

**ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022 IN THE  
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr L Pitchley (Chairperson)  
Cllrs B A Bartholomew G B Davis P Davis M Elliott S Forster  
D H Gee J Peech H Ratcliffe S Smith and R Taylor  
  
K A Butler (Clerk) M Haigh (Senior Admin Officer)

**IN ATTENDANCE** 4 Members of the Public

**22/138 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs P Amrith and D A Knowles be accepted.

**22/139 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 14 June 2022 as being a true record of the business transacted.

**22/140 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purpose Committee held on 3 March 2022 be approved/confirmed.

**22/141 RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee held on 30 May 2022 be approved/confirmed.

**22/142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Forster declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 9.  
Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 15.

**22/143 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No Items.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public raised the following items:-

- Maintenance of Aston All Saints Parish Clock. The Clerk informed the parishioner that responsibility for maintaining parish clocks lies with the local Parish Council as set out in the Local Government Act 1972.
- Sound system for Parish Council meetings. The Clerk advised that proposals for renewing the entire sound system were currently being looked into by the Parish Hall Management Committee.

**END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

## **22/144 ONGOING ISSUES**

- The Clerk advised members that consultation has been sent to local schools and that the Parish Council would be having a stand at this year's carnival to promote/seek views on the proposed new Skate Park at Burgoyne Park.
- Following on from last month's meeting the Clerk has been in touch with RMBC and they will look into carrying out any maintenance work required on the milestones throughout the village.
- The Clerk informed members that she believed the land behind Swift Garage is registered to RMBC and that it is of no interest to Bellway Homes in their development plans. She would seek clarification from the land terrier and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **22/145 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk advised that no-one has come forward for co-option onto the Parish Council. She will now prepare notices to go on the notice boards in the hope of filling the vacancies.

## **22/146 ENTRANCE TO LEONARD KYTE RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk presented a report to alter the current access to Leonard Kyte Recreation Ground.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk submit a pre-planning application to RMBC to determine whether the proposed new access point would be feasible.

## **22/147 WILLIAM LAYNE READING ROOM**

Consideration was given to the various quotes the Clerk has received for the render repairs required at the William Layne Reading Room.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Heritage Property Repairs should be approached to carry out the work. In view of the fact that the company were unable to undertake the work until April 2023, the Clerk should contact the company and request that they honour the quote already submitted.

## **22/148 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**

- Cllr Pitchley asked that consideration be given to the lack of any youth provision throughout the parish.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk seeks quotes for the setting up of a youth club in the area, utilising detached workers to support the initiative, and trialling it over a 12 week period.

The Clerk would invite the youth worker from Whiston Parish Council to come and discuss their youth provision in more detail to a future Parish Council meeting.

- Cllr Pitchley also asked that consideration be given to the provision of some form of benefits/advice point for parishioners to come to during the cost of living crisis.

The Clerk agreed to look into the costings for such an initiative and in the meantime she would direct parishioners through the means of social media to specific bodies already offering assistance on this issue.

#### **22/149 ASTON CEMETERY – LIME TREES TO THE TOP OF THE CEMETERY**

The Clerk requested that this Item be deferred to the next meeting as she was still awaiting further information from RMBC.

#### **22/150 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Elliott be appointed to serve on the Finance & Employment Committee with immediate effect.

#### **22/151 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS**

There were no Police Officers present and no update had been received by the Clerk. However members highlighted the following points:-

- A crime prevention drop-in was held outside the Parish Hall this afternoon.
- Off-road bikes should continue to be reported to 101.
- An increase in the number of car thefts from people's driveways.
- The next Ward/CaP meeting is to take place on Thursday, 11 August 2022.

#### **22/152 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 25 – 28 (2022/23)**.

At the time comments were made on the following applications only:-

##### ***RB2022/0475 – Erection of 1 No. Dwelling – High Trees, Church Lane, Aston***

Ward members had received complaints on the planning portal due to the proposed new dwelling being situated within a conservation area. Aston All Saints Church have also already registered their objections to this application.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk e-mail members with the planning application number/link and that members register their objections personally if they wish to do so.

##### ***RB2022/0908 – Variation of conditions 2 & 13 (access) imposed by RB2011/1639 – Land Adjacent Chesterfield Road, Swallownest***

Approval for this planning application was originally granted in March 2012, however the applicant was now seeking to alter the conditions imposed by RMBC relating to access to the fishing pond. Several of the documents on the planning portal were now closed so the Clerk suggested

that she contact RMBC and request that they be re-opened in order for her to ascertain why the original conditions had been imposed.

**22/153 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £14,108.10 be approved.

**22/154 YLCA CONFERENCE**

The Clerk reported that the YLCA Conference was due to take place on Friday 23 September 2022, at the Holiday Inn, J40 M1. Further information will be e-mailed in due course, any members wishing to attend should inform the office as soon as possible.

**22/155 CLERK UPDATE**

The Clerk updated the meeting as follows:-

- A community litter pick from Aughton Early Years Centre will take place this Saturday, 16 July, from 10.00 am – 11.00 am.
- The attendants are continually watering the hanging baskets and flowerbeds throughout the village during this very dry spell.
- The work on the path up to old Aughton Recreation Ground is to be carried out on Tuesday, 16 August 2022. Aughton Early Years Centre have been informed and properties in that area will also be notified.
- She will be on annual leave from Thursday, 14 July until Monday, 1 August 2022.

**22/156 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Clerk requested that any suggestions for future Agenda items be received in the Parish Council office no later than Monday, 5 September 2022.

Suggestions for the next meeting included; an update on the land behind Swift Garage, the lime trees in Aston Cemetery and an invitation to the youth worker in Whiston to come and address the meeting.

**22/157 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at 6.30 pm.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30 PM**

*M S Elliott*

**27 Sept 2022**

**SIGNED .....** **DATED .....**