

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2020 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL**

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mr R. Harding, Mr N. Smith, Mr C. Tormey, (councillors), Mr D. Hardwick (parishioner).

APOLOGIES - Mrs J. Askew

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR  
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING were approved and signed.

ACTION POINTS - completed

#### HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1. Substantial clearing of obstructions in the Ell Brook from the bridge at Cowley Lane downstream had taken place.
2. A tree which had been uprooted during Storm Ciara alongside the B4222 and was in a precarious position had been speedily dealt with by Balfour Beatty.
3. Email from Mrs Tree regarding blocked drains on C1281 at Lea Line. Clerk to report. **(Action Item 1)**
4. Clerk to contact Joe Grice (Balfour Beatty) to check when the next SID was to be deployed. **(Action Item 2)**
5. Missing bricks in bridge arch by Cowley Lane to be reported. **(Action Item 3)**

#### PLANNING

1. Rock Farm, Lea. 200382. Erection of new potato store. (Adjacent parish). The parish council had no objections.
2. Brook House, Lea Crossroads. 200197. Construction of flood alleviation scheme. (Adjacent parish). The parish council had no objections.
3. Brook House, Lea Crossroads. 200198. Construction of flood alleviation scheme - Listed Building Consent. (Adjacent parish). The parish council had no objections.
4. Berkeley House. 184654. Erection of a three-bedroomed bungalow - appeal. This was dismissed. It was noted that Herefordshire Council do not appear to be sanctioning developments outside the core of the village.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Alan Oastler, James Harding and Stephen Wheeler had circulated their housing report and it was agreed that this was a clear and comprehensive document. David Nicholson, consultant, made some relevant points regarding the settlement boundary, and some amendments would be looked at. Preparations were going well for the Open Day on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## COUNCILLOR VACANCY

David Hardwick gave the parish council a letter of application for this vacancy. The parish council cannot make a decision to co-opt until the day after David has lived in the parish for one year (8<sup>th</sup> March), so this will be on the agenda for April.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - nothing to report

FINANCE C.A. £ 6947.19 H.F. £1073.20 P.C. £17.87

1. Clerk's salary (3 months). Mr Harding proposed this be paid, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour. Cheques written. £583.68- clerk. £145.92 - H.M.R.C.
2. H.A.L.C. Annual subscription. £445.18. Mr Tormey proposed this be paid, Mr Whatley seconded. All in favour.
3. NDP Flyers for Open Day (Perpetua Press). Mr Whatley proposed this be paid, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour.

## COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

1. Mr Whatley asked the parish council to consider ways in which the council could help the parishioners should the Coronavirus outbreak escalate.
2. The chairman, Mr Whatley, advised the parish council that should the call for sites be made, and he puts forward his land at Ellesmere for consideration then he would find it necessary to resign from his position as chairman of the parish council and a deputy would need to be appointed.

## DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting)

## MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 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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