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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 Thu 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

**Attendees:** Charles Lees (CL) - Chairperson, Dick Stephen (DS), Matt Hawkins (MH), Graham Barnes (GB), and Julie Challenor (JC)

- 1) Apologies - Tom Boston (TB) - Vice Chairperson and John Funnell (JF)
- 2) Declaration of Interests – None.
- 3) Minutes - Matters arising from 12<sup>th</sup> May 22 minutes.

Item 5 – Queens Jubilee – excellent attendance. Village Hall had to buy an extra hog roast, so a further £500 spent. Although some monies taken for non-residents, it was discussed that the PC contribute extra. We all agreed a further £250 contribution, proposed by DS and seconded GB.

Item 7 d) – Overgrown footpath. MH confirmed that after reporting to WNC, the path was cut very next day.

Item 8 – Asset Mapping Course – It was confirmed courses booked for DS.

- 4) Correspondence to include Website and IT (DS) - All up to date.
- 5) Financial Matters: Balances  
Invoices for Payment

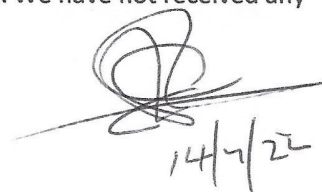
i) *Balances @ 9<sup>th</sup> June 22*

Business Instant Account	£11,725.14
Treasurers Account	£32.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,757.62</b>
War Memorial Account	£459.85

ii) *Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 12<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June 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
Paid	CPRE Membership	£36.00	06.06.22
Receipt	Interest to 9 <sup>th</sup> May 22	£0.07	09.05.22
Paid	Donation Jubilee Celebrations Village Hall	£500.00	06.06.22
Pending	Neighbourhood Watch Membership	£25.00	Pending

Clerk confirmed she had emailed Priors Garden on Thu 19<sup>th</sup> May 22 stating that ALWPC still had two invoices disputed with them. We have not received any



correspondence from them in over a year, the work was never completed and therefore they will not be paid, we confirmed the matter is closed. Moving forward, both invoices to be removed from above list.

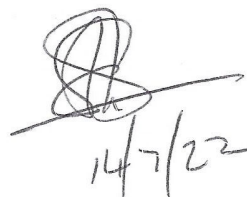
- iii) Year End Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 22 duly signed, and Clerk confirmed audited on 4<sup>th</sup> June 22 with no comments. The Audit Statement will be posted onto the website. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) form duly completed by the Clerk and the accounting statements, Page 5 and 6 to be signed by the Chairman Charles Lees. Clerk to scan and submit all via email to PKF Littlejohn.

The Clerk (JC) officially handed in her notice as Councillor and Parish Clerk. Councillor with immediate effect and Clerk Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June 22.

- 6) Planning – Nothing to report.
- 7) Village Maintenance
  - a) Pocket Park (**CL**) – Volunteers had a good tidy; park looks great. The inspection due any time this month.
  - b) Millennium Garden (**AIJ**) – CL to ask RB to take out root. GB volunteered to go up with CL to fork over area and put down seed.
  - c) Street Lights (**JC**) – Nothing to report. GB volunteered to take on role and JC passed him the file.
  - d) Defibrillator (**GB**) - Nothing to report.
  - e) Public Footpaths & Rights of Way (**MH**) All good, nothing to report
  - f) Trees and general parish environment (**TB**) – Unable to provide update due to absence, therefore Clerk to email TB for update on tree cut on Welsh Road as we need to respond to No 6 Butlers Close.
  - g) Winter Maintenance (**JF**) – Nothing to report.
- 8) General Updates
  - a) Welsh Road – Following on from Mike Benton (MB) email, CL met Matthew Barrett. We can confirm a new kerb fitted, and wobbly sign fixed. Also new streetlight fitted to the right of MB boundary. Chris Freeman has noted to CL about the light in her garden, therefore CL to investigate and it may be the solution is to fit a cowl. Also, highways have dug out a channel and hopefully water should run away. CL to ask MB to take a photo if it floods again.

The splay at Plowden Close levelled, destoned, grass seeded, and it looks better. Butlers Close is still a bit lumpy although looking greener and they have re-seeded. A new streetlight installed outside G Taylor and there are no problems. Point to note, they have removed old lights, which the PC own, therefore we need to establish where they are – CL to email all concerned with works.

CL informed that as Welsh Road now has traffic calming in place, the camera enforcement won't be visiting the village anymore. The VAS units are still outstanding and CL to chase again. CL to still use our VAS unit and report on findings as necessary to PC Mel Carter.



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- b) HS2 Liaison, Highways + Road Safety Update (CL) – Plowden Close – New 'No Through' sign yet to be put up – CL to chase. Zigzags outside school paid for by HS2 Road Safety Fund.
  - c) Neighbourhood Watch (**All**) – Councillor's up to date with all correspondence – Clerk to chase for free bin stickers.
- 9) Any Other Business – Clerk to notify WNC Council with name of replacement Clerk.
- 10) Dates of Next Meetings to be held in the Village Hall – scheduled 14<sup>th</sup> Jul 22, no meeting in Aug, 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 22, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 22, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 22, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 22, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 23 and 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 23.

Meeting Closed at 8:30 pm



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