

**ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022 IN THE  
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr M Elliott (Chairperson)  
Cllrs P Amrith B A Bartholomew G Clough G B Davis P Davis  
S Forster D A Knowles H Ratcliffe R Taylor

K A Butler (Clerk) M Haigh (Senior Admin Officer)

**IN ATTENDANCE** 5 Members of the Public

**22/01 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from  
Cllrs D H Gee J Peech L Pitchley and S Smith be accepted.

**22/02 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 7 December 2021 as being a  
true record of the business transacted.

**22/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 7.

**22/04 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Agenda item number 6.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public raised the following items:-

- How long would it be before all new content has been included on the new Parish Council website? The Clerk informed the parishioner that work continued to be ongoing.
- The gates at Aston Cemetery, Piper Lane appeared to be locked to parishioners. The Clerk informed the parishioner that it was simply a matter of moving the chain in order to gain entry into the cemetery.
- A question was raised as to whether permission was required for events that took place on Parish Council land? The Clerk confirmed that permission should be sought for such events but that on some occasions recently events have taken place without the prior knowledge of the Parish Council office.
- Did the land at J31 where horses currently graze belong to the Parish Council? The Clerk informed the parishioner the land belonged to RMBC.

**END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

## 22/05 ONGOING ISSUES

- The Clerk informed members that she would be meeting the gentleman who had enquired about a memorial for the deceased workers of North Staveley Colliery next week and that she would be in a position to update members of her discussions at the February Parish Council meeting.
- Since returning to the office in January the Clerk has also contacted the parishioner requesting a permanent memorial on the Parish Hall wall for the two young men who had recently lost their lives. A meeting was due to take place next week and the Clerk would update members on the outcome of her discussions at the next Parish Council meeting.
- The Clerk presented the questions she had posed to the RMBC Road Safety Team about the traffic signs outside Aston Fence Junior & Infant School. Ward Cllr Taylor informed members that he was meeting RMBC later in the week and that he would pursue the matter further on behalf of the Parish Council.

With regard to the possibility of a speed camera on Treeton Lane it was agreed that this was also a matter that should be followed up by Ward Councillors with RMBC and reported back at a future meeting. The Clerk would also e-mail the Neighbourhoods Team on behalf of the Parish Council.

- The floodlights at Burgoyne Park were to be repaired during January.

## 22/06 REQUEST TO FELL A TREE ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

The Clerk had taken over responsibility from her predecessor for the proposed felling of a tree on the snicket between Heron Hill leading up to The Chase. Several tree surgeons have now inspected the tree and reached the same conclusion that the tree requires removal rather than pruning.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to neighbouring properties informing them that the tree was to be felled and advising them of the Parish Council's commitment to replanting further saplings in different locations around the parish.

## 22/07 REQUEST FROM RMBC NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER

The Clerk informed members that Ward Councillors Pitchley and Taylor had agreed to purchase a CCTV camera for use at a location yet to be determined within the Aughton and Swallownest Ward. The Parish Council were being asked to provide funding for the running costs of the camera.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council provide funds for the first year but that going forward it would be better to approach either Aston-cum-Aughton Recreational Charity or Aston Charities to see if this was something they were able to support.

**22/08 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS**

There were no Police Officers present and no update had been received by the Clerk.

**22/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 50 – 53 (2021/22)**.

At the time there were no comments to record on the applications listed.

**22/10 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £22,757.80 be approved.

**22/11 CLERK UPDATE**

The Clerk updated the meeting as follows:-

- YLCA had requested permission to contact Councillors direct with regard to training sessions, etc. If members are happy with this proposal they should sign the appropriate form before leaving.
- There is a survey on Survey Monkey regarding improvements to Burgoyne Park. Members are requested to share this information on their Facebook pages. The Clerk will also contact local schools.
- A Parish Council litter pick will take place on Sunday, 23 January, between 10-11 am from Burgoyne Park.
- RMBC Drainage Department were still investigating the pool of water on the path leading to Aughton Recreation Ground. She would update members when she has the results of their findings.

**22/12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Clerk requested that any suggestions for future Agenda items be received in the Parish Council office no later than Monday, 31 January 2022.

Cllr Forster asked that the Parish Bonfire be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Amrith suggested that anti-social behaviour in the local area was also a matter for consideration.

**22/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 at 6.30 pm.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 PM**

*L Pitchley*

**8 February 2022**

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