

ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Tom Boston (TB), John Funnell (JF), Lee Lewis (LL), Richard Burgess (RB) and Matt Hawkins (MH) - Chair

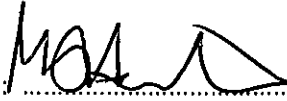
Others: Clerk

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1	Apologies: Rhiannon Harris, Graham Barnes-Moss and Alison Eastwood (WNC) provided apologies. It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies.	
2.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting on 15th January 2025: The minutes were RESOLVED as accepted.	
4.	Matters Arising from the last meeting, not covered elsewhere on agenda: Tree Work around the Parish: Work has been completed on the trees along the Welsh Road. The tree with ash dieback on the school grounds is due to be cut back during the next school holiday. The Chair will liaise with the contractor on dates for the work to be done.	Chair
5.	Chairman's Announcements: N/A	
6.	To receive report from the WNC Ward Councillor(s): N/A	
7.	Public Participation: N/A	
8.	To consider and respond to concerns around speeding on Blacksmith's Lane: The Councillors were made aware of concerns around speeding on Blacksmith's Lane around certain times of the day coinciding with the start and end of the school day. It was RESOLVED for the Chair to write a letter to the school to ask them to include an article on speed awareness and inconsiderate parking in their newsletter.	Chair

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9.	<p>Finance: Income received from 8 January 2026 to 12 February 2026: Bank Interest: £17.36</p> <p>Fund balances 7 February 2026: Current Account: £245.34 Deposit Account: £17,207.30 Total: £17,452.64 Total funds available: £17,452.64</p> <p>Memorial Fund: £473.81</p> <p>Payment Schedule was RESOLVED and approved for payment.</p>	
10.	<p>Village Maintenance: Pocket Park: Fencing has been purchased and will be installed prior to 22nd March 2026. The hedgerows are due to be installed and ongoing maintenance continues.</p> <p>Millennium Garden: Pruning has occurred, with ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Streetlights: Awaiting repair of streetlight between Main Street and Butler's Close.</p> <p>Defibrillator: N/A</p> <p>Public Footpaths & Rights of Way: N/A</p> <p>Trees and General Parish Environment: Trees along Welsh Road at risk of ash die back and overhanging private property have been cut back.</p> <p>Winter Maintenance: Grit bins will be checked and the Clerk updated on whether they need refilling.</p>	
11.	<p>General Update: Welsh Road: N/A</p> <p>HS2 Liaison, Highways and Road Safety update: HS2 Liaison Meeting took place on 16th January 2026.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch: The Clerk will speak to NCalc and CALC to get advice on a village WhatsApp group.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>MAD</i> 19/3/26</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>

14.	Dates of next meeting(s): Thursday 19 th March Thursday 23 rd April – Annual Parish Open Meeting	
15.	Meeting closed at 8:00pm.	

Signed: 

Date: 19 Mar 2026

