

MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2018 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 N. Smith, (councillors) plus four parishioners

APOLOGIES - S Burns

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS - none

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING were read, approved and signed.

ACTION POINTS ADDRESSSED except J Whatley to contact Steve Batt (Action Item 1) as he was unavailable due to having an operation.

With regard to Action point 2 about raising points for planning for Barn at Little Gorsley. Consulting the website showed that the points we had agreed to make had already been recorded against the planning application.

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1. The repairs delayed over Christmas have been completed. However it was noted that long-outstanding works on the bend at Kingsmill and at the junction of the B4222 and Oaks Lane had not been carried out, despite the necessary plant being available. Many potholes along the B4222 remain, particularly on the bend by Majaro Barn and the services trench in front of Knapp Barn.
2. Mr J Whatley has met with Barry Durkin to raise the issues identified at the January meeting, Mr Durkin agreed to take away all the issues discussed and then attend a meeting to discuss them. Key issues discussed:
 - a. Time taken to address issues by Balfour Beatty (BB)
 - b. No reporting on progress by BB
 - c. Jobs not getting put into the system when submitted, or getting deleted later by BB
 - d. Alleged downgrading of the severity of jobs to ensure that contractual KPIs are not missed.
 - e. No named individuals in BB to contact, so cannot hold them to account, only have general email contact.
3. Parishioner present suggested we contact the Contracts Manager at the council as well as raising this with Barry Durkin (Action Point 1)
4. There is an ongoing issue with BB's default view that the landowners are responsible for issues with hedging and ditching rather than taking a joint

approach. This has been raised with Barry Durkin.

5. BB have said that they do not intend to do any further work on the drain by the School House. Mr J Harding suggested a solicitor's letter to Mr Stallard concerning the amount of water running off his fields towards this drain, as there was an ongoing issue with mud on the road when the drain overflowed. Mr J Whatley will discuss possible enforcement action with Kevin Williams (Action Point 2).

PLANNING

- 1) No planning updates

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

We have received the plan of the suggested sites for the two camera poles following completion of the survey. One is just after the 30 m.p.h. sign before the bridge coming in from Lea which all agreed was a suitable location. The other camera site was shown as on the verge alongside Knapp Barn. Councillors thought this was too far past the 30 sign and that it should be sited close to the entry to the Bowls club. Mr J Whatley to feed that back (Action Point 3).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thermotor - information on speed indicating devices to be filed. Councillors asked for further information on this to be provided by the Clerk at the next meeting. (Action Point 4).
- Correspondence received from Parishioners on email and in the post regarding the canvassing of opinion for the defibrillator and the security cameras. The few opinions received were mixed. To be discussed at the next meeting when more responses would have been received. (Action Point 5)
- Letter received to invite councillors to a preview event detailing the proposal for the Hereford Bypass.
- Invitation for the Clerk to go to a training course for the New Data Protection Act which comes into force in May.
- Letter about the Great Spring Clean on 2nd-4th March, parishioners have been invited to take part and apply for packs. Mrs J Askew suggested that the details be put onto the Website (Action Point 6).
- Letter about finding Parish Champions in the community to be proposed for various categories. There is a flyer that will go onto the notice board (Action Point 7).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

1. Mrs J Askew reported a suspicious van on her drive one morning, frightened off by their security cameras, they think.

2. Mr Harding and Mr Tormey to work with Upton Bishop and Gorsley for collating information.

FINANCE

1. No financial matters to process or discuss.

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

1. Mr J Harding asked what had happened about the replacement sandbags. The clerk to confirm on her return (Action Point 8).
2. The Inspector went out to see the empty property Goldcliff, we should get a report of his visit in due course.
3. Fly tipping in Oaks Lane is getting worse and is now in two different places, extending up Oaks Lane. Hereford Council is aware.
4. Mr J Whatley suggested that we could look at setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group for reporting suspicious activity like they have in some of the surrounding areas.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS - Monday 5th March
Monday, 2nd April

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 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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