



The ALCA South Gloucestershire Area Group

Annual General Meeting
Monday 3rd September 2018

Minutes

Cllr. Bob Taylor, Chairman of Westerleigh Parish Council, welcomed everyone to Manor Hall Coalpit Heath and recounted his experience and appreciation of ALCA

Present

Chairman Cllr. BoB Symons – Pucklechurch Parish Council
Cllr Pat Hockey – Frampton Cotterell Parish Council
Cllr V McNab – Bitton Parish Council
Cllr. Franklin Owusu – Antwi – Bradley Stoke Town Council
Cllr. John Malone – Dodington Parish Council
Cllr. Louise Harris - Dodington Parish Council
Cllr Dylan Griffiths – Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Cllr. Roger Loveridge – Patchway Town Council
Cllr. Gail Boyle – Pucklechurch Parish Council
Cllr. Andy Alsop – Stoke Lodge & The Common Parish Council
Cllr. Jayne Stansfield – Thornbury Town Council
Cllr. Bob Taylor – Westerleigh Parish Council
Cllr. Colin Maidment – Wickwar Parish Council
Cllr. Mike Drew – Yate Town Council
Sharon Robbins – Bitton Parish Council
Sharon Patela – Bradley Stoke Parish Council

Apologies

Alveston Parish Council
Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council
Doynton Parish Council
Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council
Cllr. Andy Ward – Bradley Stoke Town Council
Cllr. Janet Biggin – Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council
Cllr. Rosaleen Messenger – Patchway Town Council

1. Cllr. Louise Harris, of Dodington Parish Council gave a presentation on “Fairtrade Communities” and explained how Parish Councils and / or village communities can get involved in supporting Fairtrade. She explained the stock levels needed to use the Fairtrade logo and showed two short films to illustrate the impact supporting Fairtrade can have.

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2. Cllr. Gail Boyle – Pucklechurch Parish Council gave a presentation on the successful community engagement campaign that was used to influence SGC support for the plans for Junction 18a of the M4 [LINK](#)
3. OPEN DISCUSSION – Could the new revisions to the Planning decision making process in South Gloucestershire (Approved by SG Council on 18th July 2018) be an opportunity for Town and Parish Councils?

The discussion focused on the new offer to Local Councils. It was noted that the presentation at the Town and Parish councils Forum suggested that was a new right for Local Councils to “call in” an application, but this seems not now to be the case. Local Councils always have had the ability to get applications onto the circulated schedule by raising an objection.

Concerns were raised about the notification period – Local Councils won’t know. It was noted that there are very few occasions when SG councillors go against the Officer recommendation.

It as felt that Local Councils will need training days to get the full information on how to engage. **ACTION – Raise with SGC before end of Oct.**

On other planning matters – concerns were raised about the lack of commitment from developers to meet the conditions for community play areas, which are supposed to be provided once 50% of the development is complete and aren’t.

The delay in approval of the Spatial Strategy by the Planning Inspector was also noted.

4. Update on the inaugural meeting of the ALCA Larger Councils Forum – Cllr. BoB Symons

The Inaugural meeting was held on 26th March. 10 Local Councils were represented (18 people) - non ALCA members were included. Support was shown to continue meeting six-monthly. Topics for discussion included ICO fines, youth provision, travellers, working with WECA.

5. Election of South Gloucestershire Parish Councillors to the ALCA Regional Committee
Chairman – BoB Symons Unanimous
Vice Chairman – Mike Drew Unanimous
Representative- John Mallone Unanimous
Representative – Jayne Stansfield Unanimous

CLOSE 9pm