
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL OPEN MEETING of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Charles Lees **(CL)** - Chairman, Tom Boston **(TB)** Vice Chairman, Dick Stephen **(DS)**, Matt Hawkins **(MH)**, Graham Barnes **(GB)**, Debra Kirton **(DK)** Clerk

Councillor Alison Eastwood:	Silverstone Ward
Mrs. Laura Concannon:	St. Mary's RC Primary School
Mrs. Susan Fagg:	Secretary & Treasurer St. Leonard's Church
Mr. Chris Wilson:	Chairman, Aston Le Walls & Appletree Village Hall
Mrs. Gina Burgess:	Fitness & Wellbeing Instructor
Mrs. Joanna Wilson:	Aston Le Walls Film Club
Mrs. Nadine Hassan:	Aston Tots & Toddlers Group

Also present: Mrs. Gillian Taylor, Mrs. D Brimson

Apologies – Mrs. Lizzie Barnes-Moss.

- Absent – Cllr. Rhiannon Harris **(RH)**, Cllr. John Funnell **(JF)**, PC Mark Mitchell

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. Charles Lees welcomed everyone present.

2. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Open meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2022 were approved by those who attended as a true record and signed by the Chairman (CL).

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The report was read by the Chairman Mr. Charles Lees, who gave a detailed account of the Parish Council's hard work over the past year. The Chairman acknowledged and thanked present and past Councillors and the previous Parish Clerk, and he welcomed our new Councillor. Achievements this year included the installation of chicanes to slow down traffic, dropped kerb, new bus stop, zigzag lines outside the primary school and an extension of the pavement from the village to link up with the footpath. The Platinum Jubilee was a celebratory event held on the school field. Sadly, this was followed too soon with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II in September. The Parish Council followed the National mourning protocol, a book of condolences was made available to all village residents. The Proclamation was read by the Chairman (CL).

Historical records held by the Parish Council since 1894 were handed into the Northamptonshire Records Office for archival heritage.

The Chairman (CL) announced his intentions to stand down as Chairman and as a Councillor at the May 2023 AGM after serving the Parish Council for the past 15 years.

5. Summary of the Parish Council Accounts 2022/2023 (unaudited)
The financial statement was read by Debra Kirton (Clerk) a hard copy of the financial statement was made available to all attendees.
The opening balance for the period beginning 1st April 2022 was £8,183.21.
The Parish Council received a total income of £12,487.49 with an expenditure of £7,142.92 leaving a balance of £13,527.78 as of the 31st of March 2023.
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council website.

6. Reports from:

The report was read by Cllr. Alison Eastwood Silverstone Ward, who gave an informative report covering the Boundary Commission Review. The average council tax rise of 4.99% and the increased charge for the green bin collection. There was an update on planning and development and the rejuvenation of the town centre in Northampton. In addition to the report read out. Cllr. Eastwood thanked our Chairman (CL) for the help and support shown to Cllr. Eastwood in relation to HS2 during their time working together and for his contribution to the Parish Council during his tenure. The full report will be made available on the Parish Council website.

The report from South Northants Neighbourhood Teams Annual Report March 2023 will be made available on the Parish Council Website.

The report was read by Mrs. Laura Concannon St. Mary's RC Primary School.
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council Website.

The report was read by Mrs. Susan Fagg Secretary and Treasurer St. Leonard's Church.
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council Website.

The report was read by Mr. Chris Wilson Chairman of the Aston Le Walls Village Hall.
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The report was read by Mrs. Gina Burgess Fitness Instructor
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The report was read by Mrs. Joanna Wilson Aston Le Walls Film Club
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council Website

The report was read by Cllr. Dick Stephen on behalf of Mrs. Barnes-Moss Aston Le Walls Craft Club.
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council Website.

The report was read by Mrs. Nadine Hassan Aston Tots & Toddlers
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council Website.

The report was read by the Chairman of the Parish Council Mr. Charles Lees Pocket Park.
The full report will be made available on the Parish Council Website Park.

7. Questions and Resolutions from the public

No questions or issues raised.

8. Any other business

Chairman (CL) informed the meeting that there will be a HS2 presentation in the village hall on Thursday 27th April 2023, 5:00pm - 7:00 pm

Susan Fagg informed the meeting that there is a drop in coffee morning every third Thursday in the month from 10:30am – 12 noon along with the draw of the 100 club.

Mrs. Concannon asked Mrs. Wilson if the Aston Le Walls film club would consider showing family films. Mrs. Wilson replied that she had once been approached by two school mums to show family films, but their enquiry didn't go any further. Mrs. Wilson continued to say that if anyone is interested in organising such an event this would be welcomed.

The Chairman thanked all those who attended the meeting and those who spoke at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Signed..... Date.....

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