

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE 7 Members of the Public

23/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr D H Gee be accepted.

23/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 10 January 2023 as being a true record of the business transacted.

23/26 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23 January 2023 as being a true record of the business transacted.

23/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Pitchley declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 8.
Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda item numbers 6.1, 8 and 11.

23/28 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:-

- A resident raised the issue of over development within the parish and the problems already encountered when attempting to use local services, i.e. doctor's appointments.

RMBC Ward Cllr Taylor advised that prior to giving planning consent to any new developments RMBC Planning Board take into consideration over-stretched resources in the area, however the general consensus for Aston-cum-Aughton is that there are sufficient GP's at Swallownest Health Centre to cover the whole parish.

The Clerk advised the parishioner that anyone can oppose a planning application when it is put forward and that RMBC have a duty to consider all responses received.

- Are there any plans to resurface Worksop Road, in particular the potholes in front of Anderson & Broadberry Dental Clinic? The Clerk advised that she would contact RMBC Streetpride Services but that parishioners may also like to register their complaints individually in order to instigate a favourable outcome. She also agreed to email Cllrs Josh Bacon and Aaron Barker, Aston and Todwick Ward members, and ask them to investigate the problem.
- A parishioner enquired when the new war memorial plaques had been installed at Aughton Early Years Centre? Cllrs Bartholomew and Pitchley agreed to look into this for him.
- Thanks were conveyed to Cllr G Davis and the Clerk for the prompt removal of a fallen tree outside a property on Aughton Lane. The Clerk agreed to investigate whether it was RMBC's intention to replace the tree.
- A resident enquired about the whereabouts of the noticeboard from Wetherby Drive and was advised that it has been taken in for repair by the attendants. She also highlighted the problem of fly-tipping on Chesterfield Road, opposite Starbucks. The Clerk agreed to contact RMBC Streetpride Services to see if they can arrange for its collection. Ward members also agreed to bring the matter up at their next Ward/CaP meeting.

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

23/29 ONGOING ISSUES

- The Clerk advised members that planning application RB2022/1655 – siting of telecommunications mast has been granted conditionally.
- All new investment applications have now been submitted. One account has already been set up and funds transferred, the other accounts are still in the process of going through.
- Following on from the January meeting the Clerk was awaiting a response from the solicitor regarding the responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of the road on Fair View Drive. She will update members when she has a response.
- The Veolia Grant of £45,000 applied for by the Clerk for use at Lodge Lane Recreation Ground has been agreed with the grant manager and has therefore been submitted to the funders for approval. The outcome should be known by mid-March.

23/30 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 January 2023. This report will be updated on a monthly basis. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £53,908.79 be approved.
- The Clerk presented a report detailing payments she has made in February 2023 on behalf of the Parish Council. Following consideration it was agreed that the Clerk should be reimbursed as per the list submitted to members.

23/31 PROPOSED DESIGN PLAN –PARISH HALL

The Clerk outlined the proposed changes to the boundary of the Parish Hall and informed members that RMBC were hoping to commence work in March 2023. The work is to be funded by the Towns & Villages Fund and they are also looking into the feasibility of installing electric charging points within the car park. The officers have put forward several requests for the duration of the works and the Clerk is to meet with them to discuss further.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the work go ahead as planned and that the Clerk keep members updated as appropriate.

23/32 MARTYN’S LAW

The Clerk advised members of Martyn’s Law, in tribute of Martyn Hett, who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack. All events organised by the Council will require an anti-terrorism policy.

23/33 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

The Clerk reported that PCSO Clare Ahern has now been posted to another area leaving a vacancy for her role in Aston-cum-Aughton. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to her on behalf of the parish council.

No further update had been received from South Yorkshire Police.

The Clerk advised that she would write to the Chief Inspector and enquire about the proposals for recruiting a suitable replacement and update members at the next meeting.

23/34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 02 – 06 (2022/23)**.

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

23/35 CLERK UPDATE

The Clerk updated the meeting as follows:-

- She thanked members for allowing her to attend this year’s Practitioners Conference; which amongst other issues focused on the importance of a business continuity plan.
- She advised members that following the many obstacles encountered in securing the funding for the Skatepark at Burgoyne Park she has now finally received approval to proceed and hopefully work will be commencing in the next few months.
- She asked if any other member is able to assist Cllr Peech by coming into the office on a monthly basis to examine parish council finances.
- She is currently carrying out work in preparation for the internal and external audits at year-end. New policies will be put forward at next month’s parish council meeting for approval.
- She advised that the Aston and Todwick Ward/CaP meeting is to take place on Wednesday, 15 February, at 4.00 pm at Aston Joint Service Centre. Cllr Elliott confirmed that he will attend on behalf of the parish council and raise the issue of potholes on Worksop Road with them.

23/36 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Clerk requested that any suggestions for future Agenda items be received in the Parish Council office no later than Monday, 6 March 2023.

23/37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 6.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.05 PM

L Pitchley

14 March 2023

SIGNED DATED