)
 15 members of the public were also present.

	Fire Regulation: Chair welcomed those present and outlined the fire safety precautions.
7.15pm	Public Forum
OM24/133	<p>The Chair opened the Public Forum and invited comments from the audience and mentioned in particular the item on the environment within the Parish which would be covered in Agenda item OM24/142b.</p> <p>An issue was raised in relation to the Defibrillator pack which is missing the starter kit including strong scissors, rubber gloves and mouth guard etc. The Clerk to be notified to ensure a replacement pack is acquired urgently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Police Report – No report submitted. ii) Footpaths Report – Richard Greaves gave a summary of works that had been completed between 10/7/24 and 10/9/24 with some 14 paths and bridleways visited and work had been undertaken on the majority of these. A major issue encountered is the amount of dog mess they have come across, so a message to all, please bag it and remove. He also informed the Council that he and John Adams are planning to make discs to number the bridleways and footpaths and to place these in prominent places to assist users accordingly. The Prowlers Blog has been established on the website and is well used. They have now established a P3 contact at DCC.

	<p>iii) Unfortunately, Cllr. Hall was not available for the meeting, but his DCC report has been sent to the Clerk and will be available in full on the website.</p> <p>iv) EDDC Report – Cllr. Mackinder did not have anything in particular to add at this stage apart from updating us that a series of planning meetings are in progress and a Carbon Action plan is being prepared. See further comments in OM24/140.</p>
OM24/134	<p>To note members of the Parish Council in attendance:</p> <p>Noted</p>
OM24/135	<p>To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence: Linda Ledingham (Clerk) Cllr Ian Hall (DCC)</p>
OM24/136	<p>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct: None received.</p>
OM24/137	<p>Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of All Saints Parish Council, held on 9th July 2024 and circulated to members of the Council:</p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting were approved. Proposed by Cllr Verplancke, Seconded by Cllr Adams</p>
OM24/138	<p>Chairman’s announcements: Announced a desire for more engagement with the Community and requested to be informed of any ideas or topics to be considered at future meetings.</p>
OM24/139	<p>Financial Matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) Noted, the changes made to page 6 of Section 2 AGAR – Accounting Statements 2023/24, b) Noted, the missed deadline for the submission of the Public Rights Notice and confirmed that this is currently available on the website for the 30-day period until 1st October 24, c) Approved, the Accounts for July 24 as previously circulated to Councillors, Proposed Cllr Verplancke, Seconded Cllr Jenner. Unfortunately, the August Accounts were not available for this meeting, d) Noted, the changes to the Bank Mandate to add Cllr John Adams and Cllr Janet Verplancke. Also noted requirement</p>

	to acquire a Credit Card (with pre-determined maximum value) for the Clerk.
OM24/140	<p>Planning Matters to be considered.</p> <p>Letter from EDDC regarding the new National Planning policy Framework, the redevelopment of their Local Plan and the implications to All Saints,</p> <p>Cllr Holt gave a brief outline and summary of the content of the letter.</p> <p>EDDC want to complete the Local Plan by the end of this year, a third more houses have been imposed upon them than originally planned, there are a series of scheduled meetings taking place with one planned for Axminster on the afternoon of 20th September, however All Saints does not appear to be affected.</p> <p>Cllr Mackinder is not aware that All Saints are affected, however it appears that Chardstock may be included.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
OM24/141	<p>Planning Correspondence to be considered:</p> <p>24/1676/OUL Land between Porch Farm and Battleford Farm, the addition of a third wire and multiple pole changes, including support for an upgraded transformer. ASPC had requested further information from EDDC on this proposal and received the reply that this was to upgrade the current transformer and to provide a bit of spare capacity.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	<p>All Saints Parish Council Business to be considered: “Public participation will be encouraged for items a) and b)”</p>
OM24/142	<p>a) To consider launching a “Meet the Council” initiative with a social event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question raised “why would they attend,” responses included topics to be of interest to community, opportunity to be heard and listened to, collaborative communication, to be more informal and more social.

- Communicate that ASPC has totally changed in last year or so with new Councillors and Clerk, with comments made that a vast improvement has been achieved and is more proactive and approachable,
- How to provide more support to local businesses/farmers, to consider establishing a skills record of locals available to undertake work including on a voluntary basis,
- More involvement and discussion with the youth in the village,
- Support to repeat the COMPAS presentation provided at the last meeting.
- It is an ASPC objective to encourage better communication with the community, to include topics of interest to be discussed at meetings and in a more informal manner. Keen to identify the issues and topics that matter to Parishioners.

b) New Environmental Policy.

A Draft policy is now available on the Website and ASPC wants to encourage everybody to get involved with this important topic and establish a Working Group to develop ideas and promote a plan to move forward. A number of people have already shown an interest, and some have a background in this area, so if you would like to get involved and express your views, please contact Cllr Jenner who will be responsible for this initiative.

c) To consider adopting a Communications Policy, some of the key points were outlined and discussed positively in a) above.

Proposed by Cllr Verplancke, seconded by Cllr Fletcher
Approved.

d) Highways.

- (i) Still awaiting update from DCC re VAS and 3 poles installation,
- (ii) Hedges and verges, recognise the need for additional cuts during the year and will put tender out to undertake work and report back,

e) Pavilion:

- (i) Repainted the interior and front doors, installed a cooker/hob, replaced ceiling lights, installed kitchen cupboards, hanging baskets and flowerpots at front. Looking to install a Boules/pétanque piste in the next few weeks.

Cllr Fletcher gave an update on recent phone discussions with Salisbury Diocese regarding the lease arrangements for the field and Pavilion. The discussions were positive and hopefully we will be able to negotiate a new longer-term arrangement in the coming months, as we are now into the sixth year of the current ten-year lease. This will then allow further investment and development of the Pavilion for the future and secure the arrangement with the Air Ambulance service.

- (ii) Family Fun Day was a big success and raised circa £500 towards the ongoing refurbishments,

- (iii) A reminder of recent issues with dog mess on the field and to advise that no parking is allowed in front of the main gates at any time, as access is required for Air Ambulance Service.

f) Website:

- (i) Update from Cllr Adams – since 9 July 24 on the Community website there have been over 2,000 enquiries, the most popular pages are – Newsletters, Prowlers and Village show, and on the business website some 1,000 enquiries,

- (ii) Social media opportunities - this is still being evaluated.

g) All Saints Parish Defibrillator:

- (i) It is proposed that whilst ASPC retains ownership and overall responsibility for this, Adele Greaves has kindly volunteered to manage the operational aspects to maintain this vital community asset. Proposed Cllr Jenner, Seconded Cllr Verplancke. **Agreed.**

ASPC Councillors would like to express their thanks and gratitude to Adele for taking this on.

OM24/143	<p>Date and Time of Council’s next Ordinary Meeting: The date of the Council’s next Ordinary Meeting is 12th November 2024.</p>
OM24/144	<p>To be proposed that, under the provisions of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings), Act 1960 as amended by LGA 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.</p>
OM24/145	<p>Matters to be considered in confidential discussion: Access to field. Pavilion Hire Agreement and Pricing Vehicles parking in front of field gate.</p>

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

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Signed: _____
Cllr Steve Holt (Chair)