

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 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), Mr W. Wilding (District Councillor), Mr N. Harris (parishioner)

APOLOGIES - none

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR  
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING were read, approved and signed.

### ACTION POINTS

Mrs Askew had been in touch with Balfour Beatty and Ray Wallace had visited the parish. He had made certain suggestions regarding traffic calming and quotations for works would be provided. One suggestion was extra 30 m.p.h. repeaters and painted 30 on road with yellow backing. Mrs Askew had contacted Linton Parish Council regarding the SIDs and they had expressed an interest in working with Aston Ingham.

The defibrillator cabinet has been placed on the wall of the village hall. It has to be registered before it can be used so that a pin number can be allocated. (**Action Item 1**) Clerk to write to Richard Potter to thank him for erecting cabinet (**Action Item 2**)

### HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1. Drain by School House blocked, and ratholes.
2. Potholes along Lea Line and sunken drains.
3. Flooding by Babylon Farm. Clerk to report. (**Action Item 3**).

Mr Wilding to check if there is likely to be any more funding. Mr Whatley to put problems with works not being completed in an email to Mr Wilding (**Action Item 4**). Opportunity to be involved in the budget consultation still available online.

It was noted that the B4224 would be closed on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December from Kilcot to Bradford's Lane and the B4222 between Stockings Field and Kilcot on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## PLANNING

1. Rock Farm, Lea (adjacent parish). 193892. Proposed erection of 3.85 hectares of poly-tunnels with associated landscape and drainage works. After discussion it was decided to support Lea Parish Council's decision, but to mention recycling of plastic and flood risk.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerk/Council Direct
- Great Collaboration workshop - date to be confirmed.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Steering Committee had interviewed one prospective consultant, David Nicholson, and another was due to be interviewed on 16<sup>th</sup> December. The committee would need to decide exactly what they required from the consultant and cost would obviously be taken into consideration.

## DECISION MAKING

There was some ambiguity regarding the role of the Steering Committee in decision making. Although routine decisions can be taken by the committee, the only body which contracts for goods and services and which can raise and spend money is the Parish Council. To save repetition in the Parish Council meeting it was decided that the NDP minutes would be circulated to the parish councillors prior to their meeting and the Chairman would sign the NDP minutes at the PC meeting. Mr Whatley was concerned that no problems should occur which could impact on transparency and correct procedure.

## FINANCE C.A. £8409.59 H.F. £1158.43 P.C. £4.02

1. Clerk's salary. £729.60 (3 months) Mrs Askew proposed this be paid, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour. (Cheques written - £583.68 - clerk, £145.92- H.M.R.C.)
2. Defibrillator cabinet. £438.00. Mr Whatley proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.
3. SID invoice - £190.80. Mrs Askew proposed this be paid, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour.
4. Clerk to contact Karen Jones regarding submitting the precept after January meeting. (**Action Item 5**)
5. NDP. Mr Harding proposed that the Holding Fund Account be used specifically for NDP budget. Mr Smith seconded. All in favour. Amounts to be adjusted.

## COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS - none

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 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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