

Alverdiscott & Huntshaw
Parish Council Meeting
Held in Huntshaw Hall
On 14 November 2018

Present

Apologies

Absent

Mr P Denard (Chairman)
Mr A Clements
Mr D Easterbrook
Mr P Ley
Mr B Millar
Mr A Rickard
Mr E Staines
Mr C Webber
Mrs L Hellyer (County Councillor)
Mr J Hellyer (District Councillor)

Mr F Courtenay
Mr M Langmead (District Councillor)

The Chairman noting a quorum was present declared the meeting open.

Item 1

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Courtenay & Langmead.

Item 2

TO CONSIDER & APPROVE THE MINUTES of the meeting held In Alverdiscott Hall on 19 September 2018. Chairman suggested the reference And address should be entered for Tawny Cottage, Southdown and name of Mr Jeremy Curtis the applicant. These were approved & signed.

Item 3

TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING not covered by following agenda items. Councillor Rickard reported there had been two recent accidents at Alverdiscott due to Speeding through Alverdiscott. Previously a car had crossed the white line coming from Torrington, hit the lamp post, fire hydrant and Church wall and since the last meeting another had mounted the grass verge narrowly missing the bus stop and lamp post, had a black box in his vehicle and was estimated he was doing 68mph in a 30mph zone. There was no other traffic as it was at the time the road was closed. PCSO Sandra Brown did a recent speed check and ¾ or more were breaking the speed limit and half of them was over 40mph. It was proposed putting speed traps there, her advice was to see if the Council could put up a speed check. Councillor Easterbrook said speed checks had made no difference at Huntshaw Cross. Suggested trying “Slow Down” signs or some sort of warning. Councillors Hellyer said they would have a word with Julian at Torridge District Council to see if there was anything that could be done. Signs have been tried in other Parishes but it does take a long time to be put into place. 85% will comply the other 15% will not. Flashy warning lights will only be in place now and then.

Devon County Council have 10 cameras that could be put up but would not be a permanent fixture.

Item 4

TO CO-OPT A NEW COUNCILLOR to represent Huntshaw. Only one nomination had been received, Chairman welcomed Mark Holmes to the meeting and asked him to say a few words about himself. Mark told the Parish Councillors he had purchased Twitched Farm Cottage from Peter Butterworth. He had moved there with his wife Trudy and had three grown up children. Mark said he would like to join the Parish Council and help the local community. All in favour of Councillor Mark Holmes joining the Parish Council.

Item 5

REPORTS

5.1 Visiting County Councillor

Chairman welcomed Councillor Linda Hellyer to the meeting.

Councillor Hellyer informed the council she had been asked if happy to give £1000 to Alverdiscott Hall Car Park, she said she thought it had already been dealt with, Councillor Rickard said it had and the carpark had been sorted. At a Highways meeting it was reported a lot of Parish Councils were selling their gritters as it turned out they were not covered by Insurance to do the work, she asked Councillors Staines if the same applied to him, he said he was covered by Insurance as a contractor so it was not a problem. Money for the Sat Nav signs to deter lorries on some routes had not been claimed. Needed to be done by February. Chairman to chase Lesley at Huntshaw Water to find out what had been done.

Bideford Rural Advisory group had reported the Waste & Recycling building had been covered. A meeting was being held at the cabinet today to decide what was happening with the current Government. £10.1 million is spent on children services trying to get it reduced. Task Group Somerset Council are cutting the amount of routes to be gritted but no cut back for Devon. Julian at Torridge is planning on sending a map of the area and if there are any blocked culverts in the Parish, they are to be marked on the map reported to Torridge and they will get dealt with and unblocked. Some have already been done, or the driver dealing with them can be told and he is able to do any nearby ones he has not already been told about by Torridge District Council. Application for Grant for Snow Plough wasn't received lady who deals with grants only works 3 days so will take a while. Councillor Hellyer asked Councillor Staines if he went out for ice and snow, he replied only snow to clear the way for the tanker to get to dairy farms in the Parish. Chairman thanked Councillor Linda Hellyer for attending.

5.2 Visiting District Councillor

Chairman welcomed Councillor James Hellyer to the meeting.

Councillor Hellyer felt the rubbish collection problem was under control now? Not getting complaints now. From 20 November all

Services will then be dealt with at Riverbank House, nothing will
After that date be dealt with at Bridge Buildings. Chairman thanked
him for attending.

- 5.3 Parish Clerk
Nothing to report

Item 6 QUESTIONS
Nothing further

Item 7 BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT DISCRETION OF CHAIRMAN
Chairman reported, following the planning issues at Hyleward Farm, the shed
That had been erected without the correct planning permission was eventually
taken down and sold, the land is up for sale. Rebecca Tucker & Luke Wardley
were both before Exeter Crown Court. They both received a prison sentence,
community service and banned from keeping stock for 12 years. There was
some discussion on the running of Huntshaw Hall. But it was felt the matter
was on right to be discussed at a Parish Council Meeing. All agreed.

Item 8 FINANCE

- 8.1 Consider & Approve Schedule of payment
- 8.2 Annual Review of Parish Clerks Salary. Chairman asked Parish Clerk
to leave the meeting at the close of business and Councillors would
then discuss the matter.
- 8.3 Confirm Provisional S137 Grants for Year 2019/20 suggested at last
meeting. It was agreed to pay Alverdiscott & Huntshaw PCC for the
Graveyard Fund £350 each. £300 to Alverdiscott Hall, confirm £300
to Huntshaw Hall at the next meeting and to pay a Donation of £320
To The Local Rag.
- 8.4 Decide on Precept requirements for 2019/20 at the next meeting as
Precept Requirements needed to be confirmed by 25 January 2019.
Councillor Staines felt Huntshaw Hall should be paid just the same as
Previous years, Councillor Rickard pointed out Alverdiscot Hall had
Realized no offer of help should be refused, to take all the help anyone
wished to offer. Hold final decision until next meeting. A meeting to
discuss Alverdiscott Church Friend Group was due to be held on 22nd
November it was felt it might not continue. Andy proposed the
accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 to be correct Councillor
Millar Seconded.

Item 9 PLANNING
All in favour.

Item 10 FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING for 9th January 2019 in
Alverdiscott Hall at 7:30

Signed: P Denard

This 9th Day of January

2019

