
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

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Minutes of the virtual Annual Open Meeting of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL held on Thur 8th April 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Again, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's annual Open Meeting, which normally takes place in the Village Hall, was held via the platform Zoom. The full web address, together with telephone numbers, Meeting ID and Password was posted on the ALWPC website and noticeboard for members of the public to attend.

Apologies: W Goffe Taylor and John Funnell.

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

From the parish, we were joined by Susan Fagg, Matthew Hawkins, Peter Allum and Alison Ding.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we did not have the usual external representatives attend the meeting and no other members of the public joined the meeting.


The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone who joined via Zoom. The minutes of the Parish Open Meeting held on 21st May 2020 were signed as a correct record of proceedings. The Minutes, Financial Summary and all reports presented at the meeting are available on the ALWPC website.

Matters Arising - There were none.

Chairman's Report - The Chairman, Cllr Charles Lees presented a comprehensive report for the Parish Council's work during the year 2020-21, a copy of which is available in the Minute Book and on the ALWPC website. He expressed his gratitude to Gillian Taylor who retired on 31st Mar 21 for all her efforts and support during her 33 years as ALWPC Clerk. Goffe Taylor and Mark Hazelton were not standing for re-election in May and will be greatly missed.

Financial Summary - Councillors were provided a copy prior to the meeting by Julie Challenor. From 1st April 20 to 31st Mar 21, Balance at 1st Apr 20, sum £4,546. Income £9,352 with Expenditure, £6,638 leaving a balance to 31st Mar 21, sum £7,259. In Jan 21, we upgraded 12 lights to LED at a cost of £3,205 (invoice still not received), which will help further reduce the street lighting cost. Included in the balance is a reserve of £1,000 for any unforeseen event(s). The previous clerk did not have time to complete the Year End accounts and these will be prepared by Julie Challenor (Acting Clerk for 21-22).

Peter Allum asked the question, "where does the Precept come from?". The reply by the Chairman, Cllr Charles Lees was the Precept money comes from Central Government by way of Council Tax raised, on


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your Annual Council Tax bill, it is subdivided into West Northamptonshire, West Northants Council Adult Social Care, Police, Fire and then Aston Le Walls Parish Council.

St Leonards Church – Susan Fagg provided and read out the report, currently online service is provided by zoom and the church was able to open for public worship at Easter. The report is available on the website.

Village Hall - Joanne Wilson provided a report, which was read by Charles Lees. It is planned to be reopened from 17th May. Susan Fagg reported that the first coffee morning will resume on 19th May. Also the WI are to resume, meetings held on 3rd Thu of each month. A copy of the report is available on the website.

St Mary's School - The children have now returned to school and the everyone is working together within the COVID-19 regulations, report available on the website.

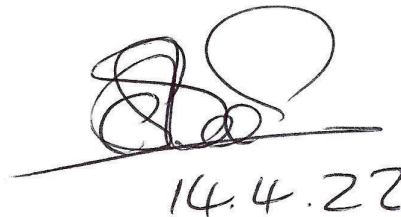
Daisy Bank Pocket Park - Susan Kennedy provided a report, which Charles Lees read. Due to lockdown, the small group of volunteers have not been able to meet up. However, the volunteers have kept an eye on the Park as individuals and continued to maintain, ie grass cutting and the park is looking really lovely.

South Northants Council - The District Councillor, Rosie Herring provided a report, which Charles Lees read to all. A copy if available on the website.

Questions and Resolutions - None.

Any Other Business - None.

The meeting closed at 20:41



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