

ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th September 2026 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Richard Burgess (RB), Lee Lewis (LL), Tom Boston (TB), Graham Barnes-Moss (GB-M) and Matt Hawkins (MH) - Chair

Others: Clerk

		Action
1.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: There were no declarations of interest.	
2.	Apologies: Apologies were provided by Rhiannon Harris and John Funnell. It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting on 16th July 2026: The minutes were RESOLVED as accepted.	
4.	Matters Arising from the last meeting, not covered elsewhere on agenda: Resignation of Councillor Graham Barnes-Moss: MH informed the Parish Council that GB-M had resigned as Councillor. The Parish Council thanked GB-M for his service to the Parish during his time as Councillor and wished him well for his future endeavours. It was RESOLVED for MH to take on the responsibility for paths and LL to take on the responsibility for the defibrillator. GB-M then left the meeting. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to advertise the notice of vacancy and for the Parish Council to discuss co-option of a new Councillor at the next meeting if no election is requested by residents. Purchase and installation of new noticeboard on the Village Hall wall: It was RESOLVED to source a noticeboard that had a top with the lettering Aston le Walls and Appletree Parish Council on it and have two 6xA4 doors. The Village Hall Committee had promised £500 to go towards the purchase of the notice board, with the Parish Council covering the remaining amount.	MH/LL Clerk/ All MH/ Clerk
5.	Chairman's Announcements: Anglian Water compensation:	

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	Anglian Water have promised £2,000 compensation due to the lack of water earlier in the year for a 24-hour period. The Clerk has initiated the compensation claim. WNC Local Plan: WNC have been informed by central government that they must continue with their Local Plan consultation tied to the National Planning Framework 2024 instead of restarting the process to tie it to the National Planning Framework 2026. Consultation will go ahead and comments are due by 16th November 2026.	
6.	To receive report from the WNC Ward Councillor(s): N/A	
7.	Public Participation: N/A	
8.	Finance: Income received from 12 July to 11 September 2026: • Bank Interest: £15.97 Fund balances 11 September 2026: • Current Account: £80.48 • Deposit Account: £18,247.62 • Total: £18,328.10 • Memorial Fund: £475.20 The Payment Schedule was RESOLVED and approved for payment.	
9.	Planning: New Applications: 2026/3333/FULL at Land South of Apps House, Solden Hill House, Byfield, NN11 6UA It was RESOLVED to support this application. Approved Applications: N/A Rejected Applications: N/A Any other planning business: Proposed bungalows on Blacksmith Road: Still awaiting application to go into WNC Planning before progressing response.	
10.	Pocket Park & Millenium Garden: Ongoing maintenance continues.	
11.	Streetlights & Utilities:	

	No known issues.	
12.	Rights of Way: No known issues.	
13.	Trees & General Parish Environment: A large tree is due to be cut down in the hedge along Welsh Road as you head out of the village towards Lower Boddington.	
14.	HS2 & Highways: HS2 Site Visit: The Parish Council attended a site visit at the Chipping Warden HS2 Compound on 17 th September 2026. The visit was informative. The Chipping Warden Compound will continue to operate for several more years.	
15.	Any other business: N/A	
12.	Dates of next meeting(s): Thursday 15 th October 2026 Thursday 19 th November 2026	
13.	Meeting closed at 8:10pm.	

Signed:

Date: