

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 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 - none

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING were read, approved and signed.

ACTION POINTS - all dealt with

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

SID not working at present. Mrs Askew is contacting Balfour Beatty about other issues and will discuss this. She also intends contacting Upton Bishop Parish Council with a view to sharing facilities. (**Action Item 1**)

Potholes - opposite The Larches

UC70220 - numerous

UC70223 - Gypsy Lane, by Ambleside

UC70225 - near The Plovers

Water running down Oak Lane and drain blocked.

Bridge at junction with B4222 and Barrel Lane partly demolished.

Clerk to report these issues. (**Action Item 2**).

TRAFFIC CALMING

Mrs Askew, Mr Harding and Mr Tormey met with Ian Connolly. Some useful information was received from this meeting and the Parish Council will need to decide what measures can be taken to improve the situation with consideration to budget and timescale. Grants could be applied for or the possibility of finding sponsors was discussed. The speed management workshop which Mrs Askew was supposed to be attending was cancelled due to lack of interest!

PLANNING

1. Land opposite Morgans Farm. 193091. Placement of a timber clad caravan on

site for agricultural dwelling. The Parish Council objected to this proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Mike Edwards regarding SID. Clerk to respond. (**Action Item 3**)

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mrs Askew is now chairwoman. A vice-chair will be appointed at a later meeting. The use of consultants to assist with the NDP process was discussed. Two proposals have been received and will be reviewed over the next two meetings. Active numbers on the steering committee have dropped and it will be important that everyone helps where they can to get things done, in order to maintain momentum. The grants process can be started once we have the financial information from the consultants, and we need to consider if some expenditure for the NDP will need to be added to the Parish budget to support the work of the steering committee over the next year. Mr Whatley has looked into how the NDP funds are to be managed and this must be done in line with the same financial oversight as the Parish budget is. Mr Whatley asked the clerk if she would be prepared to provide oversight of the NDP budget and spend as her role as clerk for both committees.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Following the resignation of Mr Pettit, the Electoral Office were informed and have responded. Notice to be put up on 11th November. If an election is not requested by 29th November the process of co-option will begin.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - nothing to report

FINANCE C.A. £8439.74 H.F. £1158.43 P.C. £4.02

1. Chairman's travelling expenses. (sourcing bench and Councillors' Summit - £30.15) Mr Smith proposed, Mr Harding seconded. All in favour. Councillors were reminded that they were entitled to claim travelling expenses for parish business.
2. Budget. Draft budget was circulated for discussion. Councillors agreed that it should be displayed on the noticeboard and website and comments invited.

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS - Mr Harding asked about the Defibrillator cabinet. This has been ordered. Date to be confirmed. (**Action Item 4**)

Clerk to check with H.A.L.C. whether a councillor needs to declare an interest if he does not speak or vote in the matter. (**Action Item 5**)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 2nd December, Monday 6th January 2020
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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