

Minutes of the Meeting of ALLOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Three members of the public were present.

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

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr. P. Moseley, Cllr A. Healey and Cllr Mrs J.Gibbison.

2. **Declarations of interest,**

**Nil**

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**-accepted. Proposed Cllr. Mrs P.Adlington Seconded Cllr.F.Still.

4. **Matters arising**

- Woodside Farm Clerk has received no reply from Fishing club. Police say they are checking the area.
- CCTV on Village Hall being installed and signs erected.
- Footpath on A50 still not cleared, Clerk will contact CWAC again.
- New Dog Waste bin to be purchased and situated at other gateway.
- Les Rushton has new supply of bags and is kindly putting them in box which has been painted.

**5.Parish Field**

Social committee wants to increase the safe car parking area and to try and prevent vehicles from being stuck in the mud during the winter. They have looked at several solutions and obtained three quotes. They feel that grids would be best as they are not permanent and look ok as grass grows through them. There was discussion by the Parish Council and it was decided to contribute £2500 towards the bill of approx. £9000 as this increased parking will be of benefit to the community.

**6.Village Hall**

The Noticeboard is in urgent need of refurbishment. Charley Moseley to be asked to do this.

**7.Planning**

**24/02566/LBC**

**Townfield Farm**

**Demolition of side lean to extension of a curtilage listed barn.**

**Allostock Parish Council has no objection to this application**

**24/02517/FUL**

**Hills Garden Centre.**

**Demolition of existing buildings of a former garden centre (Class E) and the construction of four buildings for commercial purposes (use Class E), formation of car park and associated works.**

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**Allostock Parish Council makes the following comments on this application.**  
The development is interesting although it is unclear at this time what the buildings would be used for, if the proposed use is retail the provision for delivery vehicles is not obvious. The appearance seems to be in keeping with the rural area and it is hoped that the landscaped areas will be well maintained.  
The following concerns were raised:  
Foul water disposal, it appears that the system in Allostock is already at capacity and infrastructure may need up dating to support this development.  
Surface water drainage. There is a historic problem with a ditch at the boundary between the site and the properties on Princess Road.  
Entrance to the site which is on a bend of the A50 will require a large visibility splay and possibly a defined time slot for deliveries to reduce traffic problem.  
Noise may be intrusive. Low level- refrigeration and heat pumps etc. and higher level e.g. reversing HGV'S.  
It is hoped that the development will have eco provision, solar panels etc. and that suitable wild life arrangements will be there, bat boxes, nesting boxes for swallows and swifts.  
If this development is not self-sufficient in electricity generation an upgrade to the area's supply will be needed since power cuts seem to be a regular occurrence.

A site such as this will require lighting for safety and security, this will need to be carefully designed to make sure that it does not disturb neighbours.

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All Planning information is available on CWAC WEBSITE.

**8.Finance.**

Salary £613.73, HMRC £143.60, Broadband and Telephone £133.55, Cheshire Community Action £20

**9.Correspondence.**

CHALC AGM -Clerk will try to attend.

**10.Comments/Inquiries/Reports.**

Sibelco cancelled Liason Meeting. Ponds appear to be recovering.

Maps of Footpaths available on CWAC site

Litter picking going well and bags have been collected. Thank you, Cllr Roberts, for organising.

**11.AOB** Social Committee Quiz Night 4<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Village Hall

**12.Date of next meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Signed.....28<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

