

**ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025 IN THE  
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr M Elliott (Chairperson)  
Cllrs P Amrith B Bartholomew G B Davis P Davis S Forster D H Gee  
D A Knowles W Mawson B Mears J Peech S Smith

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

**25/40 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs S Allen H Ratcliffe and R Taylor be accepted.

**25/41 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 February 2025 as being a true record of the business transacted.

**25/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs G Davis and P Davis declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item No 12 (P/A Reference No RB2025/0229)

**25/43 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No items.

**25/44 ONGOING ISSUES**

- The Clerk advised that some seeded areas of the new play area in Lodge Lane have not germinated therefore new turf has been laid to accelerate the reopening. Kompan have painted the picnic benches and will be installing a new internal gate and the Parish Council operatives have painted the fencing with anti-climb paint and are securing it with anti-tamper bolts.
- New CCTV cameras have also been installed at Lodge Lane and the Clerk has spoken with RMBC Health and Safety about options available to deter vandalism. The possibility of fitting extra fencing will be brought back to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

- The Clerk informed members that resurfacing work on Fair View Drive and the pathway from the play area to Moorland View will commence on 18 March 2025. The residents of Fair View Drive have been informed and local schools have also been notified and requested to advise their pupils of the road closure. Posters will be displayed in the surrounding area of the proposed works.
- Work to level out the car park at Burgoyne Park has now been completed.

#### **25/45 FLASHING SPEED SIGNS FOR ASTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Clerk asked that formal approval be granted for the purchase of 2 flashing speed signs for Lodge Lane outside Aston Lodge Primary School.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk purchase the signs and update the resident from last month's meeting of the actions taken.

#### **25/46 OLD AUGHTON REC (SPINNEY PARK)**

The Clerk informed members that work will commence on Old Aughton Rec (Spinney Park) on 24 March 2025 to reinstate paths and remove brambles/old shrubbery. Local residents have been advised that the park will be closed for a short period while work is carried out. Work will resume after the school Easter holidays to install new play equipment and it is anticipated that work will be completed by early May.

#### **25/47 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT THE PARISH HALL**

The Clerk advised of an increase in anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Parish Hall. Local residents are unwilling to report incidents to the police for fear of repercussions. A local young person will possibly be served a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) in the next few days and hopefully the situation will improve thereafter. The Clerk will update the local CaP meeting of any further issues she becomes aware of.

#### **25/48 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 28 February 2025. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £213,879 be approved.
- The Clerk advised that there were no reimbursements due to the Clerk for the current month.

#### **25/49 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**

- Cllr Elliott reported the increased traffic flow at Swallownest crossroads due to new developments around the parish and asked that consideration be given to approaching RMBC Highways to make improvements to the traffic light system.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk email RMBC Highways and ask them to assess whether a filter system might be introduced to help alleviate the problem. She will update members at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

- The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Ratcliffe the benefits of having Parish Councillors first aid trained when attending different events on behalf of the Parish Council.

Following consideration it was agreed that the Clerk look into costings for first aid training and also set up further defibrillator training sessions at the Parish Hall. She will advise members of dates when she has them.

## **25/50 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS**

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

- 1 burglary on Mason Avenue – CID continue with their investigations.
- 2 motor vehicle thefts – 1 of which was a keyless theft.
- Theft of tools from a vehicle.
- Anti-social behaviour on the Rosegarth estate, Swallownest - work is ongoing and the police advise residents to report any incidents.

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

## **25/51 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 07 – 10 (2025)**.

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

## **25/52 CLERK UPDATE**

- The Parish Council operatives will be painting the play equipment in Burgoyne Park, Falconer Lane play area and Spinney Park over the coming months. They have already painted the small cabin at Lodge Lane and will be repainting the cabin at Burgoyne Park as well as the planters around the parish in order to refresh everything in time for summer.
- New staff uniform has been ordered and will be delivered early April.
- Both Parish Council vehicles are to be sign-written towards the end of March.
- Complimentary remarks have been received in the office about the planting scheme at the entrance to Swallownest Cemetery.
- The Easter Disco is due to take place at the Parish Hall on 10 April 2025, any help will be gratefully received.
- The Whitestone meeting organised by YLCA will take place on Wednesday, 19 March, and members need to be registered if they wish to

attend. A further meeting with Whitestone via Teams or Zoom is also being organised for April and details of this will be emailed soon.

- The beacon at Burgoyne Park will be lit on 8 May 2025 to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and the Deputy Lieutenant has confirmed his attendance at the event. Further details will follow in due course.

**25/53 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. The defibrillator to be sited at the William Layne Reading Room will be discussed at the April Parish Council meeting.

**25/54 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at 6.30 pm.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.05 PM**

*M S Elliott*

8 April 2025

SIGNED ..... DATED .....