
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thu 9th Dec 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attendees: Charles Lees (CL) – Chairperson, Tom Boston (TB) – Vice Chairperson, Dick Stephen (DS), Graham Barnes (GB) and Julie Challenor (JC)

We were also joined by Cllr Alison Eastwood.

1. Apologies – Matt Hawkins (MH) due to school commitment and John Funnell (JF) feeling unwell
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Minutes 14th October 21 - Agreed and signed
4. Correspondence to include Website & IT – DS reported that all was up to date.
5. Financial Matters:

i) *Balances @ 9th Dec 21*

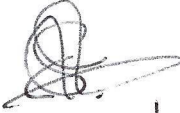
Business Instant Account	£7,941.32
Treasurers Account	£165.32
TOTAL	£8,106.64
War Memorial Account	£459.85

ii) *Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 11th Nov to 9th Dec 21*

Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
RECEIPT	WNC Grass Cutting	+ £81.82	24Nov21
Pending Dispute	Priors Garden – Grass Cutting May 21	£165	Dispute
Pending Dispute	Priors Garden Ditto – Jun 21	£165	Dispute
BACS	Burgess Contracting – Grass Cutting	£944.00	11Nov21

Clerk to liaise with Susan Fagg re invoice for PC use of Village Hall, May 21 – Mar 22, less Aug 21 so invoice is for 10 months.

6. Planning – Re Washbrook, Cllr Eastwood has contacted Laura Bell, Planning Officer re volume of traffic not suitable and our country lane not a trunk road. Correspondence from an Agent on behalf of Washbrook Farm was sent to Laura Bell, in response to all queries raised.
7. Welsh Road – work started 15 November 2021 and the footpath and first chicane (by Taylors) are in place. CL has emailed Rebecca Miller and Matthew Barrett to thank and enquire about zig zags outside school. Work is to finish Fri 17th Dec and it is unsure when the second chicane will be started. CL to also ask for confirmation including the type of VAS units to be fitted.


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8. Village Maintenance

- a) Pocket Park – Uncovered pipe that feeds the pond. All looks good, no more cutting until next year.
- b) Millennium Garden – TB cut bush at end of path and was thanked.
- c) Street Lighting – Eon have fitted Cowl on lamp No. 6 (behind the school). Residents pleased.
- d) Defibrillator – All up and running and GB did online “kick”. Confirmed it is hard wired. All details in latest Newsletter.
- e) Public Footpaths & Rights of Way – All is currently ok. MH informed via email that he had renewed the bridle way sign on the gatepost leading from Welsh Road across Tom Boston’s land towards Byfield. The few remaining paths are clear and signage is generally in good condition.
- f) Trees and general parish environment – TB has maintained tree at edge of Blacksmith Lane, cleared bush at end of Butlers Close. It was noted from last high winds, all trees looked okay.
- g) Winter Maintenance – Nothing to report.

9. General Update

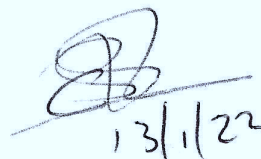
- a) HS2 Liaison, Highways & Road Safety –

HS2 invited CL to the compound for tour of premises. All sections for tunnels are being produced by a company in Ilkeston – CL has asked them to confirm how they are getting here. The batching plant is nearly built, situated behind trees by ALW. CL to liaise re track tractor carriers need to slow down when travelling through temporary traffic lights also confirmation needed of when site access road will it be completed, informed SAR completed by May/Jun next year so traffic can go down there.

- b) CL raised again why there are redundant signs left uncollected – HS2 are going to drive round and collect.
- c) The HS2-Chris James visit is being arranged for 27th Jan 2022. It will not be a PC meeting, but an ‘Open / Drop in’ meeting. It was suggested a note is dropped to all residents of ALW informing of the date and that all parishioners are asked if are there any specific issues they would like to address at this meeting. GB said he would do the note drop.
- d) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business

- a) MH raised matter via email of flooding at the road bridge over High Furlong Brook. On at least two occasions there has been water spread right across the road early in the morning. On the first occasion there had not been any overnight rainfall. Is there a blocked drain or Culvert somewhere? TB has sorted and will respond to MH. If anyone comes across a situation like this, a picture needs to be taken and then reported on Street Doctor.
- b) CL asked all councillors to think about Precept for next year prior to Jan 2022 meeting.

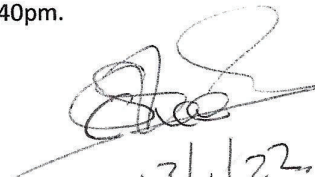


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- c) Correspondence received from WNC to all councillors showing strategic plan for rural areas taking us through to 2050. CL suggested councillors all watch the youtube video.
- d) Police Co-ordinator – we are looking at it again. Unfortunately, all councillors are too busy with PC business and therefore it will be offered to the residents of ALW to see if someone will take on this role.
- e) Bus Transport – bring forward Jul 22 ALWPC will ask WNC again.
- f) Closure of Trafford Bridge in Jan 22 to be posted on all social media.
- g) Stoney Bump – DS reported hanging poo bags from gate on the left hand side.

11. Dates of Next Meetings to be held in the Village Hall – scheduled 13th Jan 22, 10th Feb 22 and 10th Mar 22, 14th April 22.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:40pm.



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