



ALLERTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting No 199 held in Allerthorpe Village Hall on Friday 28th August 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Sim Wilkinson	Chairperson
Lesley Mace	Parish Councillor
Chris Mace	Parish Councillor
Kevin Wright	Parish Councillor
Richard Butler	Parish Councillor
Mark Stageman	Parish Councillor
Jane Smith	Parish Clerk
Leo Hammond	Ward Councillor

199.1 Apologies

Mike Sutton	Vice Chairperson
Derek Carey	Ward Councillor

There was 1 member of the public present. There were no members of the press present. Mr Wilkinson welcomed everyone.

199.2 Pre-meeting submissions by any parishioners in attendance:

None.

199.2a Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including any dispensations of pecuniary interest

The clerk declared that she is related to the director of one of the firms who have quoted for installing solar panels on the Village Hall and the bus shelters. She has declared this to the Village Hall Committee and has taken no part in the decision regarding appointing the successful firm.

199.3 To confirm minutes of the previous meetings:

- **PC Meeting 198 10th June 2024** The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs Mace.
- **Extraordinary Meeting 15th July 2024** The minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs Mace.

199.4 To Agree Finance

- i. Transaction reports, receipts and payments 01.04.2024 – 18.08.2024
£4,143.34 has been spent during the period. Receipts have totalled £7,443.39. 14 payments were made: 3 for the clerk's net salary; 1 tax payment to HMRC; 1 to payroll services; 2 annual insurance payments - 1 for the Parish Council and 1 for the Village Hall; 1 ERNLLCA subscription; 1 Parish News subscription; 1 Microsoft

subscription; 2 for plants for the village boxes; 1 for office supplies; 1 for a gift for the internal auditor.

The two receipts were: half of the annual precept and the VAT returned from the last financial year.

ii. Summary of Receipts and Payments

The clerk explained that the PC is in a good financial position. We will receive the other half of the annual precept in September.

It was suggested that we might do quarterly or monthly budget forecasting.

The clerk will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

It was noticed that there are two Village Hall insurance entries, but not only one payment. The clerk will remove the incorrect entry.

iii. Bank reconciliation

Mr Wright signed the bank reconciliation form, after having checked that the bank and the accounting system agree the bank balance as £8,764.63

iv. Assets Register.

There have been no changes to the assets register during this period.

199.5 Review of the Code of Conduct Policy

The draft policy was distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. They were all happy with the policy as it stands. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the policy. It was signed by Mr Wilkinson.

199.6 To receive information re a review of the Neighbourhood Plan

The plan was written by Councillor Stageman and was reviewed and submitted by Andy Peters in 2019. The guidance suggests that it should be monitored. Councillor Hammond said that there is no need to review at present. We are still one of the few councils in the area who have produced their own Neighbourhood plan.

199.7 Proposal re Solar panels on A1079 bus shelters

Ms Forster was present as a member of the public and explained the work she has done so far. She has obtained a grant from Grantscape of £4,000. The Parish Council will own the solar panels, but not the bus shelters, which are owned by ERYC. Planning permission is not needed for the solar panels. Ms Forster has contacted some of the firms on the trading estate who said they would contribute to the maintenance of the overhanging trees after 2 years.

Streetscene (ERYC) will maintain the overhanging trees for the first 2 years.

After some discussion it was decided that the Parish Council are happy to supply the solar panels but don't want the responsibility of the ongoing maintenance.

Mr Wilkinson proposed that the Parish Council accepts the grant but won't allow them to be fitted until someone (Phoenix, ERYC?) takes over the responsibility for maintenance. This was seconded by Mr Butler and unanimously agreed. Ms Forster will follow up.

199.8 To receive information about the opening of the Plough public house.

JJs are taking over the Plough, which will now be called JJs at the Plough. The opening day will be Friday 30th August.

199.9 Village Hall

To receive information re the changing of the land registry ownership details from APC to AVHMC.

Unfortunately, Mr Sutton was unable to attend this meeting, This item will go forward to the next meeting.

To receive other information and updates.

The Village Hall has received a grant from Grantscape for solar panels. Quotes have been received and the work will be offered to one of the firms shortly.

The cleaner has retired, another cleaner has been appointed and will start at the beginning of September.

Bookings are still well below pre-Covid levels. Councillors thought some fund-raising activities would be appreciated by residents, and perhaps a Social Committee could be formed.

199.10 Soay Community Liaison Group

At the meeting on 15th August John Cross, the construction manager on site, said that construction to prepare for the installation of the battery units is on a relatively small area of the site and that vehicle movements will be reducing over the summer months. Road sweeping has been extended and they asked that residents contact them at www.statkraft.co.uk/soay if there is anything concerning them.

At the next meeting, the clerk will raise the issue of Allerthorpe's Emergency Plan and any alterations necessary regarding the installation of the solar panels and batteries.

199.11 Planning

Applications since last meeting

none

decisions since last meeting

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Meeting of the Western Area Planning Sub-Committee 3rd September

Application 24/00390/PLF, Change of use of land for the siting of 12 additional static caravans will be considered at this meeting.

199.12 Speeding through the village

Councillor Hammond is going to be looking at this during October and will report back.

He also mentioned that the issue with very bright lights on the trading estate by the A1079 roundabout is a police matter and he has reported it.

199.13 Community Speedwatch

No further information available.

199.14 Dates of next meetings

Monday 4th November

Monday 16th December – to look at the budget and set the precept.

199.15 Meeting Closed

20.18

Signed

Date