

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM

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

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

6 Members of Public

25/55 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs P Amrith
B Bartholomew S Forster and H Ratcliffe be accepted.

25/56 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 March 2025 as being a true
record of the business transacted.

25/57 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purpose Committee held
on 27 January 2025 be received.

25/58 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee
held on 28 January 2025 be received.

25/59 FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and Employment
Committee held on 28 January 2025 be received.

25/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mawson declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item Nos 10 and 23
Cllr Knowles declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item No 23
Cllr Taylor declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item Nos 17 and 21.

25/61 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised various items which included:-

- **RB2025/0300 Application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) (repositioning of garages on Plots 2 and 6, repositioning of dwelling at Plot 4, changes to the fenestration at Plot 5 and replacement of single garages with double garages at Plots 4 and 7), imposed by RB2023/0472 – Land at 91-95 Worksop Road, Aston.** Residents advised that the deadline for objecting to this application was imminent and that the developers are already in breach of the original planning permission.

Cllr Taylor advised that he is due to meet with the Head of RMBC Planning Board week commencing 14 April 2025 and that he will highlight this matter on behalf of the residents and let them know the outcome in due course. The Clerk will request an extension to the deadline on the planning application so that the Parish Council are able to formulate their response.

- The VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) at Treeton Crossroads has been out of action for the past 2 months and there is nothing to deter speeding vehicles coming into the village. The parishioner was advised by Cllr Taylor that he has followed this matter up with RMBC Traffic Management and they are awaiting the transformer to repair the equipment.
- The issue of litter picking around the parish was raised and the possibility of installing signs asking people to “respect their environment and not drop litter” was discussed. The Clerk advised that she will include this as an Agenda item for the May Parish Council meeting and that she will also contact RMBC Streetpride to request an increase in litter collections for the area.
- A complaint concerning rubbish outside a property on Pagenall drive was also discussed. It was agreed that details of the property in question will be forwarded to the RMBC Housing Officer. The resident was thanked for their efforts to keep the local community tidy.

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

25/62 ONGOING ISSUES

- The Clerk advised that Lodge Lane play area is now open and initial reaction has been positive.
- The paths at Old Aughton Recreation Ground (Spinney Park) have been started and will be completed after the school Easter holiday. New play equipment is to be installed towards the end of April and existing equipment will be repainted by the Parish Council operatives. The work carried out by RMBC Drainage at the bottom of the park will be fenced off to ensure the safety of the children using the new facilities.
- The Clerk has contacted RMBC Traffic Management about a filter system at Swallownest Crossroads however they have asked for further information before they can consider the request.

- Cllr Mears informed members that he has spoken with a builders merchant on Mansfield Road about the Parish Council's endeavours to acquire a pit wheel as a permanent memorial for the past mining community of the parish. The builders merchant offered to supply building materials when the installation takes place and advised that he has 2 large pit pulleys that may be of interest. The Clerk agreed to follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council

25/63 WILLIAM LAYNE READING ROOM

The Clerk informed members that work at the William Layne Reading Room has already commenced and appears to be going well. User groups have been offered alternative facilities whilst the work is being carried out.

25/64 ASTON CARNIVAL 2025

The Aston Carnival Committee have requested Parish Council support to provide extra toilet facilities at this year's Carnival.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council provide funding for 4 toilets (3 normal/1 disabled) and increase the annual donation to £500.00. The pavilion will also be staffed and opened on the day of the event.

25/65 BURGOYNE PARK

The Clerk asked that consideration be given to the requirements over the summer period of the company locking up Burgoyne Park on an evening.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the company be requested to continue with the lock up and that timings be changed from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

25/66 ASSET REGISTER

It was agreed that this item be deferred to a future meeting meeting of the Parish Council.

25/67 RISK ASSESSMET & MANAGEMENT - FINANCE

The Clerk presented a report outlining the Parish Council's current Financial Risk Assessment & Management. The information identified any possible risks and recommended any necessary remedial action required.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the review of the Parish Council's Risk Assessment/Management be formally accepted and approved.

25/68 PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The Clerk presented the Parish Council's Statement of Internal Control and Review of Effectiveness for 2024/25.

The information identified the internal control measures in place and the internal audit process going forward.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council's Statement of Internal Control be formally accepted and approved.

25/69 PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL & EARMARKED RESERVES

The Clerk tabled a report distinguishing between general and earmarked reserves.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council establish general & earmarked reserves as presented. The Clerk will keep members updated of any changes going forward.

25/70 PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk advised that there are 10 noticeboards around the parish, several of which are in a state of disrepair. To purchase new, lockable noticeboards with legs will cost £685.00 each but will reduce the level of maintenance required going forward.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk purchase 4 new noticeboards and start to replace the ones in most need. A notice advising the public to contact the Parish Council office for display of any notices will be added to each noticeboard.

25/71 BT TELEPHONE BOX – YELLOW LION PUBLIC HOUSE

The Clerk advised of a recent consultation regarding the removal by BT of the telephone box from outside the Yellow Lion Public House on Worksop Road. RMBC have enquired whether the Parish Council might like to adopt the telephone box and refurbish it for their own use.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council are interested in adopting the telephone box and that the Clerk should confirm their interest with RMBC. She will keep members updated of progress.

25/72 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 March 2025. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £43,368.95 be approved.
- The Clerk advised that there were no reimbursements due to the Clerk for the current month.

25/73 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

There were no matters requested by Councillors.

25/74 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present and no update had been received by the Clerk.

25/75 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 11 – 14 (2025)**.

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

25/76 AUGHTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

The Clerk reported a request from Aughton Junior Academy seeking financial assistance for educational visits.

Following discussion it was agreed that the clerk direct Aughton Junior Academy to Aston Charities for support.

25/77 PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION – ASTON TARA

The Clerk asked that consideration be given to a grant application received from Aston TARA for £322.00 towards a pie and pea social event for local residents.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk seek clarity from Aston Tara Management Committee on how the event is publicised to local residents. The matter will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

25/78 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Meeting take place on the same evening as the Annual Meeting and that local community groups be invited to attend and refreshments be provided at the meeting.

25/79 CLERK UPDATE

- The Parish Council Easter Disco will take place on Thursday, 10 April, from 2.00-4.00pm. Any help will be gratefully received.
- Parish Council operatives have now received the majority of their work uniform.
- The beacon on Burgoyne Park will be lit at 9.30pm on Thursday, 8 May, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Civic dignitaries will be in attendance at the event.
- Aston Parish Hall will be hosting a brass band concert for VE Day by Thurcroft Brass Band on Saturday, 10 May, from 2.30-4.30pm. Tickets are £3.00 each and will be advertised on noticeboards and on social media platforms week commencing 14 April 2025.
- The final year-end Internal Audit is yet to be arranged.
- The Close Down of Accounts for 2024/25 is arranged for May.

25/80 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.

25/81 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 6.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 PM

S Smith

13 May 2025

SIGNED **DATED**