

MINUTES OF AWLISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14th January 2019

- Present: Councillors W. Furnival P. Gillingham, C. Wright, A. Summers, T. Harvey, District Councillor P. Skinner
- 3 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr N. Boulton and Cllr R. Lawrence

2. **Police Report:** A yearly report had been sent from the Police which categorised crimes relating to Awliscombe. The report did not seem to be very clear and therefore the Clerk would contact PCSO England to clarify the situation.

3. **Items from County/District Councillors** Cllr Skinner reported that EDDC would be moving from Sidmouth to the new offices in Honiton in January and is called Blackdown House. Planning applications will be dealt with at Honiton as they were at Sidmouth along with various meetings that are held also at Sidmouth. Benefits and housing issues are already being dealt with at Exmouth.

4. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

5. **The minutes of the meeting on 26th November 2018:** They were signed a true and correct record.

6. **Matters arising:** Steve Brownridge raised the issue of the maintenance of the gazebos at the last meeting. Cllr Wright said that there is a company in Heathpark that would carry out the repairs and that there was £1,000 put aside in Honiton Town Council to cover these repairs so Cllr Wright would follow up.

7. **Update on Gigaclear.** MGM the contractors that have been carrying out the works have been dismissed and will play no further part in the installation and they are not looking at getting any further until April/May 2019.

8. Planning:

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 – The Council have decided to have a site visit to have a look at the plans before commenting on this application.

18/2793/FUL – Mrs. J. Gates, 3, Sunnyside, Awliscombe – Construction of single storey extension – Council had no issues with this application.

18/2207/VAR – DBD Construction, Bishopshayne Farm, Awliscombe - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), 3 (landscaping), 5 (materials) 6 and 7 (window details) of application 15/2550/FUL (conversion of redundant agricultural building to create 2 no. dwellings) **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.

10. **Highways:** A letter had been received from a parishioner regarding the railings that had been taken away between Summerlands and Hillcrest. As reported in the previous minutes the Clerk had contacted Highways to confirm if the railings were a safety issue. They replied to say that they were not a safety issue and therefore can be removed. The Parishioner has asked that a risk assessment is carried out to check if this is the case because they feel they should be replaced. As this is not a Parish Council decision the letter has been forwarded to Highways. A couple of potholes in the village to be reported. The one as you go up Hembury Fort and there is a major one outside of Collyhayes Farm.

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

Balance as at 31/10/18 £6875.34

Receipts:

Advertising £ 129.00

Payments clearing the bank £ 327.00

Balance as at 31/12/18 £6680.34

Payments for this month

A.Diamond & Co – Printing £ 380.00

S.L.C.C. – Clerks Membership £ 38.00

Parish Hall – Room Hire £ 12.00

Mrs G. Long – Times expenses £ 5.99

All payments were proposed and seconded. The Councillors agreed on a budget and the Precept was discussed. It was raised last year to £5,000 to help cover the cost of the churchyard maintenance and it was agreed to keep the amount the same this year. A proposal for the precept to stay at £5,000.00 was made by Cllr Summers and seconded by Cllr Gillingham. All in favour.

12. Date of the next meeting: Monday 18th February 2019

15. Any other Business. There will be Defibrillator Awareness Training on Saturday 26th January 2019 at the village hall 10 -12 which is open to everyone. It would be nice to have the defib installed by then and Cllr Wright said that he would contact the electrician to get this sorted out.

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

Signed..... Dated.....