

ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

WED.11TH MAY 2022 7.30pm IN HUNTSHAW VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs.White, Ley, Easterbook, Huxtable, Hardwicke.
Mrs.Ley, Wall , Bolton, White. Messrs.Denard, Potter Dist.Cllr.Lock

Apologies None

- 1. To elect a Chairman** Cllr.G.White – proposed Cllr.Huxtable
seconded Cllr.Easterbrook
- 2. To elect Vice Chair** Cllr.Hardwicke – proposed Cllr.White
seconded Cllr. Ley
- 3. Statement from Chair** copy attached to minutes for record purposes
- 4. To approve standing orders** Councillors had not read the suggested draft circulated by the Chair to all Councillors. Therefore it was resolved that the new standing orders be ratified at the next meeting. Further resolved that a member of the public can request a copy of these draft orders from him by email. In light of this decision the existing standing orders would be still be in force

5. Ratification of decisions since Sept 2021 the chair had taken advise from DALC concerning the attendance of Cllr.Hardwicke. They considered that as he had attended meetings that consequently had been declared non quorate, then he had not fallen foul of the six month rule. However Cllr.Staines was no longer a councillor – he had failed the six month rule. There remains vacancies on the council that can be filled by co-option.

6. Public Session

- a) Mr. P. Denard – have the freedom of information requests been satisfactorily dealt with – Chair replied nothing further heard so assumes yes
- b) Mrs. L. Wall – we should be able to bring up issues from the past to ensure that the same mistakes are not made
- c) Ms. H. Bolton:
 - at the March meeting she particularly had requested that her comments concerning the bank account, and bank signatories were minuted This had not been done
 - again questioned the way financial matters had been conducted by the previous clerk

8. Approval of minutes the minutes of the meeting held 9th March 2022 having been duly circulated were signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr.Huxtable seconded Cllr.Easterbook subject to item 6c being included

9. To consider nominations of council representatives – in respect of planning applications it was resolved that all councillors should be involved in making comments on applications. No other representatives came forward

10 Planning

a) Application to consider 1/0305/22 Myrtle Cottage farm - conversion of outbuilding to holiday accommodation – no comments made

b) Permissions granted:

a) 1/0113/22 Old School House cou to residential C3 dwelling

b) 1/1212/21 Lashingcott Farm AGMR agric.building

c) 1/0792/21 Twitchen Farm – triple garage with office/storage above

11. Reports

Dist.Cllr. Lock reported

a) Solar park Huntshaw/Alverdiscott – granted. Community benefit of £49,000 due to community – but unfortunately not until construction is completed. Money paid to parish council and organisations can apply for share of funds. I had hoped that funds could be released early particularly for the Huntshaw church bell appeal but on speaking to agent of the applicant this was not possible

b) Still awaiting planning inspectors decision of Staines Trailers

c) Hoped that a new clerk could be found asap and new councillors co-opted onto the council to take the council forward in a way that it operates correctly and efficiently for the benefit both communities

12. Finance

a) The Chair had only just received the internal auditors report and AGAR papers in respect of accounts year ending 31.3.2022. Councillors had not had sight of such papers and therefore could not approve the same Resolved that a further meeting be held with one agenda item “to approve accounts and other financial papers” This meeting would be held Wed.25th May 7.30pm at Huntshaw Village Hall

b) Cllr.White as RFO reported as follows:-

- £526.76 insurance premium paid by himself due to him
- £ 67.59 DALC membership paid by himself due to him

c) Cllr.White reported that the following payments are now due

- £475.00 clerks wages due to Mrs.Templeman

- £ 99.62 DALC membership 22/23
- £576.00 further costs and fine PKF Littlejohns external auditor for accounts year 20/21

As no new bank account had been set up TDC were holding the first payment of the precept and the above debtors were aware of the current situation

13. Dates of next meetings

- a) Wed.25th May 7.30pm Huntshaw village hall
- b) Wed.13th July 7.30pm Alverdiscott Village hall

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35pm

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