

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mrs J. Askew, Mr R. Harding, Mr N. Smith, Mr C. Tormey, (councillors).

APOLOGIES - Mr D. Pettit

Mr Whatley informed the meeting that due to personal reasons, Mr Pettit had unfortunately resigned from the Parish Council and the NDP. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr Pettit for his work with both groups. (**Action Item 1**)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS - none**

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING AND PLANNING MEETING 23RD
SEPTEMBER** were approved and signed.

ACTION POINTS -

Robert Potter had offered to attend to the damaged oak tree in exchange for the wood. Mr Harding to check with other PCC members for permission to proceed. (**Action Item 2**). As soon as Mr Whatley has the statue for the well Mr Smith and Mr Harding will install the well grid.

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1. SID has been installed at Newent end of the village (Monday 7th October).
2. Barrel Lane was due to be closed for replacement of stopcocks, but this has now been postponed until January.
3. Pothole at The Finches has been whitelined.
4. Mrs Askew has been in contact with Community Speedwatch but they are not prepared to include Aston Ingham in the programme as the vehicles are travelling too fast! She was advised to contact Herefordshire Council and is awaiting a reply. Mrs Askew is attending a speed management workshop at H.A.L.C. next week. She was thanked for her efforts to address these issues.
5. Flooding at Knightshill again - Clerk to report (**Action Item 3**)
6. Junction C1281/B4222 (Aston Crews) - wall has been demolished again.
7. Remedial action appears to have been taken with concrete slab on path by The School House.

PLANNING

1. Broadfields, Aston Ingham. 193139. Proposed single storey extension to existing bungalow. The Parish Council had no objections, but would be happier if there was some form of renewable energy included in the application.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Register Office - no action
- Environmental Health contact provided - vmcnally@herefordshire.gov.uk/01432260168
- Clerk/Council Direct

RE-ENROLMENT - PENSIONS

Clerk is not in a pension scheme for employment by the Parish Council. A Re-declaration of Compliance form has been completed and submitted to the Pensions Regulator.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Pettit and Mrs Askew met with Karla Johnson from the NDP team regarding budgets and the next steps. We were advised to consider engaging an external consultant at this stage. The problems which the updating of the Core Strategy will cause was discussed in some depth.

PARISH COUNCIL SUMMIT

Mr Whatley had attended this summit, which was disappointing in many ways. He felt that the organization left much to be desired. The issues of climate change were highlighted and the Core Strategy and the impact of changes to this. It was planned to create a network of 'Talking Hubs' around the county, which could be beneficial.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTION

Aston Ingham Parish Council recognizes that there is a climate change emergency and intends to take this into account when conducting its business in the future. The Parish Council considers that the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be the primary method by which climate change planning is undertaken

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - no local news

VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVES

Clerk and Mrs Askew were prepared to continue as representatives. A.G.M. on 14th October

FINANCE C.A. £8914.74 H.F. £1158.43 P.C. £5.72

1. Receipt of Precept - 6 mths. £3694.00
2. Signatories -all councillors are now eligible to sign cheques.
3. Data Protection. Certificate received. Mr Harding proposed, Mrs Askew that Clerk be reimbursed £40.00 for fee. All in favour.
4. HALC - website hosting and domain name. £60.00. Mr Tormey proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.
5. Evacuees' Bench. Mr Whatley had sourced a hardwood bench from Pengethley. This was on offer at £375.00 and had been reserved. Mrs Askew proposed, Mr Harding proposed that we purchase it. All in favour.
6. Note. Cheque written in July for £1000 to Balfour Beatty was for the incorrect amount and was returned. Another cheque was subsequently written for £960 and forwarded. Cheque for £50.00 for the Internal Auditor could not be written at the meeting on 1st July as the cheque book had run out. This and the Balfour Beatty cheque were therefore written and signed at the July planning meeting.

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

- Mr Whatley to source lead power supply for CCTV camera. (**Action Item 4**)
- Defibrillator - awaiting information on cabinet. It was suggested that the defibrillator be kept in the hall until cabinet is received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 4th November
Monday 2nd December

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 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., (7.00 p.m. from October to March) and business is usually finished by 9.00 - 9.30 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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