

## MINUTES OF AWLISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

- Present: Councillors W. Furnival, P. Gillingham, C. Wright, T. Harvey, County Councillor I.Chubb, District Councillor P. Skinner

- 10 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A. Summers, N. Boulton, R. Lawrence, The Police

2. **Police Report:** No Report.

3. **Items from County/District Councillors:** Cllr Chubb from Devon County Council reported that a very long budget meeting had taken place and a rise in the Council Tax was passed to cover the struggling Health and Childcare forecast. A Pothole Action Fund has been set up to help with the never ending problem of Highway repairs. The Chairman thanked Cllr Chubb for attending the meeting.

Cllr Skinner reported that this would be his last meeting due to the changes to the boundaries. Awliscombe would be included in the Otterhead and Dunkeswell Ward and Cllr Skinner would cover Talaton as well as Plymtree and Payhembury. He also reported that the EDDC were now in situ in 'Blackdown House' in Honiton and all seems to be going well apart from the parking. EDDC are now the top county in the country for recycling with 59% going to the recycling plant. The next target is for cardboard which is worth a lot of money and many areas are now able to leave with the weekly green boxes. The Chairman thanked Cllr Skinner for all of his help over the years that he has been Ward Member for Awliscombe particularly with a number of issues with planning and wished him good luck for the future.

4. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Gillingham declared an interest for planning application 19/0472/FUL & 19/0483/MOUT.

5. **The minutes of the meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019:** They were signed a true and correct record.

6. **Matters arising:** The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with Phillip Morgan from Highways at the site of the fence beside Hillcrest which had blown over in the high winds last autumn and was reported to be a safety fence by a parishioner but Highways were not prepared to replace it. Phillip took measurements and said that he would forward the details further up the line and tried to stress that due to the gradient of the bank a fence should be there to protect people using the pavement.

It had been briefly mentioned at the last meeting about the entrance to the bottom end of Sunnyside and the concrete block that prevents the emergency vehicles being able to get down to the houses at the bottom. It appears that this is council property and was put there to help with access to the house which was a council house originally. The Clerk to contact housing department in EDDC to find out further information.

7. **Update on Gigaclear.** Gigaclear have now instructed 'Kier' to carry out the work left to complete the installation of Superfast Broadband and work should commence in the summer. Further updates to follow.

### **8. Planning:**

A number of parishioners had attended the meeting to voice concerns about the proposed planning at Hillcrest. Questions were asked about the layout and discussion was had about the land allocated for the playing field and village hall. The Chairman reminded people that although a site plan had been submitted the two applications that had been lodged were for firstly 'Change of use from agricultural land' and the second application is for 'Access only'. With this in mind it was suggested that a site visit is taken by Councillors to look at the traffic situation and on the advice of a parishioner they agreed to meet at 7.30 a.m. to view the traffic.

**19/0483/MOUT – Mr. R. Falle, Land West of Hillcrest, Awliscombe** - Outline planning application for the erection of 15no dwellings, village hall, farm shop and car parking, (3no affordable and 12no "downsizing" units ), seeking approval for access only (matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved)

**19/0472/FUL – Mr R. Falle, Land West of Hillcrest, Awliscombe** - Change of use to form recreation area

**19/0297/FUL – Mr Tracey, Land adjacent to Titford Hold, Awliscombe** - Provision of gated entrance, hard surfaced track and change of use of land from agricultural to garden (retrospective)

**19/0101/FUL- Paul Humphries Architects – Greenways, Awliscombe** - Construction of 5 no dwellings (comprising a mix of affordable and market dwellings). The plans were discussed and this now fulfills the number of affordable houses needed. The main concern of the council is the access as in previous applications.

**18/2908/FUL – Mr & Mrs P. Helliwell, Heron Farm, Weston** - Change of use of building from farm shop, winery and cookery school to farm shop and café. Council supports following site visit. **Permission granted.**

**18/1429/FUL – Mr. D. Dymond, Barns at Meadow View, Awliscombe** Works to barns to facilitate permitted change of use to hotel including Class R conversion of barns from agricultural to use class C1. **Awaiting decision.**

**9. Parishioners Questions** There were none

**11. To collect any funds and confirm cheques for this meeting.**

**Balance as at 31/01/19** **£6613.34**

**Receipts:**

**Advertising** **£ 150.00**

**Payments clearing the bank** **£ 693.99**

**Balance as at 28/02/2019** **£6069.35**

**Payments for this month**

A.Dimond & Co – Printing **£ 380.00**

Parish Hall – Room Hire **£ 12.00**

The Clerk said that the first part of the precept would be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April which is £2,500.00. The Councillors discussed the bank balance. We have budgeted for the churchyard maintenance although no one from the church has been in contact regarding this year's contribution. It was suggested that the Clerk should have a pay increase starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr Wright proposed that it should be increased from £1404.00 per annum to £1650.00 per annum. Cllr Harvey seconded. All in favour.

**12. Date of the next meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting.

**15. Any other Business.** The Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Meet 11 a.m. in the village hall car park and please bring High Visibility Vests/Jackets.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed.

*Sally Maynard – Parish Clerk*