

ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (virtual) of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 21st May 2020 at 8:15pm via Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Apologies: Gillian Taylor (Clerk), W Goffe Taylor and John Funnell

Attendees: Charles Lees (Chairperson), Mark Hazelton (Vice Chairperson), Dick Stephen, Tom Boston and Julie Challenor.

Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held via the platform Zoom. It followed on from the Annual Open Meeting, which is normally held in April each year, but due to lockdown restrictions it did not take place.

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed the Councillors who joined via Zoom. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 20 were signed as a correct record of proceedings.

1. Election of Chairperson / Vice Chairperson

Councillor Charles Lees was re-elected as Chairperson.

Coun Tom Boston nominated and Coun Julie Challenor seconded.

Councillor Mark Hazelton was re-elected as Vice Chairperson.

Coun Charles Lees nominated and Coun Tom Boston seconded.

2. Apologies and Declaration of Interest

Apologies from Gill Taylor W Goffe Taylor and John Funnell. All were self-isolating, and none were users of the platform Zoom.

- i) *Delegated Responsibilities.* Councillors all agreed to continue with their current delegated responsibilities. Please see the website for full list.
- ii) *Confirmation of Adoption of Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment Confirmation.* All confirmed and adopted unanimously.
- iii) *Adoption of Standing Orders/Code of Conduct (including Declaration of Interests).* ALWPC agreed to continue to abide by the Members Code of Conduct (as required under the Localism Act 2011) and The Standing Orders for ALWPC (including Declaration of Interests) were duly confirmed and adopted unanimously for 2020. Councillors also agreed the continuing use of consent forms under Local Government Act 1972 sct 12 para 10(2)(B) Electronic Service of Summons to attend meetings.
- iv) *Confirmation of Election of Internal Auditor.* The Internal Auditor for ALWPC for the Financial Year 2020/21 was confirmed as Theresa Claydon.


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3. Minutes of 12th March 20 and Matters arising from Minutes

- i) Minutes of 12th March 2020 meeting were signed as a true record having been circulated to Councillors.
- ii) Correspondence and Website. Coun Dick Stephen confirmed the website was up-to-date.

4. Financial Matters

- i) *Balances* - The Clerk had provided a summary, showing receipts and payments for Year Ending 31st March (copy attached). The balance in the bank at 31st Mar, sum £4,546.86
- ii) *Invoices for payment:-*
NCALC Annual Subscription, cost £251.72
Came & Co Insurance Renewal, cost £347.44. Both Charles and Mark had read the documents provided by The Clerk and agreed with Councillors to renew.
Village Grass Cutting, sum £113.00
CPRE Subscription, sum £36.00. Councillors agreed to renew.

5. General Updates

Coronavirus - Following the lockdown by the Government on 23rd Mar 20, ALWPC were unable to hold their April Annual Open meeting. As per the NCALC guidance, ALWPC agreed to hold a virtual meeting in May 20. Mark Hazelton investigated platforms and it was agreed Zoom was most suitable for all. To purchase a subscription to use Zoom is £11.99 per month. Julie Challenor offered the use of her company's Zoom subscription, therefore ALWPC did not need to make a payment.

6. Any Other Business

HS2 - The Village Hall Committee will be applying for funding towards the possible rebuild/refurb of the Village Hall. Plans/costs to be prepared and shown to the village before submission to HS2. Only one application for funding can be made every 6 months. It was discussed that ALWPC would be investigating funding from HS2 for methods to help resolve the traffic speed issues on Welsh Road.

Pocket Park - Charles Lees is also in discussion with Fusion for funding for a new lawnmower, including some fencing.


X Roads - This has now completed on the East Side and works have now begun on the West Side with the closure of Welsh Road from the A361 into the village. It was noted that traffic is still travelling through the village on Welsh Road, and drivers are not always seeing the sign until they reach the blocked road, a u-turn is then made!

Trucks - Charles Lees has communicated with Fusion (again!) regarding the HS2 trucks travelling down Welsh Road. We are informed that Senior Management at Fusion are reiterating to Hanson and Traffix trucks that they must adhere to the route diversion, they should not be using Welsh Road.

Street Lighting - SNC have advised that funding is available. Charles Lees has the forms and will be applying for funding for the replacement of the remainder of our Street Lights to LED. Our contact at Eon, David Moonie is on Furlough, therefore we are trying to find out if the latest quote we obtained still stands before applying.

7. Dates of Next Meetings - scheduled for 11th Jun 2020 and 9th Jul 2020 - to be advised.

The Meeting closed at 9:26 pm



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