

MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mr C. Tormey, Mr J. Harding, Mrs J. Askew, Mr S. Burns (councillors), Mr K. Williams (Locality Steward), Mr M. Edwards (parishioner)

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED FROM Mr N. Smith

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF AUGUST PLANNING MEETING AND SEPTEMBER
MEETING were read, approved and signed. Clerk to check with H.A.L.C. whether it is proper procedure for chairman to sign minutes if he has not actually chaired the meeting. (**Action Item 1**)
Meeting dates on website to be amended (**Action Item 2**)

ACTION POINTS ADDRESSED

HIGHWAYS UPDATE- Mr Williams explained how system of reporting defects worked and noted issues within the parish which required attention.
Categories after inspection - 1a. 24 hours response 1b. 7days 2a. 28 days 2b. 2 months. Mr Williams was of the opinion that some defects appear to be removed from the system by the operational management and/or downgraded to a lower category for reasons which are often unclear. However, there does not seem to be any procedure for clarifying such actions and the rationale for doing this, or for notifying the parish council of the outcome. The implication was that matters of finance could be overriding road safety issues. Concern over this matter to be reported to Harry Bramer (District Councillor) and Barry Durkin (Cabinet member for Highways) (**Action Item 3**)

Issues for attention

- 1) Markings on road at Aston Crews and Kingsmill
- 2) Flooding at Knightshill recurring
- 3) Stoney Road to Mill Lane - culvert/hole in verge
- 4) Culvert under pavement by School House to be checked when 'ratholes' are cleared
- 5) Oaks Lane - camber was due to be changed to enable water to run into drain

instead of over B4222

Other highways/drainage issues

- 1) Mr Stallard has cleared ditch and altered fall - waiting for Severn Trent to do the same to their ditch
- 2) Capacity of culvert under bridge on Cowley Lane to be taken up with Herefordshire Council (**Action Item 4**)
- 3) Steve Batt has been contacted by Carter Jonas regarding obstructions in Ell Brook

PLANNING

- 1) Bellalea. 173422. Construction of swimming pool (with enclosure and pool house) within curtilage of existing residential dwelling. The parish council had no objections providing adequate screening from the road was installed, especially on the corner.
- 2) The Orles. 163965. Demolition of existing garage and bungalow and erection of four dwellings with detached garages and associated works. Approved with conditions.
- 3) Mr Whatley gave feedback on meeting attended in Hereford, which described how planning applications are submitted and dealt with. It was stated that Parish Council comments, which are now felt to have improved and be more relevant, are taken into consideration on all applications.
The importance of Neighbourhood Development Plans, which can greatly affect control over building development within the parish, was highlighted. Mr Whatley felt that the Parish Council should re-assess whether a plan should be produced for Aston Ingham, as a lot of the groundwork has already been done with data collected from our Parish Plan meetings. It was decided to advertise in The Chimes and on the website for someone to lead a team and to find people interested in being involved. Three of the councillors present were keen to be part of a steering group. (**Action Item 5**)
- 4) The Parish Council were not consulted on the extension to Aston Ingham Cricket Club pavilion, although we were promised we would be kept informed after we were not sent details of the tennis club application. Clerk to write to Gloucestershire Council (**Action Item 6**)

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Application pack had been received. Authorisation was needed from Harry Bramer. An assessment had to be carried out by Herefordshire Council for suitability of sites. Mr Tormey proposed, Mrs Askew seconded, that we should proceed with this. All in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Clinical Commissioning Group - meeting

- Electricity bill discounts - noticeboard and website
- Letter from Gloucestershire Transport - noticeboard and website (**Action Item 7**)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Burglaries had been reported in Upton Bishop. Parishioners were advised to be vigilant about securing properties and outbuildings.

Page to be set up on website for Neighbourhood Watch.

FINANCE C.A. £5610.82 (plus precept £2250 - statement not received)

H.F. £1158.43 P.C. £20.34

- 1) Explorer Scouts - request for donation. Information received. Mr Harding proposed we give donation of £150, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour.
- 2) Travelling expenses for meeting attended by Mr Whatley. £21.30. Mrs Askew proposed this be paid, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour.

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

- New page on website for councillors' profiles (**Action Item 8**)
- Clerk to check Goldcliff is on empty properties register (**Action Item 9**)
- Report rubble tipped opposite Little Acorns to Kevin Williams (**Action Item 10**)
- Code of Conduct, safeguarding, councillor profiles, Boundary Commission for England - agenda for future meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS - Monday 6th November, Monday 4th December

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 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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