

MINUTES OF AWLISCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th March 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:** District Cllr C. Brown.
 2. **Items from County/District Councillors:** County Councillor Iain Chubb gave an update from Devon County to say that the vaccination program has been very successful particularly in Devon and the mobile testing units are in various places. The budget has been set. The Chairman spoke about the possibility of having a contractor in to do some of the highway maintenance and would there be funding for this. Cllr Chubb said that would be some available in the Locality Budget but there are a number of community funds that can be applied for.

Cllr Key reported that he had been present at the Planning Committee meeting where they made the decision regarding the change of shared ownership on the affordable houses at Greenways. EDDC had said that they would try and find a company to take the site as it is. It appears it is now back on the market. The Chairman thanked them for their reports.
 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 25th January 2021.** 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 Clerk reported that she had once again been in contact with Phil Morgan from DCC Highways to get some final clarity on the position regarding the Land at Cot Green. He had replied to say that he doubted that it would be down graded to a PRoW most likely a category 12 green lane, the maintenance will still be the land owners either side and DCC will have the responsibility of repairing the surface to a green lane standard. The Parish have no commitments in regards to maintenance at this location. The Hedges will only need to be cut if restricting the movement of people which will be better for the environment and there will still be access as there is now. With this in mind it was agreed that it was not up to the Parish Council to maintain and therefore should be sorted out between the landowners and access for Mr Burford for his utilities. The Chairman asked if everyone was happy with the findings. All in agreement.
 7. **Planning:**
 - 21/0532/FUL – Mr. B. Montgomery, Merrifield, Awliscombe** – Construction of Carport – Council support
 - 21/0514/FUL – Ms. E. Dymond, Hayne Farm, Awliscombe** – Construction of barn and dung store – Council support
 - 21/0503/FUL – Ms E. Dymond, Hayne Farm, Awliscombe** - Provision of an agricultural barn – Council support
 - 21/0030/FUL – Mr & Mrs S Canon, Hunthays Farm, Awliscombe** - Conversion of existing brick barn and stone barns to form one dwelling. – **Council support.**
 - 21/0157/FUL – Mr. N. Boulton, Woodcroft, Weston** – Construction of replacement conservatory – **Permission granted.**
 - 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 – **Went to Planning Committee for refusal 10th March 2021. This was discussed in agenda item 2 from Cllr Key.**

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. – **Permission granted**

20/2720/FUL – Mr & Mrs D. Toms, The Oaks, Awliscombe - Erection of a detached oak framed ancillary annexe. Awaiting decision

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

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.

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

9. **Highways:** The Chairman said that he had spoken to Andrew Tucker from Luppitt regarding him potentially doing some lengthsman work on behalf of the village. Cllr Chubb said that there was a Community Enhancement Fund that we could apply to or his locality budget. The Chairman to speak to Andrew to look at the work and possibly get a quote.

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

Balance as at 01/01/21	£7044.51
No transactons in January	
Receipts from Advertising	£ 335.00
Clerk’s wages	£ 137.50
Cheques cleared	£ 645.00
Bank balance: 26/02/21	£6597.01

Cheques payable at this meeting:

No payments for this meeting but Council agreed to a payment to Axminster Printing for the Times if received before the next meeting. The Clerk informed the Councillors that they would receive by email a copy of the Cashbook, Bank reconciliation and Accounting Statements after 31st March for the year ending 2021. This an update following emails sent to them throughout the year to update them as to receipts and payments. Accounts to go to Trudie Jenkins to be internally audited to allow the AGAR to be signed off in the next few months.

11. **Date of the next meeting:** The Clerk reported that the next meeting should be the AGM. It is still unclear as to whether this would be on Zoom or face to face. The Clause 78 of the Coronavirus Act which allows councils to have virtual meetings comes to an end on 7th May and therefore unless legislation is changed we will either have to have a Zoom meeting before that date or look at the rules for socially distanced. The Clerk to advise.

12. **Any other Business.** The Clerk raised the issue of a Dog Poo bin to be situated in the village due to a number of complaints regarding it being left in bags in the countryside. The Clerk reported that EDDC Streetscene would provide a bin at a cost of £180.00 and it would be emptied 3 times a week at a cost of £270.00 per year. Cllr Summers proposed that it should be situated at the end of Weston Lane and for a 12 month trial. Cllr Furnival seconded. The Clerk to contact EDDC.

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

Signed:..... Dated:.....