

## ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the MEETING of ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7:30pm in St. Mary's RC Primary School.

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

Also in Attendance: Local Resident

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

- 1) Apologies – Cllr. Tom Boston, Cllr. Alison Eastwood
- 2) Declaration of Interests – Cllr. Grahame Barnes-Moss, Item 5.3
- 3) The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 have been approved as a true record.
  - 3.1 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025
  - 3.2 Action points arising from the previous meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Action 1.

#### **Site visit to Pocket Park – review management plan**

Cllr. Hawkins, Chair, and Tim Batchelor from Treesafe, inspected trees for felling. Treesafe will submit their quotation to the Council. The Parish Council will also seek a second quotation from Chris Taylor. Cllr. Barnes-Moss suggested contacting the village hall committee to enquire the name of the company who felled the tree on the village hall plot. The road will need to be closed when the trees are cut down. From October Anglian Water will be working in the area, and will be closing the road, it would be beneficial to coordinate both at the same time to minimise disruption to the village.

### Action 2.

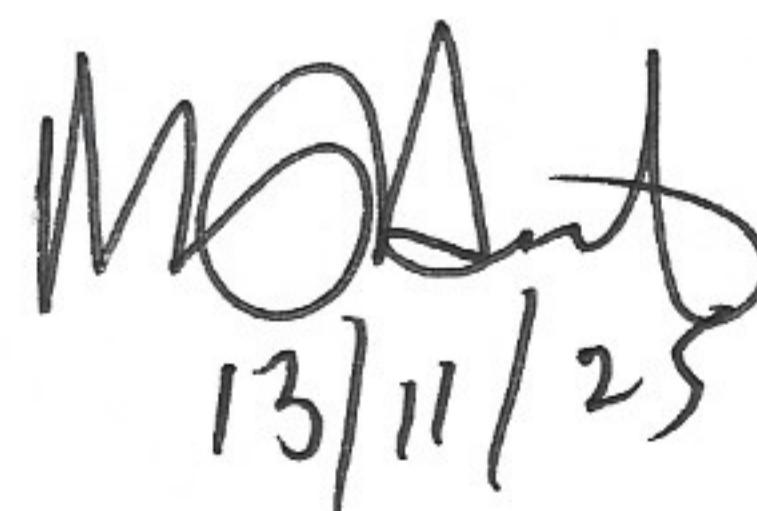
#### **Submit application for Biodiversity Grant**

Cllr. Hawkins, Chair, submitted the application with the help of Mr. Charles Lees. The Parish Council should receive notification of the outcome by the end of October.

### Action 3.

#### **Parish Clerk to register with Ncalc as the interim CAN Champion**

Completed.



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**Action 4.**

**Cllr. Hawkins, Chair to respond to Woodford Halse Parish Council – Bloor Homes development**  
Completed.

**Action 5.****Street Lighting – replace peeling stickers with stencils and paint**

Cllr. Lewis received the stencils and paint from Mr. Charles Lees and will begin replacing the peeling stickers. Cllr. Lewis also reported a dim bulb in the streetlight between Main Street and Butlers Close. The Clerk to enquire with E.on our maintenance provider about cost and service.

**Action 6.****Dog fouling notices**

Cllr. Barnes-Moss discussed with Manor Farm the exact spot to place the dog fouling notice. Cllr. Barnes-Moss will endeavour to obtain further signs for display in the village.

4) Correspondence to include Website and IT – The Parish website is up to date with relevant information.

5) Financial Matters: Balances  
Invoices Paid and Invoices presented for approval of payment

i) Balances @ 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Commercial Instant Account	21,061.37
Community Account	532.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£21,593.70</b>
War Memorial Account	472.65

*Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 12<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
Payment	Bank Charges	4.25	16.09.25
Payment	Tomato Energy – Street Lighting	37.71	18.09.25
Receipt	WNC – Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	5,000	29.09.25
Payment	Clerk Salary – Month 5	283.52	30.09.25
E.on	Streetlight Annual Maintenance	240.00	Approved
Parish Online	Website Service	336.00	Approved

5.2 Bank reconciliation for the receipts and payments summary to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 was verified and signed by Cllr. Burgess.

5.3 The cost of £188.10 for printing services was approved by all Councillors present at the meeting.

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5.4 Clerk to arrange a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

6) Complaints/Suggestions

6.1 The Parish Council received a letter from a resident of Lower Boddington regarding disturbing noise levels from Washbrook Farm over a weekend. The Parish Council has responded.

6.2 Cllr. Hawkins, Chair spoke to the resident of Butlers Close regarding the cherry tree. He advised that the tree is healthy, and the resident may prune back where it overhangs their boundary.

7) Village Maintenance

6.1 Pocket Park (RB) – New fencing has been erected. The Pocket Park team will be planting buddleia to fill out spaces.

6.2 Millennium Garden (All) – The area has been mowed.

6.3 Streetlights (LL) – Cllr. Lewis was contacted by INDO Lighting, who have offered their services. The Clerk will keep their details on file. Cllr. Lewis has completed a survey of streetlights and responded to WNC regarding the installation of public electric vehicle chargers. There are also proposals for pedestal style chargers. This is very early in development, so Cllr. Lewis will report back to the Council when he receives further information.

6.4 Defibrillator (GB) – Recordings are up to date. October is Restart a Heart Day – raising awareness of cardiac arrest and the importance of learning CPR.

6.5 Public Footpaths & Rights of Way (GB) – Dog fouling sign to go up as agreed with Manor Farm. Gate number 3 needs replacing.

6.6 Trees and general parish environment (TB) – No concerns to report.

6.7 Winter Maintenance (JF) – No issues to report.

8) General Updates

7.1 Welsh Road (MH) – Anglian Water will be installing new water pipes along the Welsh Road towards Lower Boddington during the month of October. This will require Anglian Water to close the road during this time. The pipe work is expected to continue from October to August 2026.

7.2 HS2 Liaison (MH) – Appletree Lane will remain closed until the summer of 2027. The road was closed in 2021.

7.3 Neighbourhood Watch (All)- A resident complained that vehicles were coming through the village, heading towards Appletree Lane due to the closure of the A361 (realignment of the new road). The vehicles then had

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to turn back through the village, often at speed. This has now resolved as the new road is open.

It has been posted on the village Facebook, and reported to our Neighbourhood Police, of suspicious activity in the village involving persons sitting in parked cars.

9) Any Other Business

Cllr. Hawkins, Chair, attended the NCalc Annual Conference. Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCalc) is a not-for-profit membership organisation representing Parish and Town Councils. Danny Moody is the CEO. Other organisations attended and included Parish Online and Wickstead Leisure. Cllr. Mark Arnall, leader of West Northamptonshire Council and Cllr. Martin Griffiths, leader of North Northamptonshire Council, discussed budgets and efficiency savings. Online training for Councillors is available on NCalc's website.

Cllr. Barnes-Moss mentioned the kerbs where the chicane's are sited along the Welsh Road are breaking up. Cllr. Barnes-Moss will report the damage to Fix My Street.

10) Dates of Next Meetings to be held in St. Mary's RC Primary School – scheduled: 13<sup>th</sup> November. No Meeting in December.

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8<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July

Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm

