

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 P.M. IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr Harding proposed Mrs Askew, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR

DISPENSATIONS - Mrs Askew declared an interest in the potential planning site at Ellesmere. Mr Whatley asked for dispensation to mention potential planning site at Ellesmere in NDP section.

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF JULY MEETING were read, approved and signed.

#### ACTION POINTS

All addressed. Clerk to contact Joseph Grice regarding siting of SID, which was deployed yesterday. (**Action Item 1**)

#### HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Mr Whatley had cut back a lot of vegetation to expose 30 m.p.h. signs and attempted to clean off algae.

Some potholes have been filled, but not all have been white-lined.

D Loop (UC70220) potholes to be reported (**Action Item 2**)

Mr Whatley to use weedkiller on weeds at kerb between junction of Aston Bank and sub-station. (**Action Item 3**)

Mr Hardwick to speak with owners of hedge along same stretch as it has encroached on pavement. (**Action Item 4**)

#### PLANNING

1. Yartleton Farm, Cliffords Mesne. 202443. Proposed replacement holiday let. The Parish Council had no objections.
2. Land opposite Morgan's Farm. Appeal against Enforcement notice has been accepted.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clerk/Council Direct. This publication can also be found online.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Whatley had rung Lynda Wilcox (H.A.L.C.) to explain that he wouldn't be able to continue as chairman because of the potential Ellesmere development. Lynda, who is the NDP national champion, suggested that we aim to have the NDP completed by next July, which is when the referendums can resume, and asked John to try to continue until that point, unless there was a conflict of interest. She recommended that we do not try to assess sites 'in house', but have an independent government body, which would mean there was no undue local influence and would defer the time when Mr Whatley declares a pecuniary interest.

There was some confusion over the housing report initially produced by the NDP, which had been misleading.

Mrs Askew had also spoken to Lynda Wilcox, who had suggested not pursuing a questionnaire, but submitting draft policies to the parish. It was felt at the NDP committee meeting that we lacked the information to feel confident about this approach, but we could look at sending draft policies with a questionnaire and trying to speed up the process.

The 'Call for Sites' flyer had been circulated to every household with The Chimes.

**COMMUNICATION STRATEGY** The Communication Strategy produced by the NDP following their workshop was well-received. Mr Harding proposed this be adopted, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.

It was decided to raise the budget (already approved) by £500. Mrs Askew to apply for grant. **(Action Item 5)**

Letter to be sent to David Nicholson (consultant) from the Parish Council to confirm arrangements. **(Action Item 6)**

## GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was resolved that Aston Ingham Parish Council re-adopt the General Power of Competence. Mrs Askew proposed, Mr Harding seconded. All in favour.

## FINANCE C.A. £8369.05 H.F. £1073.20 P.C. £4.50

Mr Hardwick, as a non-cheque signatory, has agreed to check and sign the bank statement and cash book statement each month.

1. Clerk's salary (3 months). £729.60. Mr Harding proposed this be paid, Mr Whatley seconded. All in favour. Cheques written - £583.68 (clerk), £145.92 (H.M.R.C.)
2. Payment to Internal Auditor. £50.00. Mr Whatley proposed, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.
3. Website support (Eyelid Productions - £100.00). Mr Hardwick proposed, Mrs

Askew seconded. All in favour.

4. Website hosting and Domain Name (H.A.L.C. - £66.00) Mr Tormey proposed this be paid, Mr Harding seconded. All in favour.
5. Data Protection Fee. The annual fee is £40.00, but if we take out a Direct Debit this is reduced to £35.00. Mrs Askew proposed we do this, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour. Form completed.
6. Village Hall hire - £144.00. Mrs Askew proposed this be paid, Mr Hardwick seconded. All in favour.
7. Post spike for new fingerpost on bridle path. £12.91 .Reimbursement to Richard Potter, F.P.O. Mr Tormey proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.

## COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

- Mr Hardwick requested that he have authority to pursue traffic calming measures on behalf of the Parish Council with Balfour Beatty. Mrs Askew to forward costings given by Ray Wallace and possible actions. It was suggested that 'Awards for All' could be applied to for funding.
- Blocked gully in Sargents Lane by Yew Tree Cottage. Clerk to report. (**Action Item 7**)
- A tractor has been driven straight through the hedge opposite Acacia (UC70223), and a container placed in field. Clerk to contact Enforcement. (**Action Item 8**)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**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 7.00 p.m. 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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