

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2024 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT Cllr M Elliott (Chairperson)
Cllrs S Allen P Amrith B A Bartholomew G B Davis P Davis S Forster
D H Gee D A Knowles W Mawson J Peech L Pitchley H Ratcliffe

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

IN ATTENDANCE 4 Members of the Public

24/135 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

24/136 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairperson be authorised to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14 May 2024 as being a true record of the business transacted.

24/137 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purpose Committee held on 25 March 2024 be received.

24/138 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee held on 26 March 2024 be received.

24/139 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Employment Committee held on 23 April 2024 be received.

24/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Bartholomew and Peech declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 16.

24/141 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda Item Nos 12 and 13.

24/142 CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council were advised that a vacancy on the West Ward was available, Four residents had shown an interest but only two have come forward.

Two residents were both given the opportunity to address the Council on their suitability for the role of Parish Councillor.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr S Allen be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the remaining vacancy.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by Cllr S Allen.

24/143 ONGOING ISSUES

- The Clerk advised members that the beacon lighting at Burgoyne Park on 6 June 2024 to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day had been very well attended. Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Mawson for reading the Tribute. Feedback on social media platforms has been excellent.
- The Clerk updated members that she has contacted RMBC Green Spaces to enquire how much it would cost to lock the gate on a daily basis at Burgoyne Park to alleviate the anti-social behaviour issues. No response has been received to date. The resident has been advised to contact South Yorkshire Police on 101 to report any incidents. The Chair also advised that he has alerted South Yorkshire Police of the problem.
- No changes have been made to the website as yet, however the Clerk will be making updates prior to next month's Parish Council meeting.
- The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit report has now been submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

24/144 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 May 2024. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £35,763.45 be approved.
- The Clerk advised that there were no reimbursements due to the Clerk for the current month.

24/145 RMBC GRASS CUTTING SERVICES

The Clerk outlined areas of the parish which are in desperate need of grass cutting. She has contacted RMBC and they have added these areas to their work schedule and hope to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. Cllr Allen also advised that she can take the matter up with RMBC on behalf of the Parish Council if required.

24/146 LODGE LANE PLAY AREA

The Clerk presented quotes she has received from Lightmain and Kompan for work to be carried out at Lodge Lane Play Area. Although members have previously agreed to go ahead with the Lightmain quote, the funders have now requested that the Clerk obtain a further comparable quote for consideration.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Kompan quote be accepted, on the assumption that the play surfaces are as illustrated, and that benches be purchased for inside and outside of the Play Area. The Clerk will keep members updated.

24/147 COMPLAINT REGARDING VEGETATION BEHIND SOUTHLANDS WAY, ASTON

The Clerk advised members of a parishioner complaint concerning vegetation to the rear of his property on Southlands Way, Aston. Work was initially carried out in 2023 to remove some of the vegetation at the bottom of the field on Lodge Lane Recreation Ground however due to circumstances beyond the control of the Parish Council the work was not completed to everyone's satisfaction.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the properties concerned to advise of the work that is being considered and to obtain their feedback. It was agreed that the Parish Council will abide by the majority decision of residents. The Clerk will keep members informed of progress.

24/148 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

There were no matters requested by Councillors.

24/149 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present and no reports received. The Clerk agreed to find out if regular surgeries are held at Aston Joint Service Centre.

24/150 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 20 – 23 (2024)**.

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

24/151 CLERK UPDATE

The Clerk advised that the Aston Todwick CaP meeting will take place on Wednesday, 12 June, at 3.00 pm via Teams. Cllr Allen confirmed that she will be in attendance and will provide feedback to the Parish Council.

The Aughton Swallownest CaP meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25 June, at 1.00 pm at Aston Joint Service Centre. Cllr Elliott agreed to attend on behalf of members.

24/152 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. Possible items for July included; Anti-social Behaviour, Defibrillators and Heighton View.

24/153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 6.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30 PM

M S Elliott

16 July 2024

SIGNED **DATED**