

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of ALLOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 18th May 20 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: In the Chair. Cllr. Mrs J Wilson. Cllrs. Mrs P. Adlington, Mrs A.Owens, F. Still, J. Roberts ,P.Moseley. Clerk, Mrs Hazel West.

Apologies: Cllrs. A.Healey and Cllr Mrs J.Gibbison.

There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and placed her annual report on the activities of the Parish Council on file. She summarised the work done this year and she thanked everyone for their efforts.

Cllr Wilson thanked her fellow councillors and the clerk for their help and support during the year.

The Annual Parish Meeting was then closed and The Annual Parish Council Meeting commenced. This is the first meeting following the non-contested election.

1. **Acceptance of Office** All the councillors signed their Acceptance of Office forms which were countersigned by Mrs West.

2. **Election of Chairman**. Councillor Mrs Julia Wilson agreed to continue as Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs P.Adlington Seconded: Cllr.Mrs A. Owens

3. **Election of Vice Chairman**. Councillor Frank Still agreed to continue as Vice-Chairman

Proposed Cllr Mrs J. Wilson Seconded Cllr.Mrs P.Adlington

4. **Apologies** were received from Cllrs A.Healey and Mrs J.Gibbison

5. **Declarations of interest**.

Everyone agreed that their Notification of Interest forms were correct .

6.**Governance**.

Discussion around all governance items on Audit form and councillors were unanimous that they were happy with all aspects of governance. Cllr Mrs Wilson signed form.

7. **Minutes of the last meeting**- accepted. Proposed Cllr. J.Roberts

Seconded. Cllr. Mrs J.Wilson

8.Matters arising

- No further development in bus situation. Still only available 2 days a week and no weekends.Clerk will check with Cllr Stocks if there is any news.
- Bartletts Tree report discussed and agreed to have work done except not to fell Horse Chestnut tree since this is not a safety issue. Clerk to ask Bartletts to carry on and whilst they are here to look at hedge which Mrs Owens points out is in need of maintenance. This should not be cut until September for ecological reasons and clerk to check with Mr Beattie that he is ok with this.
- Cllr .Moseley thinks PC needs to buy a bigger mower, he will price this.
- Charlie Moseley will check noticeboard and revarnish the area needed.

9. Village Hall

Agreed Marie can get plants for around Noticeboard .

Still very difficult to get people to take part and help. There was no event organised for the Coronation due to lack of support.

Evergreens are holding a celebration on 13th June in the afternoon at 2pm £10 a head for Afternoon tea and Entertainment.

10. Parish Field.

Trees have been inspected by Bartletts Tree Surgeons. To be pruned etc.

Mowing- Cllr Moseley has it in hand.

11. Planning.

All plans as CWAC site.

Footpath 16 has been closed again due to Inovyn working there. It is officially closed until June 2024. It is noted that the Parish Council was not informed of this decision and Cllr Mrs Wilson inquired of Inovyn what was happening.

12. Finance

Gavin Montgomery adopted as **Internal Auditor** for another year.

Hazel West **Responsible Financial Officer**

Audit document circulated and approved. It was agreed that Allostock Parish Council meets the criteria for Exemption certificate. The Exemption certificate was signed, the clerk will submit it.

All other documents approved and the clerk will publish them on web-site.

PAYE End of Year returns have been submitted

Insurance was agreed and paid.

Cheques issued:

BHIB Insurance £478.37

Salary £599.0

St Oswald's PCC £600

Mid Ches Footpaths £8

CHALC affiliation £293.41

HMRC £101.0

CTS Property services £55

Data Registration £40

13. Correspondence.

Thank you letter from St Oswald's PCC.

14. Comments/Inquiries/Reports.

Mrs West and Cllr Mrs Wilson attended Keuper Gas meeting, there was nothing new to report. Minutes have been circulated. There is still money available in their Community Benefit fund for appropriate energy saving projects.

Cadent pipeline email has been circulated.

Closure of Footpath 16 noted.

15. Date of next meeting. 27th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed.....27th July 2023

