

ALVERDISCOTT & HUNTSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Wed. 13th Jan. 2021 7.30pm via zoom

To appoint Chair Proposed by Cllr.Bolton 2nd Cllr.Staines that Cllr.Goldstone be appointed Chair of the parish council until the AGM in May 2021. All in favour. Cllr. Goldstone accepted the nomination.

Present Cllrs.Goldstone, Bolton, Staines, Thorpe, Easterbrook, Ley, Saunders, Hardwicke. County Cllr. Linda Hellyer, Dist.Cllr.Rosemary Lock. 16 members of the public

Apologies None

Declarations of interest Councillors are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests as defined by the Council's code of conduct

PUBLIC SESSION

- a) Mrs.S.White – supported Mrs.L.Meaney to be co-opted and asked that councillors do not ignore the voices of the residents of Huntshaw
- b) Mrs.A.Alimo – reiterated her support for Mrs.L. Meaney to be co-opted
- c) Mr. & Mrs. P.Denard – Clerk read email stating their support for Mrs.Meaney
- d) Mr.J.White – reiterated his support for Mrs.Meaney. Would the Council consider having a 2nd public session at the end of a council meeting.
- e) Mr.C. Webber – stated he had no problem with the voting system for co-option

Co-option of new councillors –

12. Huntshaw – one vacancy – two applicants Mrs.L.Meaney and Mrs.J.Huxtable. The chair invited both applicants to give their presentations – the Clerk read that of Mrs.Huxtables as sound issues from Staines Trailers office. Cllr.Bolton asked the question why Mrs.Huxtable applied to represent Huntshaw when she lived in Alverdiscott parish. Vote took place as follows:

Cllr.Goldstone	Mrs Meaney
Cllr.Bolton	Mrs. Meaney
Cllr.Staines	Mrs.Huxtable
Cllr.Thorpe	Mrs.Huxtable
Cllr.Easterbrook	Mrs.Huxtable
Cllr.Ley	Mrs.Huxtable
Cllr.Saunders	Mrs.Huxtable
Cllr.Hardwicke	Mrs.Huxtable

The Chair declared that Mrs.Huxtable be co-opted onto the parish council

Alverdiscott – one vacancy – one applicant Mr.C.Webber. Vote took place as follows:-

Cllr.Goldstone	Abstained
Cllr.Bolton	Mr.Webber
Cllr.Staines	Mr.Webber
Cllr.Thorpe	Mr.Webber
Cllr.Easterbrook	Mr.Webber
Cllr.Ley	Mr.Webber
Cllr.Saunders	Mr.Webber
Cllr.Hardwicke	Mr.Webber

The chair declared that Mr.Webber be co-opted onto the parish council
Dist.Cllr.Lock would forward declarations of acceptance of office and register of interests to
Cllrs.Huxtable and Webber.

Following the co-option a vote was taken by Cllr.Goldstone, Bolton, Staines,
Thorpe,Easterbook, Ley, Saunders and Hardwicke 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.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK – UPDATE

13. One expression of interest from Mr.David Branston – he was unable to join the
meeting therefore Dist.Cllr.Lock read out his letter.

14. Cllr.Staines asked if Mrs.L.Meaney would be interested in applying for the position –
she responded no to the question.

15 It was proposed by Cllr.Goldstone seconded Cllr.Bolton that Mr.Branston be appointed
as Clerk. All in favour. Cllr.Goldstone would contact him and discuss the handover of
paperwork etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16. The minutes of the meetings held 9th and 28th September and 11th Nov 2020 having
been circulated would be signed by the Chair (at a future date) as being a true and correct
record. All agreed.

Cllr.Goldstone for clarification purposes wished it recorded that there were still omissions
from the minutes of 11th March 2020 –

- no mention made regarding Transparency code
- no mention made regarding fact that the parish council was under “special
measures” for non returns of financial papers for years 17/18 and 18/19.
- no mention made of the way that planning applications were responded to

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

17. 9th September 2020 none

18. 28th September 2020 none

19. 11th November:-

a) Staines Trailers (min.no 5a refers) certificate of lawfulness – TDC had received and
made available on the planning portal the response from their outsourced specialist
planning solicitors who recommended refusal of the certificate of lawfulness. Inview of this
TDC had granted Staines Trailers solicitors a short extended period of time to respond.

b) Huntshaw sat.nav signs (min.no 5d refers) Cllr.Bolton and Mrs.L.Wall had submitted
the advertisement consent application to TDC for these signs, which has now been
validated.

PLANNING MATTERS

20. Applications to consider: None

21. Permissions granted: 1.1051/20 Huntshaw Cross Cottage – rear extension

22. Refusals advised: None

23. Any other planning matters:-a) Lightsource BP Communnity Benefit deed – this
related to the proposed solar farm at Alverdiscott/Huntshaw and could result in a payment
to the parish of £32,000.00. to be used for community benefits. Resolved that Cllr.

Cllr.Goldstone proceed with this application and liaise with Lightsource BP. Cllr.Staines stated that we were infact two parishes ?

FINANCIAL MATTERS

24. Accounts to pay: none and it was confirmed that all cheque payments from Nov. meeting had been paid

25. Moneys received: none

26. PKF Littlejohns – had sent Mrs.Huxtable 2 emails concerning outstanding queries on the AGAR forms and the publication of the public rights period to inspect the accounts and had given a new deadline of 15th January for this information to be submitted. Cllr.Huxtable confirmed that she would respond to these emails

27. Precept – precept claimed for 20/21 was £4,180.00 Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Staines seconded by Cllr.Goldstone that we raise the precept by £400.00 All agreed. Cllr.Huxtable offered to submitted relevant forms to TDC

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

28. Cllr.Easterbrook – complained

a) about the drains Dist.Cllr.Hellyer reported that DCC Highways had visited the specific areas in question on three separate occasions and could find no fault and had tried to contact Cllr.Easterbrook on the matter.

b) concerned about the road from Cranbrook Cross to Huntshaw Cross.

c) concerned about larger than ever lorries using the roads could a reduction in weight limit be imposed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

29. Cllr.Hellyer had circulated her report by email.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

30. Cllr.Lock had nothing further to add – matters covered elsewhere in these minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

31. None

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

32. Dist.Cllr.Lock suggested a meeting next month rather than wait for two months

33. Future agenda items – inclusion of an additional “public session” at the end of a meeting

34. Date of next meeting Wed.17th February 2021 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed.....Chairman.....dated

