

ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (virtual) of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 12th November 2020 at 7:30pm via the platform Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Attendees: Charles Lees (CL) – Chairman, Julie Challenor (JC), Dick Stephen (DS), W Goffe Taylor (WGT), Tom Boston (TB), John Funnell (JF) and Gill Taylor (Clerk)

1. Apologies: Mark Hazelton (MH) – work commitments.
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes – Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2020 were signed as a correct record of proceedings, having been circulated to Councillors.
4. Matters arising from Minutes / Correspondence
There were no matters arising. All correspondence received electronically had been circulated.

5. Financial Matters

i) Balances:-

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| Instant Saving Account | £9,158.67 |
| Treasurers Account | £201.89 |
| Unpresented cheques | None |
| War Memorial Account | £459.87 |

ii) Invoices Approved for Payment:-

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| 1375 | The Royal British Legion | £17.00 | Poppy Wreath |
| 1376 | G Taylor (Grounds Mtnc) | £234.00 | Village Grasscutting |
| 1377 | Parish Clerk | £665.46 | 3 rd Quarter |
| 1378 | Parish Council Expenses | £36.06 | Stationery & Printing |

Clerk presented a bank reconciliation spreadsheet showing current expenditure levels and a draft budget for future consideration, to be finalised at January 2021 meeting.

6. a) Covid-19 restrictions – community update

CL reported the community had been giving generously to the village food bank, others were also successfully taking donations in the area. Residents continued to be willing to help neighbours and the elderly during lockdown.

b) Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2020

CL had placed the poppy wreath on the war memorial on behalf of ALWPC following social distancing rules for this year's service.


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7. Parish Environment

a) Commemorative Bench

Clerk had investigated prices of wooden style benches made from recycled materials. Two quotes had been circulated for consideration, each in the £300-£500 price range. **CL** had seen galvanized metal style benches recently in another village and had circulated pictures of commemorative styles available at higher prices for consideration. **JF/TB** had advised a possible donation had been offered towards the cost of the bench.

Action: *No decision made, more discussion to follow at next meeting. JC to follow up offer of donation and report back.*

b) Neighbourhood Watch – No Cold Calling signs

Clerk had investigated replacement and additional signs and following some confusion had been advised these were not available via NW/SNAST. Specific criteria was necessary to place them, ie. via police authorisation following a crime.

Action: *Clerk will find out more and report back.*

8. a) Planning Application

S/2020/1756/FUL – Conversion and single storey extension of woodshed into self contained ancillary living accommodation at Appletree House, Appletree NN11 6UG

The parish council had no objections to this application.

b) Street Lighting

Lamp No. 25 (Jitty footpath) was not currently working and would be reported to Eon. If the current lamp was unrepairable, then it could be considered for an LED conversion.

Action: *JC will report the lamp to Eon.*

A resident at Hillview had concerns about LED street lights shining in her children's bedrooms to the rear of their recently extended property. Two street lamps No's 17 and 14 Butlers Close had been converted some years ago and no other complaints had been received from other nearby properties. Councillors had checked the area and did not feel the lights caused a particular problem. However, the cost of a cowl/shield would be investigated for future records.

Following the response from EON regarding Lamp No.25, a final decision needs to be made regarding the next phase of LED conversion. **JC** proposed, seconded by **TB** that a meeting be held on 10th December to discuss and make the decision on which lamps are converted as part of this project. This was unanimously agreed.

Action: *JC would contact the resident to report PC findings and also contact EON for information for our file and the next meeting.*

8. a) HS2 Road Safety Fund Update

CL had no further updates to report. Concerns were expressed by some Councillors about an increase in the amount of heavy vehicles & pick ups using Welsh Road to access local HS2 compounds despite reassurances this would not happen.

b) **CL** reported some of the abandoned road signs had been collected from verges.



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- c) CL had reported the possible siting of Japanese knotweed to Carley (Fusion), an expert would inspect the plant & report back.
- d) CL reported all accesses to the CW Airfield were now shut. Vegetation on footpath AA8 had been cut by HS2.

10. General Updates from all Delegated Responsibilities

Website - DS reported it is up-to-date.

Public Footpaths - DS advised that footpath AA7 to the airfield is open.

Defibrillator – MH kindly checked this regularly and all was up-to-date (on circuit).

Highways – CL had taken down the VAS unit and would download data, it would be re-located near Hall Farm/Main St junction. It was reported by Councillors that the police speed camera vehicle had visited the village recently.

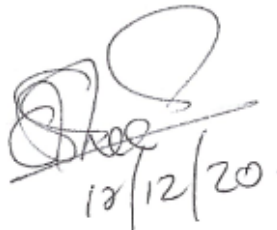
Neighbourhood Watch – WGT reported the latest Neighbourhood Watch notifications continued to be circulated for both pc website & village website/social media.

Village Trees: TB had checked overhanging branches causing obstruction to the school/children sign in Main Street and another obstructing visibility near Butler's Close and had dealt with branches where necessary.

Grit Bins: JC reported these were full in readiness for the winter weather conditions.

- 11. Any Other Business – Parish Council elections take place in May 2021, councillors were asked if they would be standing again. A recruitment campaign would be decided.
- 12. Dates of Next Meeting – A short virtual meeting will be held on Thursday 10th December 2020 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8:50 pm.



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