

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 9th July 2020 at 7:30pm via the platform Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Attendees: Mark Hazelton (MH) - Vice Chairperson, Tom Boston (TB), Dick Stephen (DS), W Goffe Taylor (WGT), John Funnell (JF) and Gill Taylor (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Julie Challenor (JC) (holiday), Charles Lees (CL) (appointment)

In the absence of CL, Vice Chairman Mark Hazelton chaired the meeting

2. **Declaration of Interests** - None

3. **Minutes and Matters arising from Minutes**

- i) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thu 11th June 20 were signed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. **Matters Arising**

Village Trees, Welsh Road – MH reported overhanging branches and leaves on a tree outside Hillview, Welsh Road which was presenting some difficulty for pedestrians using the nearby footpath.

It was agreed residents should be alerted via the pc website or next Newsletter &/or social media to check their boundary for overhanging trees/hedges/shrubs to ensure they do not generally represent a safety hazard to those walking on footpaths around the village.

5. **Financial Matters**

- i) **Balances:-**

Instant Saving Account	£6,783.02
Treasurers Account	£148.65
War Memorial Account	£459.77
VAT Reimbursement 2019/20	£518.73

- ii) **Invoices Approved for Payment:-**

Playsafety Ltd.	£82.20	RoSPA Safety Inspection for Pocket Park
EoN Street Lighting Mtnc	£64.94	
Village Grass Cutting	£136.00	6 th July in all areas
Parish Council Expenses	£56.61	All receipts available
EoN Quarterly Street Lighting	£279.13	2nd Quarter

6. a) The Internal Audit of the 2019/2020 had been completed. PC unanimously approved the Accounts and relevant public notices would be completed in preparation for onward submission for the External Audit (PKF Littlejohn).

- b) Grant Application re LED Street Lighting – CL was progressing with this.


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7. HS2 Update & Welsh Road Feasibility Update

Following the feasibility study completed by Northamptonshire Highways, Clerk had again prompted them for a response. We are informed that they are still in the process of redesigning and obtaining quotes and hope to have these for us shortly. NCC will then need to submit project costs to HS2 for approval.

Clerk expressed disappointment that a decision for the ALW scheme was taking so long when other local parishes had either had work done or approval & commencement dates agreed.

8. Pocket Park

Daisybank Pocket Park – Playsafety Ltd had visited in June to undertake a Royal Society for Prevention of Accident [RoSPA] survey of the park. A copy of their report had now been received and CL had indicated their recommendations had been noted and would be dealt with by the working parties during forthcoming sessions. Clerk proposed the report be circulated to Councillors for information.

Fusion have invited CL to join the platform MS teams for a virtual meeting to discuss the funding for mower and fencing. CL to investigate and report back.

9. General Updates from all Delegated Responsibilities

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

DS reported that not all ALWPC DPI forms were up to date on the SNC website. Clerk confirmed all had been forwarded on as requested and concluded there may be a delay due to coronavirus issues.

DS asked if Councillors agree to have their ALWPC email addresses put on the website.

Planning – A copy of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 Inspector’s Report Notice 2020 had been received for Councillors information. This would also be put on the ALWPC website.

Footpaths – MH had reported some debris (possibly asbestos) on footpath AA9 near the recent earth banks. He had reported this to NCC who had alerted their H&S officials for its removal.

DS has continued to clear overgrown vegetation from entrances to some footpaths.

Defib – MH reported all up-to-date (on circuit).

Streetlights - all working. CL has continued to liaise with D Mooney at Eon re quote (for grant application).

Neighbourhood Watch – WGT advised vigilance as some local crime had been reported, i.e. stolen keys and caravan thefts.

Village Trees – TB will organize a visit from a tree surgeon to assess and quote for any pruning which may be required during the autumn to ensure safety of village trees.

10. Any Other Business – Clerk reported that Ability Transport were extending their services to rural villages with additional mini buses. The situation would be monitored for the possibility of a service being provided for our own parish.

11. Dates of Next Meeting – CL had proposed for Thursday 13th August 2020, due to changing Covid-19 restrictions, to be confirmed. (Usual schedule - 10th September 2020).

12. The Meeting closed at 8:15 pm.



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