

**ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

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

2 Members of Public

**25/198 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

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

**25/199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**25/200 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No items.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chair of Aston TARA (Tenants and Residents Association) was in attendance to extend thanks to the Parish Council for funding their pie and pea event in November.

**END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**25/201 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 14 October 2025 as being a true record of the business transacted.

**25/202 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee held on 30 September 2025 be received.

**25/203 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Employment Committee held on 30 September 2025 be received.

**25/204 OLD AUGHTON RECREATION GROUND (SPINNEY PARK)**

The Clerk asked that consideration be given to the recommendation from the Events & Recreation Committee to allocate an additional £3,000.00 of CIL monies to replace the existing surfacing beneath some of the older playground equipment.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation be accepted and that Lightmain be instructed to carry out the works and complete the refurbishment of the play area.

The Clerk further advised that she had received a message of thanks from Aughton Early Years for the support the Parish Council had provided in filling the hole left by RMBC Drainage Department.

**25/205 PARISH COUNCIL VEHICLES**

The Clerk asked that consideration be given to the recommendation from the Finance & Employment Committee to purchase 2 dash cams with front and rear cameras for the Parish Council vehicles.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation be accepted and that the Clerk obtain 2 dash cams as soon as possible.

**25/206 PARISHIONER CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk informed members of the complimentary feedback received from parishioners regarding the lamppost poppies displayed throughout the parish.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the correspondence be noted.

**25/207 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

- The Clerk presented a paper detailing the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 October 2025. Following consideration it was agreed that the report be noted.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £70,640.12 be approved.
- The Clerk presented a report detailing payments she has made on behalf of the Parish Council during the past month. Following consideration it was agreed that the Clerk should be reimbursed as per the list submitted to members.

**25/208    MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Mawson advised members that Martyn's Law (the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 is due to be implemented by 2029. The legislation will require public premises and events to have a protocol in place in the event of a possible terrorist attack. The Clerk informed members that the matter is to be discussed at the Practitioners' Conference in January and that she will be able to provide an update after that.

Cllr Bartholomew informed members that there had been another accident at Treeton Crossroads and asked how the Parish Council might approach RMBC Traffic Management to request safety measures at the junction. The Clerk advised that she will request the Head of Traffic Management at RMBC to attend a future Parish Council meeting to address the matter. In the meantime, she will also devise a questionnaire/petition to be placed on social media, enabling parishioners to report their personal experiences of traffic incidents at the site.

**25/209    POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS**

No police officers were present at the meeting. The Clerk reported that she had been informed there is now only one police officer covering both wards. She confirmed with the police that there has been no increase in vehicle thefts. The Clerk also advised that she had informed the officer about the Chatty Café initiative and enquired whether a Crime Prevention Stall could be held alongside a future Chatty Café session at the Parish Hall. The police have confirmed they will look into the possibility.

**25/210    PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within **lists 42 – 45 (2025)**.

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

The Clerk was asked whether the Parish Council still receives Licensing Applications. She advised that nothing has been received for several months however she will chase this up with the RMBC Licensing Department.

**25/211    CLERK UPDATE**

The Clerk updated the meeting as follows:-

- The Parish Council are now allowed to co-opt for the vacancy. She will put the information out week commencing 17 November 2025 with a view to co-opting in January 2026.
- The Parish Natter is now with the printers and will hopefully be sent out to distribution outlets early next week.

- The Christmas Lights will start being erected from 28 November and the Christmas Trees should be in situ in each of the parish cemeteries and on Swallownest Main Street before the end of the month.
- Following tonight's meeting she will be on annual leave until Tuesday, 18 November.

**25/212 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. It was noted that Treeton Crossroads be the subject of a future meeting.

**25/213 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 6.30 pm.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 PM**

*S Smith*

**9 December 2025**

**SIGNED** ..... **DATED** .....