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## **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the MEETING of **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 8:00 pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting opened at 8:03pm

Attendees: Cllr. Rhiannon Harris **(RH)** Vice Chair, Cllr. Grahame Barnes Moss **(GB)**, Cllr. Richard Burgess **(RB)**, Cllr. Lee Lewis **(LL)**, Cllr. John Funnell **(JF)** Debra Kirton **(DK)** Clerk

1. Apologies – Cllr. Matt Hawkins **(MH)** Chair, Cllr. Tom Boston **(TB)**, Cllr. Alison Eastwood,
2. Declaration of Interest – None
3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 have been approved as a true record and signed by Cllr. Harris Vice Chair.

(a) There are no matters arising from the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

(b) Actions arising from the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status</b>
Discuss future funding for the Defibrillator with Head Teacher	Chair	Pending
Respond to Home Start – Funding Request	Clerk	Completed
Complete online Tree & Wood Strategy Survey	Chair	Pending
Compare Streetlight Maintenance cost with other providers	Clerk	Ongoing

4. Correspondence to include Website and IT (RH) – The new Parish website is now live and running. Cllr. Harris encourages everyone to look and, over the coming months Cllr. Harris will make changes to the website as necessary. All Councillors present, were asked to provide a headshot photo to be uploaded onto the new website.

5. Financial Matters: Balances. Invoices paid and invoices presented for approval of payment.

(a) Balances @ 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Business Instant Account	£17,922.89
Treasurers Account	£ 411.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,334.86</b>
War Memorial Account	£ 468.46

(b) Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
Receipt	Npower Commercial – Compensation Refund	150.00	13.09.24
Payment BACS	Clerk PAYE – Month 6	266.72	30.09.24

Authorisation of expenditure -

Invoice	Description	Amount	Approved
Npower Business	Final Invoice 01.07.24 – 21.09.24	89.69	Yes
Parish Online Website	07.10.24 – 07.10.25	311.00	Yes
E.on	Annual Street Light Maintenance	242.40	Yes

Cllr. Barnes verified the bank statement and bank reconciliation for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

6. Village Maintenance

a. Pocket Park (RB) – The willow tree’s trunk has begun sprouting, the plan is to manage the growth by cutting it back. A question was raised about whether the wood from the cuttings would be suitable for burning, Cllr. Burgess said that it’s not ideal for wood fire burning. It was agreed that the cuttings would remain in the park. No other concerns were raised.

b. Millennium Gardens (All) – No concerns at present.

c. Streetlighting (LL) – All working. Cllr. Lewis plans to begin the project of replacing the streetlight numbers shortly. Cllr. Harris asked for this to be made an action.

d. Defibrillator (GB) – Cllr. Barnes is responsible for completing the weekly check sheet for the defibrillator, which is located on the school wall. The school has also requested that the defibrillator is checked weekly. Cllr. Harris suggested that the school could share this responsibility however, Cllr. Barnes would prefer to continue checking the defibrillator himself as it is under the ownership of the Parish Council. It was mentioned that the school has offered to pay for replacement pads when required and is also paying for the electricity to the defibrillator box. Cllr. Harris plans to discuss the future management of the defibrillator with the Head Teacher.

e. Public Footpaths & Rights of Way (GB) – No concerns. The bridle path adjacent to Mr. Frusher’s land is maintained by the Estate Manager. It was mentioned that there is a footpath sign in the village above the memorial bench.

f. Trees and General Parish Environment (TB) – No concerns at present.

g. Winter Maintenance (JF) – No concerns at present. The only grit bin that needs to be checked is the one sited on Appletree Lane. The Clerk volunteered to check.

7. General Update

a. Welsh Road – No concerns at present.

b. HS2 Liaison, Highways and Road Safety Update – The 3-way traffic lights by the compound on the A361 are causing delays. The traffic lights are in place until the end of October. All information is available on the HS2 website. It was agreed by the Councillors present to ask when the next HS2 community meeting is planned for the village.

c. Neighbourhood Watch – There is nothing to report currently.

8. Any Other Business.

The Clerk requested approval to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. This was agreed by the Councillors present, and Cllr. Lewis volunteered to lay the wreath at this years' service.

Cllr. Funnell asked if the start time of the Parish Council meetings could be brought forward during the dark winter months. It was agreed by the Councillors present that the meetings could begin at 7pm.

9. Dates of the next meetings to be held in the Village Hall: **Start time 7pm**

November 14<sup>th</sup>, no meeting in December. 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 13<sup>th</sup> February 13<sup>th</sup> March 10<sup>th</sup> April 8<sup>th</sup> May 12<sup>th</sup> June 10<sup>th</sup> July, no meeting in August.

Meeting Closed at 8:33pm

**Actions**

Streetlights to be numbered	Cllr. Lewis
Discuss the management of the Defibrillator with Head Teacher	Cllr. Harris
Check the grit bin on Appletree Lane	Clerk
Write to Haidee Williams HS2 to arrange a community meeting	Clerk