

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7TH JUNE 2021 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 (councillors)  
Mrs M. Pettit (parishioner)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR  
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING were approved and signed.

ACTION POINTS addressed. Mr Whatley still to speak with William Wilding (District Councillor) regarding progress with flooding problems.

HIGHWAYS UPDATE -

1. D Loop potholes filled. Potholes to be reported in Oak Lane. (**Action Item 1**)
2. Clerk to invite new Locality Steward, Matthew Brooke, to a meeting. (**Action Item 2**)
3. Bend sign by Barrell Lane twisted. (Mr Whatley to check - **Action Item 3**)
4. Hedge and verge on path from Aston Bank to The Old School overgrown. Mr Whatley to check. (**Action Item 4**)
5. Clerk to include in notes to Chimes a request for verges and hedges to be maintained where appropriate to enable safe and easy access and visibility. (**Action Item 5**)
6. Road closure of B4221 (Newent - Ross) road to be deferred to last two weeks of August. Mrs Askew suggested a sign be erected at the entrance to Oak Lane regarding the unsuitability for larger vehicles.

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER MEETING FEEDBACK - The meeting with the agent from Herefordshire Council, William Wilding, Brian Jones (Lea Parish Council) and Mr Whatley to discuss the possibility of weight restrictions on the B4222/C1281 at Aston Crews was not very satisfactory. The Herefordshire Council representative did not think that the HGVs presented a problem although had no firm evidence to support this, and reported that he did not feel there was any need for a restriction, in spite of a history of problems with larger vehicles using these routes. Mr Whatley sent a firm response to this and requested that at least a restriction be considered on the road between Wayside and the traffic lights at Lea. A response is awaited.

## FLOODING

Efforts have been made to determine ownership of the bridge at Aston Court as water hits the bridge and backs up, causing flooding. Apparently the culvert was not built to the specifications of the original planning consent. It has been decided that residents of the area will assume shared ownership and work towards making changes to this bridge to alleviate problems.

Mr Stallard has agreed to a meeting to discuss other measures which can be taken to divert run-off from the fields.

**PLANNING** - no new results or applications

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Communication from Mr Bailey regarding Nest House development.
- Request from Mr Fountain for information about building work on Crews Pitch
- Mr Harding requested that communication from the Monitoring Officer be considered - to be placed on July agenda. (**Action Item 6**)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The next stage grant application has been approved. The agent, David Nicholson, is about to start work on the Call for Sites report. The Steering Committee are working through the policies as a group.

Mrs Askew to forward grant documentation to clerk. (**Action Item 7**)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was an unsuccessful attempt to steal a dog which was being walked by its owner at Lea. Dog owners are urged to be vigilant, as there have been several similar reports in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

## FINANCE

C.A. £13595.24 H.F. £582.20 P.C. £6.77

1. The Audit Exemption Certificate was completed and approved. (Mr Whatley proposed, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.

2. Annual Governance Statement was read and approved. (Mrs Askew proposed, Mr Hardwick seconded. All in favour.)

3. The Accounting Statements were approved, (Mr Whatley proposed, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.)

4. Clerk's salary 3 months. Mrs Askew proposed this be paid, Mr Whatley seconded. All in favour. Cheques written. (£583.68 - clerk. £145.92 -H.M.R.C.)

5. Annual Insurance Premium - Zurich Municipal. (£242.94). Mr Smith proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour).

6. Website Support - Eyelid Productions £100.00. Mr Whatley proposed this be paid,

Mr Smith seconded. All in favour.

**CHAIRMANSHIP** As none of the councillors were prepared to take over as Chair when Mr Whatley steps down, Clerk to contact Lynda Wilcox (H.A.L.C.) to set up a Zoom meeting. **(Action Item 8)**

#### **COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS**

During the hall refurbishment the CCTV sign appears to have been removed. Mr Whatley to check to see if he has any spares. **(Action Item 9)**

Mr Whatley confirmed that the Defibrillator had been checked/updated.

Mr Whatley confirmed that the clerk had a contract of employment.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Monday 5th July

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 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 8.30 - 9.00 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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