

Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Parish Council
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***Minutes of
Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30 pm in
Huntshaw Village Hall***
Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Those members present :

Cllrs. G White (in the chair) J White, Caroline Lewis, Liz Meaney, Helen Bolton, Bernard Hardwicke, Paul Matthews

Also Present: Cllr Thomas Elliott (Torrige DC), Rosemary Lock (Torrige DC) , |Councillor Linda Hellyer (Devon CC)

Alan Matthewman (Parish Clerk)

3 members of the public.

To receive information from District and County Councillors:

The Chair invited Cllr Hellyer to present her report which is attached to the minutes as Appendix A

Cllrs Lock and Elliott presented brief reports including an update on Torrige DC work ongoing to set up the new waste facility at East the Water, the challenges of establishing a viable budget for 2024-5 which looked likely to lead to some use of reserves, and the welcome improvements in prospects for reducing the need for housing for the existing homeless community in the District. The District had considered the proposals for Devolution for Devon and Torbay and had found them not likely to make any changes to the way Torrige related to the County. Some members desired seats at the table but this had been resisted by DCC and many local Torrige representatives. Access to increased funding for children's and adult care, and for training was welcome

Any other matters raised by the public - None

Chair opens the formal Parish Council meeting

- 1: Apologies for absence** – to receive and accept any apologies for absence. Gill Ross (Work Commitment)
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – to receive any Personal and/or Prejudicial interests from Councillors regarding matters due to be discussed. None had been received and none were raised.
- 3: Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chair:** - None
- 4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2024.**
The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, approved unanimously.
- 5: Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2024.** No matters were raised from the previous meeting.
- 6: Finance:**
 - (a) Receive and approve the accounts to end February 2024. The Chair provided a schedule of accounts for the period (see Appendix B).

- (b) Approve cheques for payment following the meeting. A list was tabled and approved unanimously for payment.
- (c) The timetable and work required for the Agar certification was discussed. The meeting agreed that the accounts and governance matters would be completed in time to be presented to the Internal Auditor so that the \Audit could be signed off at the May meeting. It was agreed that Cllr G White would complete the accounts and liaise with the auditor and that Cllr Meaney would review and update the statutory documents which would all be presented to the May meeting for formal approval.

7: Planning

a: To receive and comment on new planning applications and any decisions reached on prior applications since the last meeting in accordance with attached report from Cllr Jim White. Current issues under discussion included:

Staines Traylor enforcement order and lack of progress thereon. Cllr Lock expressed surprise and concern at the information shared by, in particular, Cllr Jim White who had been most involved with the Enforcement Officer and she undertook to raise the issues herself. The council agreed to prepare a document for submission to TDC enforcement clarifying its own views on the situation to be tabled at the next council meeting.

Discussions also covered the development of the waste management site at East the Water and the probable, and perhaps severe, impact on traffic to the east of the parishes.

No progress had been forthcoming on the X-Links project since its transfer t the Secretary of State but developments were thought to be likely soon.

See Appendix B

8: Discussion regarding the implementation of a Road Warden scheme and insurance implications

The decision was taken to obtain firm data on the practicalities and costs involved following expressions of interest by a number of residents, Cllr J White confirmed his interest in undertaking the training course with a view to acting as the lead in the project.

10: Correspondence: - None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

**Date of next meeting, Thursday 16th May 2024; Parish Meeting 7.00 pm;
Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Both at Alverdiscott Village Hall**

**Alan Matthewman
Clerk to the Parish Council**