
ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of **ASTON LE WALLS PARISH COUNCIL** held on Thu 9th Sep 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attendees: Charles Lees (**CL**) – Chairperson, Tom Boston (**TB**) – Vice Chairperson, Dick Stephen (**DS**), John Funnell (**JF**), Grahame Barnes (**GB**) and Julie Challenor (Clerk and Councillor)

1. Apologies – Matt Hawkins (work).
2. Cllr Alison Eastwood (Silverstone Ward) was unable to attend but plans to attend next meeting.
3. Declaration of Interests - None
4. Minutes 8th Jul 21 - All agreed and signed
Matters arising from the Minutes – None
5. Correspondence to include Website & IT – All up to date. CL sent notice earlier today about road closure and DS will add on the website. DS reported the news items - ticker messages all updated too. DS confirm MH to manage Website/IT whilst on holiday (Wed 29th Sep returns 11th Oct 21).

6. Financial Matters:

i) *Balances @ 9th Sep 21*

Business Instant Account	£4,534.32
Treasurers Account	£32.71
TOTAL	£4,567.03
War Memorial Account	£459.85

ii) *Receipts / Payments / Invoices Approved from 8th Jul 21 – 9th Sep 21*

Receipt/Payment	Details	Amount (Inc VAT)	Date Paid
Need Bank Details	Graham Barnes – Fixing Bench	£32.83	Pending
RECEIPT	HMRC – VAT for 31Mar21 Received	+ £206.15	15Jul21
BACS Payment	Playsafety Limited – RoSPA Inspection	£82.20	15Jul21
Pending	Priors Garden – Grass Cutting May 21	£165	Dispute
Pending	Priors Garden Ditto – Jun 21	£165	Dispute
BACS Payment	SNAST – Neighbourhood Watch	£25	22Jul21
BACS Payment	Eon (Street Lighting)	£159.97	29Jul21
BACS Payment	Eon PL19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Welsh Road	£1,590	29Jul21
BACS Payment	Eon PL12 and PL9	£636	29Jul21
BACS Payment	2Commune – Host Website	£180	07Sep21
BACS Payment	2Commune – Website Licence	£342	07Sep21
BACS Payment	WNC – Uncontested Elections 6May21	£90	07Sep21

Priors Gardens invoices are still “on hold” as works not fully carried out. Waiting for Alex from PG to contact us and payment will not be paid until we hear from PG.

The Clerk had notification that the electricity contract with EON has been transferred to Npower Business Solutions (nBS). Our contract remains the same, we will just receive invoices with new branding and there are new bank details. Clerk will check via telephone before any payments made.

Up-to-date Receipts and Payments spreadsheet given out to all councillors, showing Income and Expenditure to date, including approx. spend for the rest of the year with balances.

Clerk still needs to hold separate meet with TB to obtain personal details and add to banking. Ditto access for online banking for CL and DS. We will endeavour to get this completed this month.

The Clerk confirmed receipt of VAT refund 15th Jul, sum £206.15 for last year’s expenditure. The Clerk will be preparing a 6-month return, ie Apr – Sep 21, refund approx. to date is £1,043.37. Also Clerk investigated with HMRC we need to complete VAT manually and not on line; it is because ALWPC are not registered for VAT.

It was confirmed the Financial Accounts for 2020/21 have been submitted to the PKF Littlejohn, the external auditors, nothing heard.

7. Planning Application No WNS/2021/1329/FUL – Proposal of erection of portal framed building over existing cattle yard. Location Highfield Farm, Appletree Lane, Aston Le Walls. Planning approved no observations – Clerk to Action via online portal.

The Transport document for Planning No WNS/2021/766/MAF will be discussed at the October council meeting, following discussion with the Planning Office. The closing date for which is 5th November 21.

During August, we received Planning Application No WNS/2021/1005/FUL – Conversion of an agricultural barn into a dwelling house. Location Waddups Hovel, Stoney Bump – to be submitted by 12th Aug 21. As we had no meeting, Clerk circulated to all councillors and there was a clear majority in favour, and it was approved via the online portal.

8. Village Maintenance

- a) Pocket Park – Looks lovely, lower meadow to be cut towards end of month.
- b) Millennium Garden – CL and TB both tidied up in July and it was most appreciated. Unfortunately, the Clerk received no response from new contractors that were approached. CL liaised with Richard Burrows (RB - resident) who has now taken on the contract for the remaining season. Received positive feedback from villagers that he is doing a good job. RB suggested removal of tree root, sum £40 and all councillors agreed. CL to inform RB. Memorial tree area CL and RB to tidy up. CL away Tue 14th return 21st Sep.
- c) Street Lighting – We have now replaced the remaining 5 Lights to LEDS on Welsh Road. This now completes our project, and this means our lighting invoices will be even more reduced.

- d) Defibrillator – GB reported all fine. GB had spoken to two people who didn't realise that we had defibrillator. GB suggested we put in the next newsletter to update parishioners. The circuit – GB to check instructions.
- e) Public Footpaths & Rights of Way – MH emailed prior to this meeting to confirm nothing to report especially as footpaths diminished at the moment due to HS1. Concrete track – CL asked for it be cut back. Barrier on Appletree Lane moved so that David can get his lorries in and out.
- f) Trees and general parish environment – JF mentioned that road by Pocket Park etc bushes need cutting – British Rail own the arch only. TB informed Highways own road with the hedging/banks up to it and it is unsure who is to maintain. CL to look at the lease and in the meantime, TB to get his guy to look at/cut where necessary. Trees re Sutton Close, TB is to meet guy when he returns from holiday.
- g) Winter Maintenance – JF nothing to report.

9. General Update

- a) HS2 Liaison, Highways & Road Safety – Welsh Road proposed new chicanes - Farmers locally mentioned needs to be wider. CL met with Matthew Barrett, still nothing received. CL will find out what's going on. CL speaks regularly with HS2, he organised them to change sign at bottom on Main St to smaller one and can confirm completed.

Next HS2 Liaison Meeting 17th Sep, CL sent apologies and Dick to attend hopefully.

- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business

Arc – it was agreed to put on website, DS to action.

Asset List – Clerk to update and copy for DS for website.

Declaration of Interest – never came back with link that works – Clerk to chase.

All post and email ensure name is correct – Clerk to action.

- 11. Dates of Next Meetings to be held in the Village Hall – scheduled 14th Oct, 11th Nov 2021, 9th Dec, 13th Jan 22, 10th Feb 22 and 10th Mar 22.

GB informed he cannot make the next meeting, 14th Oct.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:35 pm.