ALLERTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting No 200 held in Allerthorpe Village Hall on Monday 4th November 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Sim Wilkinson	Chairperson
Mike Sutton	Vice Chairperson
Lesley Mace	Parish Councillor
Chris Mace	Parish Councillor
Richard Butler	Parish Councillor
Mark Stageman	Parish Councillor
Jane Smith	Parish Clerk
Paul West	Ward Councillor
Leo Hammond	Ward Councillor (from 7.57 pm)

200.1 Apologies

Kevin Wright	Parish Councillor

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

200.2 Pre-meeting submissions by any parishioners in attendance:

None.

200.2a Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including any dispensations of pecuniary interest:

None.

200.3 To confirm minutes of the previous meeting:
PC Meeting 199 23rd August 2024

Mr Sutton first reminded the Council that the Land Registry transfer of assets of the Village Hall from the Parish Council to the Village Hall Trust needs to be conveyed. Mr Sutton will get quotes and appoint a solicitor.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mr Stageman.

200.4 To Agree Finance

i. Transaction reports, receipts and payments 18.08.2024 – 27.10.2024

£2,326.37 has been spent during the period. Receipts have totalled £7,250.00. 8 payments were made:3 for the clerk's net salary (a glitch meant that some salary payments were delayed during the previous period); 1 payment to HMRC; 1 payment to ERVAS payroll services; 1 payment to PFK Littlejohn, the external auditor; 1 payment to ERYC for street lighting; 1 payment for office supplies. The one receipt was half of the annual precept.

ii. Summary of Receipts and Payments

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. Total payments from 01.04.24 to 22.10.2024 are £6,469.71.

iii. Bank reconciliation

Mr Mace signed the bank reconciliation form, after having checked that the bank and the accounting system agree the bank balance as £13,688.26

Cash in hand from 01.04.24	5,464.58
Receipts	+ 14,693.39
	£20,157.97
Payments	6,469.71
	£13,686.26

iv. Budget for 2025-26

v. It was agreed that the Clerk will work with Mr Butler on transferring the format of the budget to Excel or Scribe and decisions on the precept for 2025-26 will be made at the December meeting.

vi. Assets Register.

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

200.5 To accept the resignation of the present Clerk and to discuss and plan for the appointment of a replacement.

Mr Wilkinson has received one expression of interest and a member of the public said that she knows of another.

Mr Sutton and Mr Butler will form an appointment sub-committee.

200.6 Review of the Code of Conduct Policy

The already adopted policy needs to be amended to include the Emergency Plan from Statkraft. When received it can be appended to our Plan. Two other points were raised – that we should find out what chemicals local farmers have on their property.

- that we should have a list of vulnerable people who would need support during an emergency. Ther clerk will include this in the next Parish News insert.

200.7 To discuss Openreach

Openreach have been working in Allerthorpe to provide connectivity re fibre. Mr Mace has discovered that for certain houses in Back Lane there are no plans for connection. Information can be found on the Openreach website. Councillor West said that he will take this up with ERYC and get back to us. Quick Line is an

alternative company if Openreach can't do this. Councillor Hammond said that ERYC have got £2.5m to connect the most difficult 5% of properties.

200. 8 To receive information from Soay Community Liaison Group

A meeting of the group took place on Tuesday 29th October. The construction yard will be completed by early November. Phase 2, the installation of the battery units, will begin on 18th November, and will involve curtain slider lorries coming through the village. In total 620 cubes will be delivered, 3 cubes per wagon. The road on the corner by the Golf Club is deteriorating, Councillor Paul West said it will be dealt with in Spring 2025. The solar element of the project is estimated to start in April 2025 and will take 10-12 months. Biodiversity and landscaping will take place after this.

200.9 To discuss Thornton Battery Energy Storage System.

Soay are information gathering prior to submitting plans. (This project and the already started one are being organised completely separately). A meeting is being held at Melbourne Methodist Church on Thurs 7th Nov at 1pm.

200.10 Solar Panels on bus shelters on A1079

Ms Forster was invited to speak from the public seating area. The grant from Grantscape will pay for the solar panels and maintenance of them for three years. Ms Forster has been to some of the businesses on the business park to ask for donations for the maintenance for the fourth year onwards and for tree trimming above the panels. The general feeling of the PC was that they were uncomfortable holding the pot of money and it should be for the operators of Allerthorpe Business Park to do this. Ms Foster will investigate this possibility.

200.11 Planning

Applications since last meeting

none

Decisions since last meeting

Application 24/00390/PLF, Change of use of land for the siting of 12 additional static caravans. Refused

200.12 Speeding through the village

Councillor Hammond met up with an Allerthorpe resident who is concerned about speeding. The bend by the Village Hall is of particular concern. He also said that Thornton PC are putting in a bid for a flashing speed sign. Should Allerthorpe and Thornton share the sign. ERYC will change it over every 6 weeks for a small charge.

200.13 To discuss remote attendance of Parish Council meetings

The Clerk mentioned an email from ERYC suggesting that hybrid Parish Council meetings may be allowed. For these to take place in the Village Hall, specialist equipment would need to be purchased.

200.15 Date of next meeting

Monday 16th December 7pm.– to look at the budget and set the precept.

200.16 Meeting Closed

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Signed Date