
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thu 13th January 2022 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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

We were also joined by Cllr Alison Eastwood.

1. Apologies – None
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes 9th December 21 - Agreed and signed.

Item 7 - CL confirmed by Matthew Barrett that the VAS units will be mains supply. CL also confirmed ziz zags outside school entrance will be maximum of 26 metres.

4. Correspondence to include Website & IT – DS reported that all was up to date.

5. Financial Matters:

i) *Balances @ 13th January 22*

Business Instant Account	£7,766.97
Treasurers Account	£165.32
TOTAL	£7,932.29
War Memorial Account	£459.85



ii) *Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 9th Dec 21 - 13th Jan 22*

Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
Pending Dispute	Priors Garden – Grass Cutting May 21	£165	Dispute
Pending Dispute	Priors Garden Ditto – Jun 21	£165	Dispute
To be Approved	Village Hall – Hire of Hall in 2021	£120.00	
To be Approved	Npower Bus – Electricity Oct – Dec 21	£54.34	

Receipts and Expenditure sheet from 1st Apr 21 to 13th Jan 22 given out to all councillors. The total balance above reflects payment of the village hall and Npower invoices listed above.

6. HS2 – Village meeting – Tentatively date set for 27th Jan 22, however we agreed due to Omicron we would change date to Wed 16th or Thu 17th Feb – Alison to liaise to get date changed. It will be an Open / Drop in Meeting, format to be a seating presentation. A flyer to be prepared and dropped to all residents of ALW, also asking if any parishioners had any specific issues they would like to address at the meeting. GB said he would do the drop off flyer round the village.

7. Planning – Re Washbrook – closed on 10th Jan, CL emailed to say our PC meeting to take place Thu 13th Jan and therefore our response will be on 14th Jan 22 and this was agreed. It was agreed we would respond, that in principle we approve, but we have various observations to make, eg reiterating one way system. A draft response would be emailed to all councillors who are able to respond with any comments, thus ensuring we reply by Fri 14th Jan. Also we do need to try and obtain in writing from HS2 that WB can use slip road to deliver soils for bund.
8. Welsh Road – Councillors agreed to see how traffic progresses over next month and possibly get Matthew Barrett (MB) out to look at chicanes and ensure they are doing their job. CL going to put up our VAS unit, traffic calming and record. CL will speak to MB and raise our concerns.
9. Asset Mapping Project (AMP) – Pending.
10. PFCC Budget Survey - Pending.
11. Village Grasscutting - Documents to be updated and sent out to invite tenders, also add to village notice board and parish council website. Councillors agreed new area specification.
12. Queens Jubilee – The village will be celebrating this event and Jo Wilson has kindly offered to apply to have Main Street shut. A committee will need to be formed and it was agreed it needs to be included in the Flyer to be sent out round the village inviting volunteers
13. Police Liaison Representative – (Approx 5 hrs per month) - The village needs to determine if anyone is willing to take on this role. Main requirement will be to establish contact with the relevant members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Act as the point of contact for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and attendance of some meetings. This is to be added to the Newsletter and flyer inviting anyone in the village.
14. Precept – Clerk gave out Budget Sheet for 2022/23 for discussion. It was agreed that there would be no increase and the precept would remain the same as 2021/22.
15. Village Maintenance
 - a) Pocket Park – Water now in pond – drain / pipe still needs to be looked at it. TB to provide hedging and CL will pick up and sort out planting.
 - b) Millennium Garden – It was noted that this is now looking great.
 - c) Street Lighting – All working and electricity bills significantly decreased.
 - d) Defibrillator – All good.
 - e) Public Footpaths & Rights of Way – All clear.
 - f) Trees and general parish environment – Fine.
 - g) Winter Maintenance – Nothing to report.
16. General Update
 - a) HS2 Liaison, Highways & Road Safety – all covered above.
 - b) CL raised again why there are redundant signs left uncollected – HS2 are going to drive round and collect.

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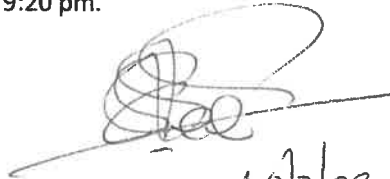
c) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report. Meeting here on Saturday.

17. Any Other Business

None

18. Dates of Next Meetings to be held in the Village Hall – scheduled 10th Feb 22 and 10th Mar 22, 14th April 22.

The meeting closed at approximately 9:20 pm.



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