

ASTON-CUM-AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026 IN THE
PARISH HALL ROSEGARTH AVENUE AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT Cllr M Elliott (Chairperson)
Cllrs P Amrith G Davis P Davis S Forster D Gee D Knowles
W Mawson B Mears D Pakenham H Ratcliffe

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

26/62 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs B Bartholomew J Peech S Smith and R Taylor be accepted.

26/63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

26/64 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items.

26/65 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 17 March 2026 as being a true record of the business transacted.

26/66 EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Recreation Committee held on 23 February 2026 be received.

26/67 FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Employment Committee held on 23 February 2026 be received.

26/68 PARISH COUNCIL DATA AUDIT/MAP

The Clerk presented the Parish Council's Data Audit/Map.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council's Data Audit/Map be formally accepted and approved.

26/69 PARISH COUNCIL ASSET REGISTER

The Clerk presented the Parish Council's Asset Register.

The information identified is submitted to the Internal Auditor and the figures are within the accounting statement of the External Audit.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the details of the Parish Council's Asset Register be noted.

26/70 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12 May, at 6.00pm and that the Clerk invite representatives from local community groups to address the meeting.

The Annual Meeting will follow at 6.45pm to formally elect members onto the Parish Council Committees.

26/71 SPEED REDUCTION SIGNS – LODGE LANE

The Clerk advised members that no update had been received from Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council regarding the installation of the speed reduction signs on Lodge Lane.

It was agreed that the Clerk write a formal letter of complaint to the Head of Service on this matter.

26/72 VEHICLE ACTIVATION SIGN – AUGHTON

The Clerk informed members that no progress had been made with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council regarding the purchase and installation of a vehicle activation sign for Aughton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write a formal letter of complaint to the Head of Service on this matter.

26/73 FINANCE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- The Clerk advised that the Bank – Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 March 2026 could not be presented until after the closedown of accounts on 27 April 2026. The information will be provided for the Finance & Employment Committee meeting the same day.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts at Appendix I amounting to £32,854.39 be approved.
- The Clerk advised that there were no reimbursements due to the Clerk for the current month.

26/74 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

There were no matters requested by Councillors.

26/75 POLICING INFORMATION/REPORTS

There were no police officers present and no reports received. The Clerk advised members that they were due to attend the Chatty Cafe on Friday, 17 April, and that she would inform residents accordingly.

26/76 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to planning applications contained within lists **12 – 15 (2026)**.

At the time comment was made on the following application only:-

RB2026/0480 – Construction of 4 apartments over existing buildings with rooms in roofspace, balconies to front and stairs and access balcony to rear, conversion of laundrette to cycle/bin store and erection of 2.1m high fence to rear – 41 Worksop Road, Swallownest

The Clerk advised that if anyone had any strong views she would request an extension from the RMBC Planning Officer so that the matter could be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

26/77 CLERK UPDATE

- The Clerk advised members that AGAR will be digital for all from 2027, and that she will be trialling it on behalf of South Yorkshire this year.
- The Rotherham Advertiser will be publishing a report this week regarding the unveiling of the Baby Memorial in Aston Cemetery last month.
- The new Administrative Assistant will commence employment on Monday, 20 April.
- The Clerk further reported that she had yet to receive a briefing from RMBC regarding the requirement to have all lighting columns strength tested prior to displaying hanging baskets this year. She advised that summer plants would already have been ordered by the Parish Council's supplier, who had also been requested to undertake watering duties in 2026.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain quotes for the strength testing of lighting columns and report back to the Parish Council before a final decision is made on the appropriate course of action.

26/78 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. Cllr G Davis requested Speed Reduction Measures outside Ulley Country Park be an item for discussion.

26/79 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 6.45 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 PM

S Smith

12 May 2026

SIGNED **DATED**