

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00 P.M. IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL**

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mrs J. Askew, Mr D. Hardwick, Mr N. Smith, Mr C. Tormey (councillors)  
Claire Denton (PCSO), Mrs M. Pettit, Mr C. Stacey (parishioners)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR  
DISPENSATIONS - none

### POLICE VISIT

Police Community Support Officer Claire Denton introduced herself and explained the proposed community engagement plans which had been initiated because of Covid restrictions. Speeding traffic is still the main priority and checks would be carried out. Other issues such as the 'Neighbourhood Matters' alert system and toolmarking were also discussed. Claire hopes to become involved with village organisations and offer support where possible.

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING were approved and signed.

### ACTION POINTS addressed

- Mrs Stock (Rose Cottage) still to be contacted as Clerk did not realize that Chairman was awaiting her contact details.
- Mr Whatley had met with District Councillor Wilding and other local councillors on 'Zoom'.
- Electoral Office had been contacted regarding resignation of Mr Harding and initial posters had been displayed, but no further correspondence as yet.
- Wildlife Corridors - agreed at last meeting -  
ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL RESOLVE TO SUPPORT THE AIMS OF DYMOCK FOREST RURAL ACTION GROUP, specifically to protect, promote and enhance biodiversity within the parish and across to neighbouring parishes. (In the first place it will most likely be enacted as part of the Neighbourhood Development Environmental policies, due out in draft shortly.)

### HIGHWAYS UPDATE

1. Mrs Askew to put SID data on website (**Action Item 1**)
2. The Parish Council would support the initiative by Alastair Donaldson (May Hill)

which would involve imposing a 30 m.p.h. speed limit in Barrel Lane.

3. Drains by The Old School had been cleared, also verges, and drainage holes on B4222 cleared and marked.
4. Clerk to enquire from Balfour Beatty about pipe on Mr Stallard's land by Aston Court, which has also been marked, and any proposed action. (**Action Item 2**)

## FLOODING

The first meeting of the Flood Action Group had been held and minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website. The work at present is very much on an investigative level. It was felt that it was important to improve and maintain good relationships with local landowners. Clerk to write to Mr Lewis to thank him for work on ditch clearance. (**Action Item 3**). The issue of closing the B4222 in event of a flood was discussed. This would be a highways matter, and not a police action. Mr Whatley suggested that 'Disaster Recovery' be added to February agenda. (**Action Item 4**). Mrs Askew suggested the possibility of obtaining grant funding.

PLANNING - none

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mrs Askew had not been able to apply for new funding as the previous grant money needs to be spent first. The draft plan will be considered and amended where necessary by the committee at the next meeting, before being passed to the Parish Council for comments and then Herefordshire Council.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ A letter had been received from Allison Oastler, treasurer and churchwarden of the P.C.C. of St. John the Baptist Church, Aston Ingham, requesting a donation towards grass cutting costs. The clerk had checked with Lynda Wilcox of H.A.L.C. who confirmed that it was not lawful for the Parish Council to benefit the property of the church. Clerk to reply to Mrs Oastler to say that we regret we are unable to help. (**Action Item 5**)
- ❖ Clerk/Council Direct

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - nothing to report

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT STATEMENT -to be considered at next meeting whether to include on website

FINANCE C.A. £13776.61 H.F. £582.20 P.C. £8.97

1. Mr Hardwick proposed the budget be accepted. Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour. No comments had been received.

2. Mrs Askew proposed the precept be set at £10098, Mr Smith seconded. All in favour. Clerk to complete form and return. (**Action Item 5**)
3. Renewal of H.A.L.C. membership. £454.58. Mrs Askew proposed this be paid, Mr Hardwick seconded. All in favour. Clerk to send H.A.L.C. user name and password to councillors. (**Action Item 6**)
4. S.I.D. invoice from Balfour Beatty. £276.00. Mr Smith proposed this be paid, Mr Hardwick seconded. All in favour.
5. Cheque for village hall hire, which was agreed at the last meeting, was signed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 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). Changes may be made because of Covid restrictions as it depends on the availability of the main hall.

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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