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## ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thu 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attendees: Charles Lees (CL) – Chairman, Dick Stephen (DS), Tom Boston (TB), John Funnell (JF), Grahame Barnes (GB) and Julie Challenor (Clerk and Councillor)

1. Apologies - Matt Hawkins (MH) work commitment.
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes – All agreed and signed.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes – None.
5. Correspondence and Website – Ncalc Mini Update Email 4<sup>th</sup> Jun asking for Parish Path Warden details. Clerk (JC) to respond. DS reported the website is up-to-date.
6. Financial Matters:

i) *Balances @ 10<sup>th</sup> Jun 21*


Business Instant Account	£7,584.21
Treasurers Account	£276.42
TOTAL	£7,860.63
War Memorial Account	£459.85

ii) *Invoices Paid /Approved from 13<sup>th</sup> May – 10<sup>th</sup> Jun 21*

Payment Method	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
BACS	CPRE Membership	£36.00	17 <sup>th</sup> May 21
BACS	EON – New Street Lights	£3,180.00	24 <sup>th</sup> May 21
BACS	EON – Lights Maintenance	£61.66	17 <sup>th</sup> May 21
To be Approved	Insurance	£394.64	
To be Approved	Graham Barnes – Fixing Bench	£32.83	

Clerk reported to add TB to accounts, need some personal details, ie DOB. Due to busy May and bereavement JC not had chance to complete but will liaise with TB over next couple of weeks and resolve. Ditto access for online banking for CL and DS.

The Clerk confirmed all work with Eon complete and we have paid invoice from last month £3,180 (VAT to be reclaimed £530).

  
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7. Insurance - Current broker quoted £574.67, increase of £227.23 from last year (£347.44) Clerk investigated costs with another broker, BHIB Councils Insurance and obtained quote £394.69 (increase of £47.25). We agreed to a LTC (Long Term Undertaking) of 3 years (31<sup>st</sup> May 2024) in return for a discount. Clerk confirmed defibrillator and street lighting is insured (mandatory) and Public Liability is £5 million.
8. Bench Opening - Concrete slab put in place by TB and GB and John Taylor assisted, thank you to all. TB suggested that the opening of the memorial bench could be Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul (weekend of Scarecrow trail). Flyer to be created (JC) and to be distributed by all. Charles will check with Gill and Goffe to check availability and liaise with Sue and Steve to confirm date ok. It was suggested refreshments be served and CL to prepare a speech.
9. Millennium Garden - Not sure why the middle remains uncut. Clerk (JC) to contact Priors Garden Services (Alex) to investigate. Also obtain a quote for general tidy up of the garden. Toby Hawkins is currently doing his DofE Silver and part of it involves volunteer work in the community. Toby Hawkins has carried out some weeding etc. Also CL will try to speak to planners in Towcester about ownership as it was agreed it would be good to get this resolved.
10. Road Safety Update – CL to chase Matthew Barratt to try and get him in village to resolve.
11. General Updates / Any Other Business

Meeting was held in village about signs and they reacted very quickly. Moved unnecessary signs and everyone agreed those in place acceptable.

CL has continued to pursue Fusion re new mower and CL confirmed they have now have bought a replacement mower for the Pocket Park, well done Charles. It was agreed CL to store old mower in his barn.

Pocket Park – All new signs up.

Safety sign up end of Butlers Close. Charles to chat with enforcement.

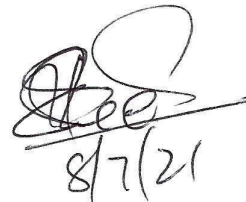
Defibrillator – GB reported all ok.

Trees – TB reported lavender bush planted (no higher than 1m). Latest planning approval to Charles.

Street Lights – Julie to enquire price to finish off remaining 5 lamps.

12. Dates of Next Meetings to be held in the Village Hall – scheduled 8th Jul, 9th Sep, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct and 11th Nov 2021. NB: There is no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:23 pm.



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