

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025 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 B Mears J Peech H Ratcliffe R Taylor

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

25/01 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

25/02 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 3 December 2024 as being a true record of the business transacted.

25/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of agenda item number 10

25/04 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agenda item number 11 (part) and 12.

25/05 ONGOING ISSUES

- The Clerk advised members that she has been unable to meet with the play company due to the inclement weather conditions, however she hopes to visit them in the next week or so to address any concerns and sign everything off. The play company have advised the parish council to delay the opening of the play area until the land has dried out. As soon as a date has been finalised for the reopening the Clerk will inform the public on social media platforms.
- The benches for Lodge Lane have now been ordered and are ready to be installed, hopefully in the next two weeks.
- The contract with the security company locking up Burgoyne park has worked really well however a decision is required whether to transfer responsibility to a local resident who is willing to take up the role.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the parish council continue utilising the security company until further notice and that the Clerk factor the costs into the budget for 2025/2026.

- The Clerk reported that a further complaint was received before Christmas about the glare from the floodlights at Burgoyne Park.
- The Clerk has contacted RMBC Traffic Management about the concerns over parking at West Lane/Main Street, Aughton and they have agreed to send out traffic wardens to monitor the situation.

25/06 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 December 2024. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £34,953.98 be approved.
- The Clerk advised that there were no reimbursements due to the Clerk for the current month.

25/07 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

There were no matters requested by Councillors.

25/08 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025/2026

Consideration of the proposed budget for 2025/2026 will be carried forward to the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting taking place on 28 January 2025, when all relevant information has been gathered together. Members were advised to contact the Clerk if they have any questions.

25/09 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present however they have submitted a report advising:-

- 3 burglaries – on each occasion entry was gained through the rear patio door
- 1 Motor Vehicle theft from the roadside
- 1 theft of belongings from a motor vehicle left unattended

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the information provided be noted.

25/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 49 – 02 (2024)**.

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

25/11 CLERK UPDATE

- The Clerk advised members that Andy Storey will retire from his role as parish council attendant on Friday, 17 January. Members asked that thanks be conveyed to him for his 14 years of service.
- An email has been received from Cllr Josh Bacon regarding highway safety during winter months. The Clerk advised that grit bin locations can be found on the RMBC website. Winter maintenance issues will be further discussed at the next General Purpose committee meeting.

The Clerk also reported that during the recent spell of bad weather the attendants had cleared the roads leading up to Swallownest Cemetery to allow a scheduled funeral to take place. Congratulations and thanks were expressed for the attendants' hard work to allow this to happen.

- The Clerk informed members that she is currently working with Hellaby Parish Council on their audit, precept and budget. The work is being carried out free of charge and in the Clerk's own time. Hopefully they will have someone in place for the new financial year to carry this work forward.
- RMBC have now issued notices on the memorial outside Kylies Kitchen to advise that the planters and all memorabilia will be removed in the coming weeks. The Clerk has spoken to the mother of the deceased about the installation of a memorial bench outside Burgoyne Park. If they are able to fund the bench the parish council will look at installing it for them free of charge. Members will be kept updated of the situation going forward.

25/12 FAIRVIEW DRIVE

The Clerk reported that she has received 2 quotes for retarmacking Fair View Drive and the path towards Moorland View from the play area. The quotes are very different in price and another company is due to come out and quote in the next week or so.

Following consideration it was agreed to defer this matter to the next parish council meeting when all of the quotes can be considered.

25/13 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.

25/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 6.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.25 PM

M S Elliott

11 February 2025

SIGNED **DATED**