

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALVERDISCOTT & HUNTSWAW
PARISH COUNCIL HELD WED. 11TH NOVEMBER 2020 7.30pm
(draft)**

Present: Cllr.Millar in the chair, Cllrs. Goldstone Bolton, Staines, Ley, Easterbrook.
County Cllr. Hillyer, Dist Cllrs. Lock and Clarke. 21 members of the public.

Apologies: none

Before the meeting commenced the chairman read out a prepared statement – a copy of which is attached to these minutes for record purposes

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PUBLIC SESSION

21 members of the public were present and there were 12 emails received all in support of the co-option of Mrs.L.Meaney onto the Council. Some were read out by those present and others by Dist.Cllr.Lock. Representations from: Mr. Mrs. Denard, Mr. & Mrs.Cogworthy, Mr. R.Wright, Mrs. L. Wall, Mrs. J. Staines, Mr. J. White, Mr. Mrs. C. Radburn, Jean Cook, Sally Matthews, Amanda Cooke, Mr. G. Link, Audrey Alimo, Amanda Cooke

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1. CO -OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Alverdiscott: two vacancies with 3 applicants Mr.B.Hardwicke, Mr.C.Webber, Mr.A. Saunders. The Chair invited all applicants to give their presentation. The Chair then requested that they remove themselves from the meeting and a vote took place as follows:

Cllr.Millar	abstained
Cllr.Bolton	Saunders and Hardwicke
Cllr.Goldstone	Saunders and Hardwicke
Cllr.Staines	Hardwicke and Webber
Cllr.Easterbrook	Hardwicke and Webber
Cllr.Ley	Saunders and Hardwicke

The Chair declared that Messrs.Saunders and Hardwicke be co-opted and asked that Mr. C.Webber consider reapplying when a further vacancy became available.

Huntshaw: 1 vacancy with 2 applicants Mrs.L.Meaney and Mr.D. Thorpe. The Chair invited both applicants to give their presentation. The Chair then requested that they remove themselves from the meeting and a vote took place as follows:

Cllr.Millar	abstained
Cllr.Bolton	Mrs. L. Meaney
Cllr.Goldstone	Mrs. L. Meaney
Cllr. Staines	Mr.D. Thorpe
Cllr.Easterbrook	Mr. D.Thorpe
Cllr.Ley	Mr.D. Thorpe

The Chair declared that Mr. D.Thorpe be co-opted and asked that Mrs.Meaney consider reapplying when a further vacancy became available. Mrs.Meaney confirmed she would not be reapplying.

At this stage of the meeting Cllr.Bolton resigned immediately from the Council due to the lack of democracy and integrity within the council.

Following the co-option a vote was taken by Cllrs.Millar,, Goldstone, Staines, Easterbook and Ley that the declarations of acceptance of office by the newly appointed councillors can be signed at a later date and that they can take part in the remainder of this meeting. All agreed.

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Millar seconded by Cllr.Staines that:

- the job description drawn up by Cllr.Bolton be advertised
- the clerk be paid for 9hrs a month with salary of £1,800 *the previous clerk was paid for 3 hours a week !!!!*
- Interim plan – The Chair suggested that councillors take responsibility for different aspects of council work until a replacement clerk could be found

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of meetings held 9th and 28th September as circulated. Cllr.Goldstone stated that the minutes could not be approved as they were a complete fabrication and work of fiction as to what took place at the meetings. It was resolved that Cllrs.Millar and Goldstone discuss the amendments that were required. At this present time therefore they were not agreed and could not be signed as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Inview of minute 3 above there could be no matters arising to be discussed

5. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications to discuss:

a) 1.0944.20 Cert.of lawfulness - Staines Trailers. Dist.Cllr.Lock reported that this is a legal determination and not something assessed against planning policies, the NDTJLP or the NPPF. The legal team at TDC would be outsourcing to an external planning solicitor and on receipt of information from them would issue a decision. As such the application cannot be called in for determination by the planning committee. The Parish Council and residents could submit history of the site to the planning portal

b) Permissions granted:-

- T.Newcombe 4 holiday lodges Foxdown Forest Huntshaw

c) Refusals: none advised

d) Any other planning matters:

- Dist.Cllr.Lock advised with regard to the sat.nav signs at Huntshaw. If you want two signs then both would have to be on the same application form then only one fee payable. This fee is £462 but if Parish Council apply reduced by 50% to £231.00 Chair asked if a Councillor could assist with this application a member attending the meeting at Staines Trailers office offered to help
- Proposed solar farm at Webbery Barton and Cleave Farm – both the Chair and Dist.Cllr.Lock had attended a public consultation by Instintif via zoom. It was confirmed that they hoped to submit a planning application by the end of 2020. This would then be validated and sent to the parish council for consideration.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) accounts for payment:

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| • Mrs.J. Huxtable | outstanding wages | £904.35 |
| • Mrs.H. Bolton | 3 months zoom fees | £ 43.17 |
| • Torridge District Co | planning fee for signs | £ 231.00 |

Proposed by Cllr.Millar seconded Cllr.Staines that the above accounts be paid. Cheques to be signed by Cllrs.Ley and Easterbook. For complete clarity the Chair would write out the cheques and scan for inspection before being signed. Cllr.Easterbook requested that his name be removed as a signatory on future cheques.

- b) Moneys received none known
- c) confirmation of provisional grants for 21/22 as follows:
- Alverdiscott Village Hall £300
 - Huntshaw Village Hall £300
 - Alverdiscott PCC £350 (for churchyard upkeep)
 - Huntshaw PCC £350 (for churchyard upkeep)
 - Local Rag £320

Resolved that these grants are paid

- d) Papers submitted to PKF Littlejohns – Mrs.J.Huxtable (in attendance at Staines Trailers office) confirmed she had heard nothing
- e) Precept – Cllr.Millar had a form in respect of the precept setting which would have to be discussed and agreed at a future meeting

7. MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

- a) County Cllr.Hellyer spoke on the speed signs for the B3232 details of which are in her report as circulated. The Parish Council must decide whether to purchase a flashing speed sign and DCC would decide what would be the best location. Funds may be available next year from the locality budget
- b) The Parish Council need to proceed with the advertising consent from TDC – the funding for these signs has already been received by the parish council.
- c) Cllr.Easterbook complained about blocked/choked drains – County Cllr.Hellyer would look into the matter

8. COUNTY CLLR. AND DIST.CLLR REPORTS

- a) Cllr.Hellyer's report had been circulated to all councillors
- b) Dist.Cllr.Lock had nothing further to report

9. CORRESPONDENCE – none received

10. ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- As advised by Mr.T.Vanstone from TDC that with no clerk in position, a generic email address should be set up. This would be done
- Future agenda item – plaque for Mr.F.Courtenay

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13th January 2021

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm