

MINUTES OF AWLISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 25th January 2021

Parish Council meeting held virtually by Zoom.

- Present: Councillors R. Lawrence, W. Furnival, T. Harvey, N. Boulton, C. Wright, P. Gillingham, A. Summers, County Councillor I. Chubb, District Councillor D. Key. 3 members of the public
 1. **Apologies for absence:** None
 2. **Items from County/District Councillors:** County Councillor Iain Chubb gave a short update from Devon County to say that the vaccination program was in full swing at Exmouth Tennis Centre and further centres would be opening by mid February. It is Budget setting time again and Zoom meetings are taking place to set budgets for the various sectors in the County
 - Highways update - A new website was being set up to report and view blocked drains which could be very useful.Cllr Key did not have much to report as most of the Councillors in EDDC were still working from home. Planning committee meetings were continuing online. The Chairman thanked both Councillors for attending the meeting. Both agreed to stay for the rest of the meeting.
 3. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Summers and Cllr Gillingham for planning applications at Hunthays Farm. They would be muted and video turned off for this agenda item.
 4. **To receive, confirm minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020.** The Chairman asked if everyone agreed to the draft minutes. All Councillors were happy. No signature was taken due to remote meeting but were confirmed as true and correct. All in favour.
 5. **Matters arising:** There were none.
 6. **Update of the issues regarding Land at Cot Green:** The Chairman reported that The Clerk had been in contact with Phil Morgan to ask that the downgrading of the right of way be put on hold until further information is found regarding ownership of the land. She also asked if he would be prepared to have a socially distance meeting at the land at Cot Green to have a look at a way forward. He had replied to say that as the Council had given him the go ahead following the meeting on the 2nd November 2020 this had now been passed further up the line and was now in being actioned. He also felt that this was no longer a Devon County Council issue and therefore was not prepared to have a meeting to discuss further. The Chairman had had a conversation with Ray Willmington who had informed him that he was not aware that the land belonged to the Parish Council and that there had been a long standing agreement with Mr Sid Dymond and the Highways department going back to the 1960s when the layout of that piece of land changed. With this in mind the Chairman had said that he and the council had agreed that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but once the strip of land under the hedge was downgraded to a public right of way the gates either end could not be locked or blocked to stop access. The ownership of the rest of the area needed to be sorted out between the Dymond Family. The Chairman asked if there were any further comments. There were none, although Bernie asked if this could be put on the agenda for the next meeting as he was not happy with the Parish Council's response. The Chairman agreed to having it on the agenda.
 7. **Planning:**
 - 19/0101/FUL – Cutler, Greenways, Awliscombe** – Amended plans to change 3 no *affordable rent* & 2 no Open Market houses to 3 no *Shared ownership* houses and 2 no Open Market houses. *Council had no objections but felt it should be made clear these properties were for local people only.*
 - 20/2868/FUL – Mr. P. Helliwell, Heron Farm, Weston** - Construction of buildings to provide outdoor kitchen and bike store (retrospective) and use of land for the siting of a mobile catering unit. *Council support*

20/2720/FUL – Mr & Mrs D. Toms, The Oaks, Awliscombe - Erection of a detached oak framed ancillary annexe. *The Council were concerned about the position and the size of the dwelling in relation to the existing house but could see the need for health and care reasons.*

20/2620/FUL – Mr & Mrs. M. Burrough – Grange Farm, Awliscombe – Erection of permanent agricultural workers dwelling and associated independent vehicular access. – *Council support.*

20/2282/FUL – Mr. S. Goldring, Woodcroft Copse, Weston – Construction of storage shed for tools and equipment, animal feeds and fuels used in connection with woodland and smallholding activities – *Awaiting decision.*

Another application had come in since the agenda was issued for a barn conversion at Hunthayes Farm. Mr & Mrs Canon were present on the meeting to explain what their plans were regarding the conversion and the relationship between themselves and Mr and Mrs Summers who live in the other part of the courtyard. Counsellor Gillingham and Councillor Summers had declared an interest for this agenda item and muted themselves from the meeting. The council were in agreement that this was a good idea to keep young families within the village and to make use of a redundant building.

8. **Parishioners Questions:** There were none.

9. **Highways:** We are starting to have a few issues with potholes again on Hembury Fort the same place as before Clerk to report for maintenance Still issues with re-surfacing between Three Corners and Wolverstone Hill, but it looks like they could be re-surfacing from Buckerell Cross to Three Corners. The Clerk reminded members that potholes can be reported on the Devon County Council website.

10. **To update Council on payments and confirm cheques for this meeting.**

Balance as at 01/12/20	£7182.01
Clerk's wages	£ 137.50
Bank balance: 31/12/20	£7044.51

Cheques payable at this meeting:

TRIP Donation (agreed by Council to increase for this year)	£ 150.00
Proposed: P. Gillingham	Seconded: N. Boulton
SLCC Membership for Clerk	£ 35.00
Proposed: W. Furnival	Seconded: P. Gillingham
Axminster Printing – Quarterly newsletter	£ 460.00
Proposed: W. Furnival	Seconded: N. Boulton

The Council discussed the payment for the printing which seemed a little high. Although it is only a quarterly publication. The Clerk to discuss this with the new editors and to also find out about advertising coming into cover some of the cost.

11. **Date of the next meeting:** Monday 15th March 2021.

12. **Any other Business.** There was none.

Sally Maynard
Parish Clerk