Minutes of the Meeting of Aston le Walls Parish Council held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

- Apologies: Councillors J Challenor (JC) & T Boston (TB) (family bereavements), all other Councillors in attendance C Lees (CL), M Hazelton (MH), W G Taylor (WGT), D Stephen (DS) and J Funnell (JF) together with the Parish Clerk.
- 2. Councillor Declaration of Interest: There were none.
- 3. <u>Minutes</u> of the meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2019 were signed as a correct record having been circulated to Councillors, there were no amendments
- 4. <u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u>: All outstanding matters would be dealt with through the agenda.

<u>Correspondence</u>: A considerable list of correspondence since November had not been circulated electronically due to volume and no meeting being held in December, Clerk would now send this out with the draft Minutes of this meeting.

Website - MH confirmed the website was up to date.

5. Financial Matters.

<u>Balances</u>: Clerk circulated bank reconciliation spreadsheets which reported receipts and payments to date (with all cheques cleared).

Instant Savings a/c & Treasurer's a/c £6629.91

War Memorial a/c £459.65.

Payments approved: Eon (Street Light Maintenance) £76.90

Eon (Quarterly Street Lighting) £326.30

ALW Village Hall (Hire of Village Hall) £120.00

6. Budget

The Budget for 2020/21 was unanimously adopted following a short discussion outlining ALWPC plans for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED

Precept

It was unanimously agreed to request SNC a Precept requirement of £8750 for the financial year 2020-2021. RESOLVED

7. <u>Street Lighting</u>: JC had obtained quotes for replacement LED lighting. Prices and several queries were discussed. It was proposed to replace 4 lamps in the near future and small groups of lights at a time when affordable.

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CL will liaise with JC and check some inventory details with Eon which could be out of date and final costs of lamps.

RESOLVED

8. Planning

Appeal Ref: APP/Z2830/W/19/3241195

Application Ref: S/2019/0498/MAF - Taylor Plant & Construction, Tilbrook Farm, Lower Boddington, NN11 6XY had been withdrawn.

9. HS2 Update

The next HS2 Liaison meeting will be held on 17th January 2020, CL will attend.

Various HS2 works were continuing in the locality.

Work on the A361 crossroads was progressing slowly, seriously hindered by the wet weather.

10. Pocket Park

CL reported repairs had been undertaken to the rear fence following damage by thieves stealing quadbikes from the nearby equestrian property, using the Pocket Park as an exit route.

It was noted that the P/Park boundary hedge (on the village side of the bridge) was in need of some serious attention as dead branches and ivy covered wood was falling onto the road, creating a safety hazard.

CL will liaise with TB (Tree Warden) to deal with this issue. RESOLVED

11. General Reports & Updates for Delegated Responsibilities

CL - VAS Unit data will be downloaded, circulated and then relocated in Welsh Road.

MH - Defibrillator checked & OK

Potholes in Blacksmiths Lane had been reported and some marked in yellow for repair by NCC Highways.

DS reported public footpaths were extremely muddy due to wet weather.

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WGT (Neighbourhood Watch) reported further lead thefts had occurred from local Churches as well as thefts from vehicles in the area and recommended everyone should remain vigilant.

- 12. <u>Any other Business</u> It was noted that local fly tipping and litter was becoming a problem.
- 13. The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm

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