

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL**

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mr R. Harding, Mr C. Tormey, Mr D. Pettit (councillors).

APOLOGIES - Mr N. Smith and Mrs J. Askew

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR  
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL were  
approved and signed.

**ACTION POINTS -**

1. Rubbish at Lower Coldridge to be referred to Environmental Health. (**Action Item 1**)
2. Information collected for cheque signatories. To be completed online (**Action Item 2**)
3. Well grid paid for and collected.
4. Mr Smith had details of possible bench for replacement of Evacuees' Bench by church. To be discussed at next meeting.

**HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

1. Potholes filled in Warren Lane.
2. 8 potholes in D-Loop marked for attention. No action on pothole by The Finches. To be reported again (**Action Item 3**)
3. Mr Harding suggested that we keep a record of when potholes are reported and forward information to Balfour Beatty on a regular basis. (**Action Item 4**)

**CCTV CAMERAS**

Mr Whatley to contact Nolan Richards regarding monitor, which does not appear to be working. (**Action Item 5**) He has contacted SNT regarding signage and this is being looked into.

**PLANNING**

Mr Whatley informed the council that the gateway into Ellesmere has not been

widened. The original gatepost is still in place at the end of the hedge.

## POLICE INITIATIVE

Information had been circulated on 'We don't buy crime', which involves Smartwater. To be put on agenda for next month when all councillors will have had the opportunity to look at the details of the scheme.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Pettit was keen to engage the District Councillor, Mr Wilding in the process as he had shown an interest. From the Parish Meeting Mr Pettit was impressed by the diversity of activities in the village, and felt it was important to find ways of developing these organizations and including them in the plan. The application form to design a neighbourhood area was completed and agreed. A separate budget is to be arranged.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Mr Weller regarding pecuniary interests. Clerk had already responded explaining facts, but to add that if there is any further concern the Monitoring Officer can be contacted. (**Action Item 6**)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - nothing to report

## FINANCE C.A. £8146.13 H.F. £1158.43

1. Audit Exemption Certificate was completed and signed. To be forwarded. (**Action Item 7**)
2. Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed.
3. Accounting Statements were approved and signed. These to be displayed on Village Hall noticeboard and website. (**Action Item 8**) Accounts are presently with the Internal Auditor.
4. Budget to be looked at to see which amounts of money are ring fenced. (**Action Item 9**)
5. Clerk's salary. 3 months. Mr Harding proposed this be paid, Mr Pettit seconded. All in favour. Cheques written - £583.68 (clerk) £145.92 (HMRC)
6. Norton Security for Parish Council laptop. Reimburse Mr Whatley £49.99. Mr Pettit proposed, Mr Tormey seconded. Carried.
7. Mr Whatley - Travelling expenses to collect well grid. £16.20. Mr Pettit proposed this be paid, Mr Tormey seconded. Carried.

## COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

Mr Pettit had been looking at the list of things that parish councils were able to do and was keen to raise the profile of the NDP and the Parish Council. He felt that

there were lots of areas which could be explored, but suggested that the replacing of the Evacuee Bench could be developed as a project connecting with the Birmingham School where the children who were evacuated came from, and involving the media. The council felt that this was a good idea and information from the evacuee diaries was to be looked at to see what could be developed.

The importance of actions being purposeful and moved along more quickly was also highlighted.

Mr Tormey distributed information on 'Danger Zones for Councillors'.

Information from Environment Agency regarding rules on sewage discharge into surface water. Letter to be sent to Herefordshire Council asking whether this would be followed up (**Action Item 10**)

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.22 p.m.**

The Aston Ingham Parish Council meeting is held in the committee room in the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month (excluding August, unless a special meeting needs to be called).

The meeting begins promptly at 7.30 p.m., and business is usually finished by 9.30 - 10.00 p.m.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, and if they have any points of concern with respect to our parish to send a letter prior to the meeting to our clerk, Heather Hobbs, Brooklands Cottage, Aston Ingham, HR9 7LS, for discussion at the meeting. Alternatively, points may be raised during the allocated time for public submissions at the meeting.

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