

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

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

M Haigh (Assistant Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE 2 Members of the Public

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chairperson requested that all members observe a minute's silence in respect of the passing of Ex-Parish Councillor Gary Cooper, who had served on the Parish Council from 2002 to 2011

24/154 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr L Pitchley and Mrs K A Butler (Clerk) be accepted.

24/155 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 11 June 2024 as being a true record of the business transacted.

24/156 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee held on 21 May 2024 be received.

24/157 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Employment Committee held on 21 May 2024 be received.

24/158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mawson declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 17
Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda item number 22.

24/159 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda Item No 25.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed concern over the lack of communication by the police of crime being committed within the parish. Although incidents are being reported to 101 there appears to be a problem with their logging procedures. It was agreed that the Clerk email the Chief Inspector at South Yorkshire Police to register the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the current level of service provided.

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

24/160 ONGOING ISSUES

- An update was provided on the request from a resident of Southlands Way to remove vegetation at the bottom of the field on Lodge Lane Recreation Ground. The Clerk has contacted all properties concerned and the majority decision is to take no further action. However, one resident has enquired whether the height of the trees can be reduced.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain quotes for reducing the height of the trees and update members at the next Parish Council meeting.

- The Clerk is still awaiting feedback from the landlords at Townend Shopping Precinct about the siting of the new defibrillator donated by Swallownest Christ Church. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk enquire whether it may be sited at the William Layne Reading Room in an area not designated as listed. The History Group advised that they will be willing to act as guardians if required. The Clerk will be asked to undertake further investigations and update members at the next meeting.
- Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council are now members of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The Clerk is liaising with Duffield Parish Council to see how their scheme works and to see what needs to be put in place for the Aston scheme to be a success.
- The Clerk has also set up a Neighbourhood Watch/Security Facebook Page however this is not visible at present. Following discussion it was agreed to launch both the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Facebook Page simultaneously.

24/161 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk had submitted a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 30 June 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.
- In the absence of the Clerk it was agreed that the Chairperson be authorised to approve any reimbursements due to the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council after her return to the office.

24/162 PARISH CLOCK – ASTON ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A request has been received by the Clerk from the Churchwarden at Aston All Saints Church to refurbish the clock face for the 200th Anniversary Year in 2025. The Church are asking the Parish Council to pay half of the final bill, which is estimated to be around £14,000.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain copies of the Minutes from the Church Council Meeting seeking the Parish Council's assistance in paying for the proposed works and to request that they obtain further quotes before making any final decision.

24/163 SJD SPORTS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SJD Sports have requested free use of Lodge Lane Recreation Ground for their school summer holiday programme at the beginning of August.

It was **RESOLVED** that SJD Sports be permitted to use Lodge Lane Recreation Ground free of charge for this year's summer holiday programme but that going forward the Clerk renegotiate their terms of use of parish council facilities.

24/164 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Amrith be appointed to serve on the Events & Recreation Committee with immediate effect.

24/165 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Allen be appointed to serve on the General Purpose Committee with immediate effect.

24/166 YOUTH WORK WORKS

Youth Work Works have now completed their detached work in the parish and submitted the report presented to members.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and that the youth workers involved be thanked for the work carried out.

24/167 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In the absence of Councillor Amrith it was agreed to defer this Agenda Item to the September Parish Council meeting.

24/168 REHOUSING ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

A number of complaints have been received regarding unsavoury tenants being rehoused in quieter areas of the neighbourhood and causing anti-social behaviour issues. Although the Police and RMBC Housing Officer for the area have been informed the problem is still ongoing.

Following discussion Councillor Allen asked that the details be sent to herself and that she could then take the matter forward in her official capacity as RMBC Cabinet Member for Housing.

24/169 YOUTH CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

The Youth Club have requested that they have their own Facebook Page. This will need to be set up by the Clerk and linked to the Parish Council Facebook Page. A youth worker will act as administrator for the page and will be required to adhere to the Parish Council's Social Media Policy. It was agreed that the Clerk set up the Youth Club Facebook Page as soon as possible.

24/170 ASTON CARNIVAL REQUEST

Aston Carnival Committee have requested assistance for the Parish Council to provide funding, up to £35.00, for general waste bins at this year's Carnival on Saturday, 3 August. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council pay RMBC for the bins on behalf of the Carnival Committee.

24/171 PARISH COUNCIL LOGO

Examples of proposed new logos for Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council were put forward for members to consider.

It was **RESOLVED** that black lettering on a yellow background would be a preferred option and would also fall within RNIB guidance.

24/172 PARISH COUNCIL ATTENDANTS

The Parish Council attendants have requested that they do extra mowing in areas of the parish where there are planters or flower beds that require extra attention other than what is currently provided by RMBC Grounds Maintenance.

It was **RESOLVED** that the attendants be given permission to carry out the extra duties and to convey thanks to them for volunteering themselves to undertake this work.

24/173 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Taylor asked that consideration be given to employing Dinnington Boxing Club to provide free training sessions for youngsters (age range 6-11) over a 6 month period. Funding is available from the Ward Councillors Community Leadership Fund and the Parish Council also has £1500 set aside in its budget for projects of this nature.

Following consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council provide half of the funding towards the youth boxing sessions and that they commence as soon as finance is put in place.

24/174 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present and no reports received. The Clerk will be asked to email the Chief Inspector at South Yorkshire Police to register the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the current level of service provided.

24/175 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 24 – 28 (2024)**.

At the time comments were made on the following application only:-

RB2024/0879 - Outline application for the Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses including details of access – rear of 147 Worksop Road, Swallownest

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk submit an objection on behalf of the Parish Council to the outline application on the following grounds:-

- Undesirable in the proposed location
- Detrimental to road safety
- Access and Egress Issues.

24/176 CLERK UPDATE

Due to the Clerk's absence from the meeting there was no Clerk Update to report.

24/177 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.

24/178 PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Members were advised that the attendants currently use 2 plots of land for storing vegetation from trees and hedges cut around the parish. Specifically the area of land earmarked for the cemetery extension and the plot of land behind the depot on King Street. On Monday, 8 July, the fire brigade had to attend the land at the cemetery extension as it had been set alight. The Clerk requests permission to remove vegetation from both areas of land and to find an alternative method for disposal going forward.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to clear both areas of land with immediate effect and look into the possibility of purchasing a Vegetation Shredder/Chipper.

24/179 QUOTES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEGETATION SHREDDER/CHIPPER

It was agreed to defer this item to the General Purpose Committee for members to discuss the quotes received for purchasing a new Vegetation Shredder/Chipper.

24/180 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 6.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 PM

M S Elliott

10 September 2024

SIGNED **DATED**