

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5th JULY 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, Mr C. Tormey, (councillors), Mrs M. Pettit, Mrs R. Tree, Mr C. Tree, Mr C. Jenkins (parishioners).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Mr Tree was concerned about the outcome of the meeting regarding the Traffic Regulation Order. He felt that any restriction on the road from 'Wayside' to the traffic lights at Lea (B4222) would cause increased heavy goods traffic on the road from 'Wayside' to Lea Line (C1281). Mr Whatley explained the circumstances of the meeting and the general dissatisfaction at the decisions. Nigel Warwick, who instigated the investigation some time ago, had not been invited to the meeting, and had requested that the meeting be held again. A response was awaited. A proper traffic survey had not been carried out, so there were no up to date figures on the volume and type of traffic using the B4222 and C1281. It was possible that the SID data might be relevant. The dangers for pedestrians on the Lea Line road was stressed.

Mr Jenkins circulated copies of a letter and photographs sent to Herefordshire Council regarding the erosion of the verges of the C1281.

CHAIRMANSHIP

Mr Whatley asked again if any of the councillors were prepared to take on the role of Chairman, but there was still no uptake. Clerk to liaise with Lynda Wilcox. (**Action Item 1**)

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING were approved and signed, with one amendment.

ACTION POINTS addressed

HIGHWAYS UPDATE -

Quotation had been received for traffic calming upgrades.

FLOODING

Mr Whatley provided feedback on the meeting with Mr Stallard (farmer) and Mr Edwards (landowner). Mr Stallard was willing to clear the blocked ditch which was causing surface water to flow into the access road to Aston Court and the

surrounding areas. The issue of rainwater flowing down the driveway by The Old School was also discussed, and Mr Stallard suggested that the water could be diverted off the driveway higher up the track and from there down towards the Ell Brook. To be progressed after the crop is harvested. It was felt that the meeting had been quite positive.

PLANNING

1. Crofton, Aston Ingham Road. 212173. Proposed single storey extension to front and two-storey extension to rear. The Parish Council had no objections, but queried whether any previous extensions and the current proposals would cumulatively result in over-development of the original building.
2. Land at Goldcliff, Oak Lane. P212527/XA2-PP Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4, 5 and 10 attached to planning permission 202743. The Parish Council were not required to comment on this application.
3. Land opposite Morgan's Farm. The Enforcement Officer had advised the Parish Council that the caravan had not been removed from the site, and so prosecution proceedings would be taken against the landowners for failure to comply with the terms of a formal notice.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Call for Sites report had been completed by David Nicholson, the consultant, and this would be discussed at the committee meeting on 13th July, and it was suggested that all parish councillors should attend. The committee has now worked through samples of relevant policies, ready for discussion of draft policies for Aston Ingham with David.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The clerk had circulated copies of the decision notice for the Code of Conduct complaint against Councillor Harding to the councillors. Mr Harding asked for a copy to be sent to Lynda Wilcox at H.A.L.C., as mentioned in the minutes (331). **(Action Item 2)**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

- Fly tipping at entrance to Aston Court

FINANCE C.A. £ 19960.70 H.F. £582.20 P.C. £1.77

1. Internal Audit Report had been circulated and agreed. Letter to Chairman read and minor points addressed.
2. Effectiveness of Internal Audit. Mr Whatley proposed this document be accepted and signed, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.
3. Payment to Internal Auditor. Mr Whatley proposed that Internal Auditor be paid £50.00, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.

4. All relevant audit documents had been published on the website and posted on the village hall noticeboard
5. Grant from Groundworks received (£7438.00) for Neighbourhood Development Plan.
6. £20.00 to be transferred to Petty Cash. Mr Smith proposed, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour.
7. It was agreed that traffic calming upgrades be implemented (£1604.09). Mrs Askew proposed, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour.

CODE OF CONDUCT - whether to adopt LGA Code of Conduct

Deferred to next meeting. Mr Whatley emphasised the importance of all councillors taking the necessary actions in this regard so that a decision can be taken at the next meeting.

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS

1. District Councillor Wilding had apologized for not attending any of our Parish Council meetings and he has proposed a monthly Zoom meeting with a representative from each local parish council. Councillors had no objection, but would still welcome attendance at parish council meetings periodically. Mr Whatley to communicate response. Cllr. Wilding receives minutes of the NDP meetings as he expressed an interest at the start of the process, but it was suggested that we also send him monthly Parish Council minutes. (**Action Item 3**)
2. Lengthsman Scheme. The Parish Council had experienced a number of issues with previous applications to join the scheme, but Mr Whatley felt we should re-evaluate the potential benefits with a view to submitting a new application for the 2022 scheme year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - (provisional) Monday 2nd August

Monday 6th September

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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