

MINUTES OF AWLISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 17th February 2020

- Present: Councillors R. Lawrence, W. Furnival, T. Harvey, N. Boulton, C. Wright, District Councillor C. Brown, County Councillor I. Chubb
 - 6 members of the public were present.
1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Summers. District Councillor D. Key.
 2. **Items from County/District Councillors:** Cllr Brown reported that the planning application at Ridgeway Farm will now be granted even though originally it was going to Development Management Committee, Cllr Chubb reported that we are recycling a huge amount of rubbish and that over the two weeks of Christmas and new year 1200 tonnes of waste had been recycled. The Knowle is finally sold. The Council tax will rise slightly this year for DCC to an extra £4-£5 per household. Due to the dire weather the roads everywhere are in really bad state. At this point the Clerk asked Cllr Chubb if he had managed to see the state of Hembury Fort and explained that the road had been shut for it to be repaired but this has now broken up and the potholes are absolutely disgusting. It was suggested by the Clerk that it now needs to be reported to someone higher up the chain for Highways and this would be the next stage. The potholes are a real danger to motorists. The Chairman asked if there were any questions for the Councillors. A member of the public challenged Cllr Chubb regarding the state of the roads especially Hembury Fort and the A373 to Cullompton. The discussion became rather heated and unfortunately the Chairman had to stop the meeting. The other topic brought up by another parishioner was regarding Broadband. Again this is an ongoing issue that at the moment does not have any positive answer but the Parish Council are pushing for these things to be sorted. The Chairman thanked the Councillors for attending the meeting
 3. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
 4. **To receive, confirm and sign minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020** They were signed a true and correct record.
 5. **Matters arising from the last minutes:** . The Clerk had asked if we could have two signs for Weston. This was agreed at the cost of £180 each.
 6. **To discuss the recent consultation for the Community Development.** It was agreed that the turn out of people for the consultation on Thursday afternoon/evening was a bit disappointing but hopefully the second time on Saturday 15th February would be more convenient for people. It was agreed that a survey could be put online and social media. Timandra the publisher of the Awliscombe and Weston Times said that she could do a big middle page spread in next months edition and this was agreed to be a good way for people to see the proposals who are not on social media. A copy of the survey would be put in as a flyer. The Clerk to arrange.
 7. **Parishioner Questions:** Roy Hyde said that at the last meeting he had asked on behalf of the Hall Committee for some financial help towards the upgrading of the toilets and changing rooms. The council had agreed but since then the quote had more than doubled and therefore were the council still happy to support this. The Council in general thought that this was unfair to spend large amounts of public money on this issue but also felt that the hall should be supported. Cllr Furnival suggested that we consult with Cllr Gillingham as he is the Hall representative but was absent from the meeting.
 8. **Planning:**
20/0236/OHL – Western Power Distribution, Wessington Farm, Awliscombe - Addition of third line to existing overhead lines
20/0023/FUL – Mr S Goldring, Woodcroft Copse, Weston - Timber framed storage facility for tools, equipment and supplies used in connection with on-site agricultural and woodland/forestry purposes (retrospective application). The Council were not happy with this application as because the existing shed of which this is a retrospective application is too close to the highway, it is not used for agriculture, it is unsightly and is not proportional to the size of the copse. It appears to be part of a wider development of the site of which there is no planning permission.

19/1941/FUL – Mr. J. Flewitt, Ridgeway Farm, Awliscombe - Conversion of barn to form ancillary accommodation including external alterations and increase in roof height. *Awaiting decision.*

Highways: The Clerk said that she had reported the issues at Tracey Ham and the potholes at Hembury Fort but had been told by Philip Morgan that they were still trying to work their way through the work list from last year and therefore would not be attending the current issues yet. It was made very clear by the Clerk that if there are any potholes or blocked drains that it must be reported on line on the www.devon.gov.uk website and that each individual pothole should be reported to avoid them filling one but not another one close by. Anyone can do this so please fill free to report any issues. Please take pictures to back up the depth and width of each pothole.

To collect any funds and confirm cheques for this meeting.

Balance as at 31/12/2019	£6377.15
Advertising	209.00
Payments cleared the bank	712.50
Balance as at 31/01/20	£5873.65
Payments for this meeting:	
A. Dimond & Co – Printing	195.00
Parish Hall – Room Hire	24.00
Parish Hall – Room Hire (consultations)	51.00

11. **Date of the next meeting:** Monday 30th March 2020

12. **Any other Business.** An email had been received from Nick Thwaites – Churchwarden asking if it would be possible to make the annual donation to the church funds for ‘general maintenance’ The Councillors discussed this and agreed that this money which is taken from the Precept was originally given to cover the maintenance of the Churchyard so as to pay for someone to keep it looking in good order. It was agreed that it should be allocated for this purpose and not general maintenance. The Clerk to contact Mr Thwaites to inform him of the decision.

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

Sally Maynard
Parish Clerk