

ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

JANUARY MEETING ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mrs J. Askew, Mr J. Harding, Mr N. Smith Mr C. Tormey (councillors) (ZOOM) and six parishioners.

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED FROM Mr D. Hardwick
PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Submissions from two parishioners relating to planning application 203802 were considered but not debated, firstly because a valid decision had been reached at the planning meeting on the 10th December, and secondly because procedural issues raised had been referred to H.A.L.C. (Herefordshire Association of Local Councils) for advice.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING were approved - to be signed later.

Minutes of special planning meeting had been approved by H.A.L.C. in a form appropriate for the meeting and circumstances.

HIGHWAYS UPDATE No extra highway problems at present – bridge at Barrel Lane junction has still not been repaired.

Problems at Warren Lane had been highlighted. Clerk to contact Kevin Williams (Locality Steward).

FLOODING

50.6 mm. of rain had fallen on 23rd December, causing catastrophic flooding in the village, significantly worse than the last flood in 2007. Aston Court and the centre of the village had been badly affected, with five homes flooded, gardens spoiled and cars stranded. Agreed that support from Herefordshire Council was required to address the problem, and that the impact of any potential development sites or proposals which could affect the flood risk for the village should be assessed, possibly as part of the NDP, or as a separate exercise. It was suggested that the senior Drainage Engineer from Herefordshire Council should be asked to attend a council meeting and inspect the area. Concerns had also been raised by Mr Weller and Mr Roberts regarding flood issues.

PLANNING

Land at South Lea, Aston Crews.204485. Variation of conditions 1, 2 and 3. The parish council had no objections.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Questionnaires were in the process of being delivered, but it may now be necessary to complete the delivery without engaging with the parishioners, as England was about to be placed in lockdown again. We would urge all parishioners to please return questionnaires to the village hall or the NDP representative, to give us as much information as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Whatley notified the meeting that complaints had been made about parish council procedures and the conduct of one of the councillors regarding the special planning meeting, and these had been referred to Hereford.

DATES OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 1st February 2021

The above notes are an abbreviation of the unconfirmed minutes. For a more detailed account and complete minutes when approved, please visit

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