

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT Cllr M Elliott (Chairperson)
Cllrs S Forster, D Gee, D Knowles, W Mawson,
J Peech, H Ratcliffe, R Taylor

K A Butler (Clerk) M Haigh (Assistant Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE 3 Members of the Public

24/28 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs P Amrith, B Bartholomew, G Davis, P Davis, L Pitchley and S Smith be accepted.

24/29 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 9 January 2024 as being a true record of the business transacted.

24/30 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 29 January 2024 as being a true record of the business transacted.

24/31 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purpose Committee held on 27 November 2023 be approved/confirmed.

24/32 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee held on 28 November 2023 be approved/confirmed.

24/33 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Employment Committee held on 28 November 2023 be approved/confirmed.

24/34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 18.

24/35 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised various items which included:-

- Thanks were conveyed to the Parish Council for the grant awarded to Aston-cum-Aughton History Group for their social activities.
- Appreciation was also extended to the Parish Council for helping to get the parish clock at Aston All Saints Church fully operational again.
- A parishioner highlighted the stream on Lodge Lane Recreation Ground which requires attention. The Clerk advised that she will request the attendants investigate and carry out any works required.
- A resident enquired whether anything could be done to discourage cars from parking in perilous areas on Rosegarth Avenue. The Clerk advised that she will email RMBC and ask them to take a look at the area in question.

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

24/36 ONGOING ISSUES

The Clerk updated members as follows:-

- Following the resident's complaint at the last Parish Council Meeting about the area of land behind his property on Church Lane, the Clerk has now contacted Redmile Estates and they have agreed to speak to their trustees to request a new gate be erected and the gap in the hedgerow on the A57 bypass be closed-off without further delay. They will keep the Clerk updated on progress.
- The Clerk has contacted the landlords to seek permission for a defibrillator to be installed at either Townend Shopping Precinct or the new Asda Petrol Station on Worksop Road. As soon as she receives permission she will contact the shop owners to progress the matter.
- The Youth Club started on 2 February 2024 and the first session was well attended. The Clerk informed members of an article on BBC Breakfast reporting on the closure of youth clubs and the necessity of keeping them running for the benefit of local communities.
- Detach work will commence in the parish on Wednesday, 6 March, and continue for 12 weeks. 2 qualified youth workers will be involved and they will report back their findings in a full report to Parish Council.
- All interments will now be carried out in-house. All funeral directors have been informed and the grave digger has visited both cemeteries.

- The Parish Council truck has now been repaired and is running satisfactory.

24/37 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 January 2024. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £43,190.10 be approved.
- The Clerk presented a report detailing payments she has made during January on behalf of the Parish Council. Following consideration it was agreed that the Clerk should be reimbursed as per the list submitted to members.

24/38 PARISH ELECTIONS

The Clerk presented key dates in the run-up to the forthcoming elections in May 2024. She advised members that Electoral Services will be holding online meetings and that she will provide further information on these when she has been informed. She will obtain some election packs for distribution and these will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Ward information can be found on the Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council website.

24/39 BEACON BRAZIER

The Clerk confirmed that she will be applying for planning permission for the erection of the new beacon brazier at Burgoyne Park. She advised that it will need to be sited in an accessible location.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the beacon brazier be sited at the top end of the field in the area where the annual parish bonfire is usually situated.

24/40 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk informed the meeting that the independent Internal Auditor, Faye Hazlehurst, had examined the system of internal control and highlighted some points for improvement.

Following consideration of the report presented it was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Internal Auditor be noted/accepted and that actions be taken in line with the recommendations made.

24/41 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

In view of the forthcoming elections in May 2024 it was agreed to hold this year's Annual Parish Meeting before the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at 6.00pm.

24/42 REQUEST FROM ALLOTMENT HOLDER

The Clerk has been approached by an allotment holder requesting that the Parish Council purchase road planings to be used on the footpaths around the allotment site. The supervisor has also confirmed that these will make a vast improvement to the area.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk order some road planings and that they be used on the Alexandra Road allotment site.

24/43 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

There were no matters requested by Councillors.

24/44 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present and no update had been received by the Clerk.

24/45 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 2 – 6 (2023/24)**.

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

24/46 CLERK UPDATE

- The Clerk has emailed members about the Talking Tables Training in April. If anyone wishes to attend please contact the office as soon as possible so that your place can be reserved.
- She will be away from the office on annual leave after today until Monday, 19 February 2024.

24/47 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Clerk requested that any suggestions for future Agenda items be received in the Parish Council office no later than the Monday of the week prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

24/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at 6.45pm, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.00 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 PM

M S Elliott

12 March 2024

SIGNED DATED