

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7:30pm via the platform Zoom due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

**Attendees:** Charles Lees (CL) - Chairperson, Mark Hazelton (MH) - Vice Chairperson, Dick Stephen (DS) and Julie Challenor (JC).

1. **Apologies:** Gillian Taylor (Clerk), W Goffe Taylor (WT), John Funnell (JF) and Tom Boston (TB).
2. **Declaration of Interests** - None
3. **Minutes and Matters arising from Minutes**
  - i) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thu 21<sup>st</sup> May 20 were signed as a correct record of proceedings.
  - ii) *Matters Arising*  
*Street Lighting* Replacement – CL now has the new SNC funding application forms, however there are approx. 18 pages to read through, which will be completed over the next couple of weeks; we can then start the procedure of applying for funding.

#### 4. **Financial Matters**

##### i) **Balances:-**

Instant Saving Account	£7,532.72
Treasurers Account	£159.32
War Memorial Account	£459.75

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

Grass Cutting	£113.00	4 <sup>th</sup> June in all areas
Parish Clerk's Salary	£647.67	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter

- iii) It was discussed whether the Accounts and Budgets should be placed on the website, after deliberation, it was deemed the current format should be followed. Accounts and Budgets held by the Clerk for any queries. Proposed by JC and seconded by MH.

#### 5. **Village Trees – Welsh Road**

The Parishioners of 2 Sutton Close have reported the tree behind their back hedge has overhanging branches. They have a greenhouse in this area and are concerned about potential damage. ALWPC maintain these trees and TB has removed some of the offending branches and informed 2 Sutton Close that the work is completed. TB will continue to monitor the situation.



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6. HS2 Update & Welsh Road Feasibility Update

Following the feasibility study completed by Northamptonshire Highways, CL has 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.

There was a liaison meeting last week, unfortunately no one could attend, however slides were received, and CL will forward to parish councillors.

Note: The A361 is to be closed this weekend from Fri 12<sup>th</sup> to Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jun, due to works on the X-roads.

7. Pocket Park

The Pocket Park team met, socially distancing on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jun at 10:30 am. Park mowing, pond dredging, cutting back overhanging shrubs and usual digging beds by swings were completed by the team. Royal Society for Prevention of Accident [RoSPA] should be visiting to carry out their survey of the park.

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.

8. General Updates from all Delegated Responsibilities

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

*Footpaths* – DS has taken some photos of signs that have collapsed around the area and will report. Also, some footpaths are overgrown, and DS said he will sort out.

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

*Streetlights* - all working. JC to liaise with D Mooney at Eon re quote (follow up from CL).

*HS2* – some traffic from the Wormleighton heave site now needs to work from the Chipping Warden compound. The vehicles will mainly be cars, pick-ups and small vans on a commute using Blacksmiths Lane. They are unable to get on the A361 from the village due to the road closure. DS reported an increase in vehicles along Blacksmith Lane, therefore it was agreed that all traffic information received via CL is to go on the website. Also, we need to ensure they are observing the speed limits when travelling on this road.

9. Any Other Business

In the recent Village Newsletter, the ALWPC made a statement of thanks to all in the community for their support during COVID-19. It was agreed that we put this on the ALWPC website.

All correspondence which is sent via email from The Clerk of ALWPC to the Councillors; can all the Councillors ensure a prompt response. This will help maintain the smooth running of all ALWPC business.

To ensure all councillors attend future meetings via the platform Zoom, MH suggested a simpler set of instructions is needed on how to join Zoom. JC to email all councillors with these instructions. It was agreed a hard copy to be given to JF and MH will also place on the website.

10. Dates of Next Meeting – scheduled for Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Jul 2020, to be confirmed.

The Meeting closed at 8:28 pm.