

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 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
W Mawson J Peech H Ratcliffe S Smith R Taylor

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

IN ATTENDANCE 2 Members of the Public

24/181 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs P Amrith and D A Knowles be accepted.

24/182 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 16 July 2024 as being a true record of the business transacted.

Cllr Taylor updated members (ref minute 24/173) that Dinnington Boxing Club no longer have the resources to provide training sessions for young people in the community, however similar projects are being considered and will be brought back to a future meeting of the parish council.

24/183 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purpose Committee held on 20 May 2024 be received.

24/184 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee held on 24 June 2024 be received.

24/185 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Employment Committee held on 24 June 2024 be received.

24/186 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of agenda item number 15.

24/187 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda item number 18.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked whether it was a requirement of RMBC that you must be a council tenant to hire a RMBC garage in the area? The resident was informed “no” this was not a necessity.

A question was raised regarding the cottages on Worksop Road adjacent to the old Post Office yard. The Clerk agreed to contact RMBC to see if she can gather any further information.

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

24/188 ONGOING ISSUES

- The Clerk advised members that she will have to submit a planning application and provide a heritage statement in order to site the defibrillator at the William Layne Reading Room.

It was agreed that the Clerk submit a planning application to RMBC to progress the matter further.

- The Clerk reported the resolution from Aston All Saints PCC that they would like to refurbish the clockface in 2025, depending on final cost, and go 50/50 with the Parish Council. They have also provided another quote for consideration which totals £4,716.00.

Prior to making a final decision it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk email Aston Charities to see if they can offer any financial assistance.

24/189 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 July 2024. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £47,961.60 be approved.
- The Clerk advised that there were no reimbursements due to the Clerk for the current month.

24/190 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN ASTON AND AUGHTON

The Clerk reported the recommendation of the Events & Recreation Committee (Option 2) to purchase 10 new pole mounted decorations to be sited on lighting columns around the Townend shopping precinct. Also, for new fairy lights for the William Layne Reading Room and for the trees on the land opposite the Black Bull Public House in Aughton.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk proceed with Option 2, as recommended by the Events & Recreation Committee.

24/191 LODGE LANE PLAY AREA

The decision to accept Option 3 from Kompan for proposed works to Lodge Lane Play Area was officially ratified by parish council members.

24/192 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SURVEY

The Clerk presented an initial draft of a survey being considered to gather parishioners' views on local crime and to examine the feasibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Cllr Allen advised that Todwick Parish Council are also reviving their Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and suggested that they may be able to offer guidance on the process. She agreed to email the Clerk with the contact information she has.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk revise the initial draft of the survey and bring it back to the next meeting of the General Purpose Committee for further consideration.

24/193 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

There were no matters requested by Councillors.

24/194 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present and no reports received. The information provided at the recent Ward/CaP meetings does not appear to give a true indication of the crime being committed within the parish.

24/195 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 29 – 36 (2024)**.

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

24/196 CLERK UPDATE

- The Clerk advised that a new RMBC Housing Officer for Aughton and Swallownest has been appointed.
- The Youth Club will restart on Friday, 13 September 2024.
- The Clerk has not yet received the external audit back however she has arranged for the interim internal audit on 24 October 2024.
- Electoral Services have advised that there is to be no election following the resignation of Lyndsay Pitchley therefore co-option will be advertised from Wednesday, 11 September, for the October meeting.

24/197 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.

24/198 UNIFORM BANK

The Clerk asked members to consider transferring the Uniform Bank back to its original home at Swallownest Community Centre. The Chairperson of Swallownest Community Association has advised that she will need to check that this is acceptable with her committee but that she believes the outcome will be positive.

Following discussion it was agreed that, subject to approval, the Uniform Bank be transferred to Swallownest Community Centre as soon as possible.

24/199 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 8 October 2024 at 6.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 PM

S Smith

8 October 2024

SIGNED **DATED**