

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.45 PM**

PRESENT Cllr L Pitchley (Chairperson)
Cllrs P Amrith, B A Bartholomew, G B Davis, P Davis, M Elliott,
S Forster, D H Gee, D Knowles, J Peech, H Ratcliffe and R Taylor

K A Butler (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public

22/81 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON FOR 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Pitchley remains as Chairperson for 2022/23

22/82 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Elliot remains as Vice-Chairperson for 2022/23

22/83 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr S Smith be accepted.

22/84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Davis declared an interest in respect of Agenda item numbers 16.1 and 21.

Cllr P Davis declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 21.

Cllr Bartholomew declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 21.

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 19.

Cllr Elliott declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 22.

22/85 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that Agenda items 28 and 29, be exempt from Press and Public under Public Bodies to Meeting Act, Schedule 2.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised the following items:-

- The flower beds should have continued to be watered as the winter plants had died.
- RMBC had strimmed a footpath and left all the detritus on the ground.
- What is happening to the derelict cottage at the old post office yard?

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

22/86 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 5 April 2022 as being a true record of the business transacted

22/87 COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk presented the Code of Conduct for review.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Code of Conduct be formally accepted and adopted.

22/89 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE
- RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
- FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Terms of Reference for all the Committees be formally accepted and approved.

22/90 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR 2022/23

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the membership of the General Purposes Committee would remain the same with Councillors Amrith, Clough, G Davis, Elliot, Knowles, Pitchley and Smith.

22/91 MEMBERSHIP OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE FOR 2022/23

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the membership of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee would remain the same with Councillors Bartholomew, P Davis, Forster, Gee, Peech, Pitchely, Ratcliffe and Taylor

22/92 MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2022/23

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the membership of the Finance and Employment Committee would remain the same with Councillors Bartholomew, Clough, Knowles, Peech, Pitchely, Smith and Taylor.

22/93 MEMBERSHIP OF NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL GROUP

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the membership of the Newsletter Editorial Group would remain the same with Councillors Bartholomew and Peech.

22/94 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS FOR 2022/23

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Meeting Schedule for the Ordinary Meetings be formally accepted and approved.

22/95 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON TO PENNY HILL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Amrith would be the Parish Representative on the Penny Hill Liaison Committee.

22/96 ONGOING ISSUES

- Swallownest Health Centre

A response to the Council's letter from the Practice Manager was discussed. Councillors felt that the information within the letter was false and that the medical centre were trying to misguide the Council with the information given.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk approaches the Health Select Committee and Clinical Commissioning Group with the Council's concerns.

- HGV's in the Parish

The Clerk advised that RMBC had agreed to undertake a traffic count to ascertain how many HGV's travelled through the traffic lights on Rotherham Road.

- Swallownest Boundary

The Clerk advised that she had not been able to find this information out to date.

22/97 PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S PERSONAL ALLOWANCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairperson receives the personal allowance of £248.00 for 2021/22.

22/98 POLICE REPORT

No police report had been received. The Clerk advised the Council that she had been aware that the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been in the Parish and had called for the Police off-road bikes team to off road bikers.

22/99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Council discussed the new planning application by Lidl, within the discussion it was noted that a planning application by Lidl was objected to by the Parish Council in 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council object to the Lidl Planning application due to the additional traffic and air pollution that it would bring, and due to the other retail establishments throughout the Parish.

22/100 OLD AUGHTON RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that she would gain quotes for the work required on the path at the side of Aughton Early Years Centre.

22/101 LETTER FROM THE FRIENDS OF ULLEY COUNTRY PARK

A letter from the Friends of Ulley Country Park was received requesting a donation of £200 towards the 'Weekend of Discovery'.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council donate £200 to the Friends of Ulley Country Park.

22/102 REQUEST FROM SWALLOWNEST BOWLING CLUB

The Council received a request from Swallownest Bowling club for a new water heater and urinal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council purchases a new water heater and urinal for the bowling club.

22/103 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES ONTO ASTON CHARITY

The Clerk advised that Councillor Bartholomew and ex-Cllrs H Jack and B O'Keefe had advised that they would like to stay on Aston Charity.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Bartholomew and Mrs H Jack and Mr B O'Keefe remain on Aston Charity

22/104 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £26,520.25 be approved.

22/105 TO APPOINT TWO COUNCILLORS TO ATTEND YLCA BRANCH MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Elliott and Davis attend the YLCA branch meetings.

22/106 CLERK UPDATE

The Clerk updated the meeting as follows:-

- RMBC Network meeting 11 May at Lyric Theatre
- The office are still organising the Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- The Internal Audit currently being undertaken
- CaP meeting for Aston & Todwick on 18 May if anyone would like to attend.

22/107 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- One way System
- Land behind Swift Garage

22/108 UPDATE ON THE TREE SITUATED WITHIN THE SNICKET FROM HERON HILL TO THE CHASE

The Clerk gave an update on the tree within the snicket and advised that if the tree was to be felled the Council would need to close the snicket and pay for a road traffic closure.

22/109 LAND OFF KING STREET

The Clerk advised that a resident whose property backed onto the land behind the bowling green at King Street had complained about the state of the land.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk looks into clearing the site and has a valuation on the land to ascertain what it could be used for.

22/110 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14th June 2022 at 6.30pm

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM

L Pitchley

14 June 2022

SIGNED DATED