

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2019
AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mrs J. Askew, Mr J. Harding, Mr D. Pettit, Mr N. Smith, Mr C. Tormey (Councillors) Mrs M. Pettit (parishioner)

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS were signed and witnessed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN - Mr Smith proposed Mr Whatley, Mr Tormey seconded. Majority in favour.

VICE-CHAIRMAN - Mr Harding proposed Mr Pettit, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING were approved and signed, with two amendments.

ACTION POINTS ADDRESSED

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

- 1) Mr Whatley had had a discussion with Kevin Williams (Locality Steward). As Mr Whatley had checked the roads in the parish and hadn't found any major defects or roads which met the criteria provided by Mr Williams it was felt that the draft letter to Balfour Beatty needed to be amended.
- 2) Balfour Beatty will not do any work on the ditches by Aston Crews, but Mr Williams thought that the problem with the drain between School House and Aston Bank could be sorted.
- 3) Water running onto the B4222 by The Plantation will be a landowner issue.
- 4) The new ward councillor, Mr William Wilding, will be asked for support with these matters.
- 5) Unclassified road (D-Loop - UC70220) to be checked by Mr Whatley (**Action Item 1**)
- 6) Traffic survey has confirmed our opinions about traffic travelling at speed through the village. SID forms to be completed and returned (**Action Item 2**) Mrs Askew suggested that the information be shared with the police to obtain their support. (**Action Item 3**)

- 7) Clerk to contact Gloucestershire Highways regarding visibility at Mill Lane
(**Action Item 4**)

PLANNING

1. White Hart Cottages, Aston Crews. P190931FH. Proposed two storey and first floor extension. The Parish Council had no objections.
2. The 2019 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Report had been published. All of the sites suggested in Aston Ingham had been rejected.
3. A static caravan has been moved onto ground opposite Morgan's Farm. Clerk to check with Enforcement. (**Action Item 5**)
4. Polytunnels - definitive ruling from Herefordshire Council. All polytunnels need permission although some will come under permitted development or will be allowed if they are within the curtilage of the dwelling house.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The first meeting had been attended by ten people, with several apologies sent. Some key roles had been filled. The important thing was to keep everyone in touch and to make sure that the whole community were aware of what was going on. It was felt that a positive start had been made.

GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was resolved that Aston Ingham Parish Council should re-adopt the General Power of Competence (Mr Pettit proposed, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Mr Whatley proposed that the Parish Council adopt the Herefordshire Council Code of Conduct, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerk/Council Direct
- Merchant Navy Day

EVACUEES' BENCH AND AREA AROUND CHURCH

Mr Smith to look into sourcing a replacement bench. (**Action Item 6**)

FINANCE C.A. £9081.07 H.F. £1158.43 P.C. £0.44

- 1) Petty cash. Mr Harding proposed £20.00 be transferred, Mr Pettit seconded. All in favour.
- 2) Insurance premium. Zurich had quoted. £242.94. Mr Whatley proposed this be accepted, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour.

- 3) Scouts - request for a donation towards sink and installation. Mr Harding proposed £50.00, Mr Pettit seconded. All in favour
- 4) Defibrillator invoice £780. Mr Whatley proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.
- 5) Cheque signatories. These will be updated, following the elections. (**Action Item 7**)

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

Police survey and communications on next agenda
Lower Coldridge Farm rubbish tip. To be checked with Enforcement (**Action Item 8**)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday June 3rd
Monday 1st July
(Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 30th May)

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.35 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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