
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thu 8th July 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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

1. Apologies - Grahame Barnes (GB)
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes 10th Jun 21 - All agreed and signed
4. Matters arising from the Minutes – None
5. Correspondence and Website – DS reported the website is up-to-date. We receive many messages about diversion, DS sifts through and puts on those appropriate to ALW. Mark Hazelton (former councillor) has offered to help with the website as and when needed. DS on holiday in Sep (couple of weeks) therefore it was put forward MH manages in his absence. All councillors agreed.
6. Financial Matters:

i) *Balances @ 8th Jul 21*

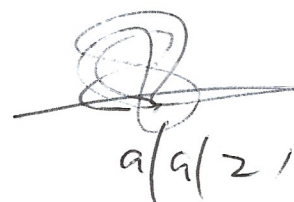
Business Instant Account	£7,084.21
Treasurers Account	£381.73
TOTAL	£7,465.94
War Memorial Account	£459.85

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

Payment Method	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
BACS	Insurance	£394.64	21Jun21
Need Bank Details	Graham Barnes – Fixing Bench	£32.83	
To be Approved	Playsafety Limited – RoSPA Inspection	£82.20	
To be Approved	Priors Garden – Grass Cutting May 21	£165	
To be Approved	Priors Garden Ditto – Jun 21	£165	
To be Approved	SNAST – Neighbourhood Watch	£25	

Priors Gardens invoices are “on hold” pending cutting of the Millennium Garden.

Clerk still needs to hold separate meet with TB to obtain personal details and add to banking. Ditto access for online banking for CL and DS. All councillors having a very busy period with farming and holidays etc



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The Clerk confirmed VAT refund submitted for all VAT paid last year, sum £206.15 As we have paid out a couple of large invoices recently, eg Eon the Clerk confirmed to submit a return for 6 month period, ie Sep 21.

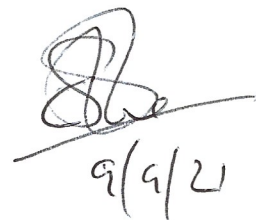
7. The Internal Audit of the 2020/21 accounts has been completed. The Report, together with completed Financial Accounts given to the Chairman in June for review. The Chairman (CL) approved the Accounts and relevant public notices would be completed in prepared for onward submission for the External Audit (PKF Littlejohn). Also copy to DS for the website. Clerk to Action
8. Planning Application No WNS/2021/0766/MAF – Construction of equestrian all-weather cross-country course and landscaped earth bund for visual and acoustic screening of HS2. Planning approved no observations – Clerk to Action via online portal.
9. Village Maintenance
 - a) Pocket Park – Playsafety Limited completed annual inspection – this was circulated to all Councillors via email in June. CL has made paths wider, also vegetation cleared. It was noted steps post needs renewing and all signs rocky, they are in earth, so to be expected. Next March / April 22 post signs to be looked at again. Charles to liaise with HS2 for funding for fencing for hedge as it was reported there are holes.
 - b) Millennium Garden looks dreadful. Clerk chased Priors Garden beg Jun, informed could not cut middle because of daffodils, he was told it could and should be done. When chased again end of Jun, informed they could not get new machine in! Clerk received email 4th Jul informing they are not going to carry on with the mowing contract and concentrate on one off jobs. Clerk replied that we felt very unprofessional as not given us any notice, especially when we are in the growing season. CL informed Allee's Ground Maintenance maintains the school so contact him to quote. Also contact Byfield and Boddington and find out who maintains their grass cutting. Clerk to investigate.
 - c) Street Lighting – Discussed converting the remaining 5 Lights to LEDS on Welsh Road. Cost £265*5 = £1325 It was collectively agreed to go ahead, proposed TB, seconded DS.
 - d) Defibrillator – In the absence of GB nothing to report.
 - e) Trees – DS to investigate previous planning approval for acceptable planting of plants re heights and depth in the village.

10. General Update

- a) Road Safety Update -

CL met with Matthew Barrett, Team Leader, Highways, confirmed funding all in place, just struggling with resources, ie products and people. Highways want to do it in this FY, ending Mar 22, so works could possibly start Oct 21.

Notice sent to Farmers, the residents on Welsh Road yet to receive anything. The option of moving the street lights was discussed, but councillors agreed we would be happy to have new lights and leave existing in place (safety aspect) however this would have to be at their expense. CL also reported the rumble strip outside the Taylors house ideally needs replacing with tarmac and asked M Barrett to investigate.



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b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Business

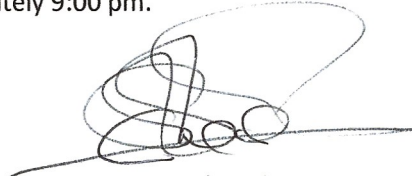
VAS report – everyone had received a copy.

Asset List – Clerk to update and copy for DS for website.

Weeds on footpath – it was confirmed to report on street doctor.

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

The meeting closed at approximately 9:00 pm.



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