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ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the MEETING of **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting opened at 7:34pm

Attendees: Cllr. Matt Hawkins **(MH)** Chair, Cllr. Rhiannon Harris **(RH)** Vice Chair, Cllr. Tom Boston **(TB)**, Cllr. Grahame Barnes Moss **(GB)**, Cllr. Richard Burgess **(RB)**, Cllr. Lee Lewis **(LL)**, Debra Kirton **(DK)** Clerk

1. Apologies – Cllr. Alison Eastwood, Cllr. John Funnell **(JF)**
2. Declaration of Interest – None
3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July 2024 have been approved as a true record.
 - (a) There are no matters arising from the previous meeting held on 11th July 2024.
 - (b) Actions arising from the previous meeting held on 11th July 2024.

Actions	Owner	Status
Report Potholes by chicains on Welsh Road to FixMyStreet	Clerk	Completed

4. Correspondence to include Website and IT **(RH)** – On the 15th August, Cllr. Hawkins Chair, Cllr. Harris, and the Clerk held a Teams meeting with Parish Online to discuss the migration and transfer of the Parish Council's website and email accounts. Parish Online answered all questions regarding the process, and it was agreed to proceed with the transfer. We have given formal notice to Cuttlefish and the transfer is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 17th September.

5. Financial Matter: Balances.
Invoices paid and invoices presented for approval of payment.

(a) Balances @ 12th September 2024

Business Instant Account	£13,172.89
Treasurers Account	£ 278.69
TOTAL	£13,451.58
War Memorial Account	£ 468.46

(b) Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 12th July – 12th September 2024

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Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
Payment BACS	N.Power Business Solutions- Street Lighting	171.75	22.07.24
Payment BACS	Clerk PAYE – Month 4	266.72	30.07.24
Receipt	Interest (Gross) Business Bank Account	14.64	09.08.24
Receipt	Interest (Gross) War Memorial Account	0.46	09.08.24
Payment BACS	Clerk PAYE – Month 5	266.72	30.08.24
Receipt	Interest (Gross) Business Bank Account	12.31	09.09.24
Receipt	Interest (Gross) War Memorial Account	0.40	09.09.24
Payment BACS	Andrew Deptford – iPad SPR Semi-Automatic Defibrillator	1,074.00	11.09.24

Authorisation of expenditure - No Invoices have been submitted for payment.

6. Village Maintenance

- a. Pocket Park (RB) – The posts on the bridge are wobbly and need attention. In preparation for winter, we will also start sithing and cutting back the grass. The Willow tree that was felled has already begun to sprout again. Cllr. (TB) has offered to look at the situation. Meanwhile, the logs from the felled Willow tree still need to be moved and stored.
- b. Millennium Gardens (All) – No concerns.
- c. Streetlighting (LL) – All working. Cllr. (LL) will begin replacing the fading or missing numbers on village streetlamps. The dog fouling sign for a local resident has been arranged and will soon be installed by WNC. Cllr. (RH) has asked the Clerk to investigate streetlamp maintenance costs from other providers, currently the Parish Council pay £8.00 per streetlight.
- d. Defibrillator (GB) – A new defibrillator has been purchased, installed, and is now fully operational. The new defibrillator is equipped with dual electrode pads suitable for both adults and children. A check sheet is inside the box to record weekly maintenance checks. As it is a legal requirement for schools to have access to a defibrillator, St. Mary's Primary School will have full access, as the unit is mounted on the school wall. A sign will be placed on the defibrillator box stating that it belongs to Aston Le Walls Parish Council. Cllr. (GB) has registered it with Circuit, National Defibrillator Network, and Cllr. (MH) Chair, will discuss future joint funding with the Head Teacher.
- e. Public Footpaths & Rights of Way (GB) – No concerns.
- f. Trees and General Parish Environment (TB) – Cllr. (MH) Chair, has received a response from Haidee Williams EKFB, regarding our concerns about the tree management in Pocket Park. Ms. Williams agreed to move forward with our request for a comprehensive tree inspection and report. She also confirmed that the funding for this project will be allocated from next year's budget.
- g. Winter Maintenance (JF) – No concerns

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7. General Update

- a. Welsh Road – No date has yet been set for the closure of Wormleighton Road.
- b. HS2 Liaison, Highways and Road Safety Update – There is nothing to report currently.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch – There is nothing to report currently.

8. Any Other Business.

The Parish Council has received an email from Home Start, a charity supporting families with young children, requesting a donation towards training new volunteers. The Parish Council appreciates the valuable work this charity provides and will offer support by advertising the charity on the Parish Council's website. The Parish Clerk will respond accordingly.

West Northants Council are developing a Tree and Wood Strategy, to maintain and enhance tree and woodland cover in West Northamptonshire. The Parish Council have been invited to complete an online survey, which Cllr. (MH) Chair will complete.

Cllr. (RH) spoke briefly about providing Warm Spaces for the community, and it was suggested to ask the village hall to host two coffee mornings a month during the cold seasons. Cllr. (RH) will investigate this further.

Cllr. (MH) Chair, asked Cllr. (RH) Vice Chair if she would kindly chair the next Parish Council meeting in October as Cllr. (MH) will be away. Cllr. (RH) duly accepted.

The October meeting has been brought forward to Tuesday 8th October 2024, and the meeting will commence at 8:00pm.

9. Dates of the next meetings to be held in the Village Hall:

October 8th, November 14th, no meeting in December. 9th January 2024, 13th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 12th June, 10th July

Meeting Closed at 8:32pm

Actions

Discuss future funding for the Defibrillator with Head Teacher.	Cllr. (MH) Chair
Respond to Home Start	Clerk
Complete online Tree & Wood Strategy survey	Cllr. (MH) Chair
Compare Streetlight Maintenance Costs	Clerk