
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thu 11th Nov 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attendees: Charles Lees (CL) – Chairperson, Tom Boston (TB) – Vice Chairperson, Dick Stephen (DS), John Funnell (JF), Matt Hawkins (MH) and Graham Barnes (GB).

We were also joined by Cllr Alison Eastwood (Silverstone Ward).

1. Apologies – Julie Challenor (DS to take minutes in absence)
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes 14th October 21 - Agreed and signed

Matters arising from Minutes

- a. Item 8. Councillors contributed to our proposal against HGVs in the village. Sent to Cllr Eastwood 19 Oct 2021
 - b. Item 9. CL had response from Matthew Barrett regarding the chicane. CL to share with all councillors. Also discussed later today in Point 7.
 - c. Item 10b. Discussed briefly then again later today as Point 8b.
 - d. Item 10f. Trees. Discussed briefly then again later today as Point 8f.
 - e. Item 12. CL emailed Chris Wragg at WNC explaining the need for a bus service of some type.
 - f. Mel Carter at Brackley NPT has been sent Vas unit download.
4. Correspondence to include Website & IT – DS reported that all was up to date. The “**Register of Interests**” for all councillors is now available on the *Councillor* page of the website. It was agreed that, as in the past, only correspondence relevant to our parishioners would be put on the website. DS will continue to filter the content as necessary.

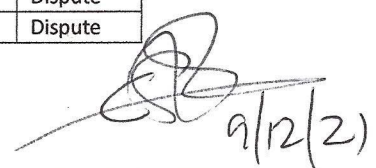
5. Financial Matters:

i) *Balances @ 11th Nov 21*

Business Instant Account	£8,859.42
Treasurers Account	£109.32
TOTAL	£8,968.74
War Memorial Account	£459.85

ii) *Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 14th Oct to 11th Nov 21*

Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (inc VAT)	Date Paid
RECEIPT	WNC OLD DDC Precept	+ £4,625	29Sep21
Pending Dispute	Priors Garden – Grass Cutting May 21	£165	Dispute
Pending Dispute	Priors Garden Ditto – Jun 21	£165	Dispute


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To be Signed	Burgess Contracting – Grass Cutting TOTAL to include Aug, Sep + Oct 21	£944.00	Pending
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Grass Cutting bill for £944.00 from Burgess Contracting was discussed then unanimously approved for payment. Signed by CL & DS.

Clerk prepared up-to-date Receipts and Payments spreadsheet, which CL gave copy to all councillors, showing Income and Expenditure to date, including approx. spend for the rest of the year with balances.


6. Planning – Further email received to the Chairman from Mike Benton (MB) regards the Washbrook Planning Application. The Clerk replied to MB that we have had several email exchanges with Cllr Eastwood and the Construction and Traffic Management Plan. We have also sent our observations of the CMTP to Cllr Eastwood, Case Officer Laura Bell and MB. Additionally, we sent a further follow up observation re the SAR in relation to the proposed Bund site.

Another email received from MB late yesterday. Clerk will suggest he should be directed to Philip Larratt at Highways as ALWPC cannot help further.

7. Welsh Road – work is still due to start 15 November 2021 and end 17 December 2021. It is thought that the islands may be created at this time but the lights and VAS units will be done in 2022 as no poles for the VAS units are available.

8. Village Maintenance

- a) Pocket Park – the hedge has been cut, a rotted fence post repaired and the filler pipe to the pond has finally been located. CL with work with the adjacent landowner TB to resolve the flooding under the railway bridge.
- b) Millennium Garden – This has been tied up. Thanks were expressed to TB and CL for their work cutting and removing the overgrown material. TB to make a final check before the next meeting.
- c) Street Lighting – All working satisfactorily. Residents in Robins Cottage, Main Street have asked for a cowl on lamp No. 6 (behind the school). CL will ask David Mooney from Eon for a price to supply and fit one.
- d) Defibrillator – GB has requested that details of this will be in next village newsletter. For the next meeting, GB to check whether the unit is hard wired or on a 13amp plug.
- e) Public Footpaths & Rights of Way – All is currently ok. MH to replace the faded bridleway sign at the entrance to AA2 on Welsh Road.
- f) Trees and general parish environment.
 - a. **Trees: Sutton Close** – residents concerned did not attend last meeting, therefore Clerk emailed outcome response informing what was minuted on 14th Oct, together with report from AGU Treecraft Specialists and WNC Arboriculture Officer. As per report, both trees will be looked at in the next 3-4 years and therefore this matter is at this time close.
 - b. **Hedges: Blacksmith's Lane** – Richard Burgess has trimmed the St Leonard's Church hedge on Blacksmith's Lane on behalf of the Church. John / Andrew Taylor took


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away the cuttings then trimmed the hedge between Percy's field and Blacksmith's Lane.

- c. **Signage:** The wilting signpost between Main Street and Blacksmith's Lane had previously been reported to Street Doctor in 2020 but never fixed. Councillors will now restore the signpost themselves to retain its original appearance.

g) Winter Maintenance – Nothing to report

9. General Update

a) HS2 Liaison, Highways & Road Safety –

- a. The December 3rd meeting has been delayed to December 10th so that Unitary councillors can all attend. The agenda is being reversed so that discussions will start from the Boddington end rather than the Brackley end. The meeting is now to be held Virtually due to the ongoing Coronavirus cases.
- b. HS2 Marshalls are being used in Buckinghamshire and paid for by HS2. Cllr Eastwood explained that Northants require the same setup. Marshalls should be our independent buffer to fight our case with HS2 but HS2 currently won't pay for them for Northants. Councillor Eastwood said WNC were trying to resolve the matter.

b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report

10. Any Other Business

Bus Transport – CL emailed Chris Wagg (WNC) following request from residents for bus service. Reply received stating The County Connect service which used to service ALW was withdrawn due to budget cuts. WNC are hoping to secure some funding to reinstate a small subsidised service from 2022/23 budget. This is not a perfect answer, however hopefully a step in the right direction. The PC cannot fund the service without a huge increase of the precept. The earliest WNC could start any service is September 2022. WE will ask WNC again in July 2022.

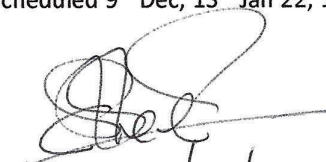
Remembrance Sunday – Confirmation that Laying of the wreath on Sun 14th Nov will be by MH. CL has installed a poppy on the new street-bench's conning tower.

Highways –

- a. CL sent the VAS report to Mel Carter at Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- b. CL reported the excess litter on the airfield to HS2. They will remind their staff and perform a litter pick. MH's son is also litter picking around the village.
- c. Mrs Parish and family members on horses stumbled at a large hole near the A361 crossroads in Chipping Warden parish. It was reported to HS2 who quickly filled the hole with sandbags as a temporary measure.
- d. HS2 Road signs that have become redundant are still not being collected. HS2 have been reminded by CL.
- e. The HS2-Chris James visit is being arranged by Cllr Eastwood, ideally for late January 2022. It will not be a PC meeting, but an 'Open / Drop in' meeting.

11. Dates of Next Meetings to be held in the Village Hall – scheduled 9th Dec, 13th Jan 22, 10th Feb 22 and 10th Mar 22, 14th April 22.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:45pm.



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