

ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

DECEMBER MEETING ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mr C. Tormey, Mrs J. Askew, Mr J. Harding, Mr N. Smith, (councillors) and five parishioners.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS –

– Mr Whatley declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 174918 as his house overlooks the site, also on the finance item for footpaths.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING were read, approved and signed.

ACTION POINTS ADDRESSED – clerk to liaise with Mrs Askew on website additions

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1. Road closure on B4222 between Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th December.
2. Sunken drains on Lea Line to be reported, also drain at Aston Crews.
3. Knightshill C1281 carriageway problems – to be raised with Barry Durkin.

PLANNING

1.174918. Land at Southlea. Proposed 3 bedroom single storey eco fully accessible house

Mr Harding took the chair for this item. Support was given to proposal but comments to be made regarding drainage.

2.Feedback from Balfour Beatty meeting.

Mr Whatley relayed information given at this meeting. In particular, he highlighted the Balfour Beatty update which showed that almost all Key Performance Indicators were being met, which appears to be at odds with what the parish is experiencing on the ground. There were also issues regarding the responsibility of riparian landowners in ditch digging and hedge cutting, where there is arguably a case for work to be carried out by Herefordshire Council. The launch of a new scheme, Community Action, was detailed, which was supposed to give parish councils more power to undertake maintenance works. Consultation with Balfour Beatty and surveys would be necessary, on a chargeable basis, before work was authorised. It was decided to discuss the latest information at the next meeting. It was agreed that Mr Whatley meet with Barry Durkin to discuss these issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mark Tribe (parishioner) offering to help with obtaining defibrillator – to be discussed at subsequent meeting.

Letter of thanks from Dr Paul Weiss for donation to Explorer Scouts.

Reply from Forest of Dean District Council regarding planning consultations on properties on parish boundaries

Thanks to be given to John and Dawn Bennett for clearance of bridleway from Oaks Lane to Cliffords Mesne track, also to Tania Clayton for contribution to stile on AG8 and Richard Potter for work as Footpaths Officer.

FINANCE – Draft budget agreed at £5155. Precept set at £4650.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS –Wednesday 3rd January, Monday 5th February

The above notes are an abbreviation of the unconfirmed minutes. For a more detailed account and complete minutes when approved, please visit

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